



# Sodbury Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

### 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Sodbury Council Offices

**Present:** Councillors B Allen, J Ball, L Boon, R Creer, S Gibson, J Gough, C Hays, J Nuevo (arrived 20:10), P O'Rourke, P Smith, P Rumney, P Whittle, W Whittle, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk  
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

2 Members of the Public

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#### **A. Public Participation**

An Old Sodbury resident addressed Members to report that the SGC Biodiversity Officer had made contact with her with regard to correspondence received from Network Rail (NR). Following removal of trees for electrification works, NR wished to offset this by developing a piece of land in Old Sodbury (Chapel Lane) by way of an orchard and planting of trees and hedgerows in a 7 hectare site. The planting would be funded by NR and include 3 years aftercare. NR was looking for a third party to develop and manage the project and effectively take 'ownership'. The resident confirmed a meeting had been set up in the village hall on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm and householders invited to attend to establish if there would be an interest/willingness within the community to take the project forward. The site would be held 'on Licence' from NR with the idea that it would be held by a group constituted from the village. The resident concluded by saying that it was not intended the town council led the group but that some Members became part of it. Cllrs Gibson, Rumney and Williams confirmed they would attend the meeting.

#### **0535 Apologies and Chairman's Report**

Received from Cllr M Lewis. Cllr. Nuevo had confirmed he would be late due to work commitments.

The Chairman reported the sad news that Cllr Gloria Stephens, Dodington & District Councillor had passed away.

#### **0536 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations**

(To be received in accordance with the Localism Act 2011)

The following interests were declared:

**Cllr L Boon** – South Gloucestershire Council, DC East, Youth In Sodbury

**Cllr R Creer** – South Gloucestershire Council

**Cllr S Gibson** – Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity

**Cllr J Gough** – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

**Cllr P Rumney** – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

**Cllr P Smith** – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

**Cllr P Whittle** – Chipping Sodbury Tourist Information Centre

**Cllr W Whittle** – Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity

**Cllr A Williams** - Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

#### **0537 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda**

Cllr Boon reported a new planning system had been rolled out by SGC. Some aspects required clarification, ie matters being 'called in' and Cllr Creer confirmed he would investigate and report back.

Cllr Creer (1) echoed the Chairman's sentiments with regard to the sad loss of Cllr G Stephens, and (2) A child weight management programme (Reach) had been set up by SGC for families with children aged 4-16 above a healthy weight.

**0538 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda**

Cllr B Allen reported attendance at a Hanson Quarry meeting.

Cllr R Creer reported attendance at a Sodbury & Yate Business Assoc. meeting with nothing of note to report. He had been unable to attend a Chamber of Commerce meeting but information had been fed back. The possibility of a cash machine in the town was being explored with a potential option of utilising the dis-used public conveniences within the Clock Tower building, using the Link network system. The Clerk confirmed she would investigate the matter and take to next Full Council meeting.

Cllr P Whittle reported attendance at a Shopmobility meeting. The AGM was imminent and a shortage of funds expressed.

**0539 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Resolved** the Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Boon raised a query with regard to item 0527 Youth in Sodbury. The Clerk confirmed she would re-forward an e-mail.

Cllr Allen reported with regard to item 0531 and that she had not heard from the Dementia Support Group. The Clerk confirmed she would chase.

**0540 Matters Arising**

Cllr Boon reported with regard to Armistice 100 and that local schools would be involved with making clay poppies for the local church. In addition, knitting patterns would become available.

**0541 Finance – Payment of Accounts**

The Clerk reported on the schedule of payments and it was **Resolved** that the schedule and Bank Reconciliation are approved.

**0542 Correspondence/Communication with the Council**

Discussion by Council shown in italics

**Requiring Response/Comments/Action**

- Local Resident – Advising that husband has recently swum the Channel and raised over £3000 for Charity – can we issue a letter of congratulations from the Mayor (Do we want to consider having awards for local people who can be nominated for charitable work)

*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to (1) issue a letter of congratulations from the Mayor. (2) "Civic Awards" to become an Agenda item at next month's Full Council.*

- Local Resident – Complaint about the Fireworks at the 800<sup>th</sup> Event  
*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to respond that it was a one off event for the whole town and due to wind direction, the fireworks had to be sited in a specific area which was nearer to residential properties than originally proposed.*

- Local Resident – Requesting that the disabled bays in the Town are made enforceable particularly outside of the fish bar  
*A discussion took place when it was stated that disabled bays were unenforceable and advisory only and that there were an adequate number of bays within the town.*

#### For Information Only

- Old Sodbury Times – September Edition
- SGC – advising that the carved tree in St Johns Park (Badger) is being removed as it is rotten

Cllr P Whittle made mention that the Old Sodbury Times was very informative.

#### **0543 Sodbury & District Twinning Association**

The Clerk read out a letter from Twinning. Cllr Ball confirmed he would represent the Council and the Clerk to advise accordingly.

#### **0544 Annual Audit**

Members noted P K F Littlejohn LLP had raised no comments with regard to the audit. The Clerk was congratulated for her efforts.

#### **0545 Council Property**

- Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to carry out the necessary works to **The Snuggery**, ie works to roof and internal repairs at an estimated cost of £800 and the matter to be reconsidered in terms of additional work in Spring 2019. In addition, the rolling tenancy arrangement would also be considered at the Spring meeting.
- With regard to the fencing as per the Council's planning application, it was **Resolved** to approve the works.

#### **0546 Sodbury 800<sup>th</sup> Event**

The Chairman expressed thanks to those who helped at the event and the funding received from District Councillors (MAF). He confirmed sufficient funds were raised to allow a free event for the town. Cllr Creer wished to thank Cate, Jackie and Phil for their enthusiasm, time and effort in bringing the community together. It was highlighted the exhibition in the Town Hall was a huge success and thanks conveyed to Jim Elsworth & David Hardill.

#### **0547 Items of Report**

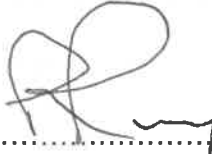
**Cllr Allen** reported with regard to parking problems in the town and High Street employees should be encouraged to park on The Ridings. Also, signage should be in situ to stop motorists driving on the pavement. In addition, the next Community Engagement Forum (CEF) was scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> October at Tyndale School, Yate.

**Cllr Creer** reported that Chamber of Commerce/local businesses recognised the parking problem and encouraged staff to park on The Ridings.

**Cllr Ball** reiterated thanks to Cate, Jackie & Phil for their time & commitment to the Sodbury 800 Event. Mention was also made of the good work carried out by the Environment Agency and SGC to improve water flow and encourage fish in the River Frome.

**The Clerk** reported that a wine and nibbles event would be held to celebrate the First Year Anniversary of the library opening under the volunteer system on the 16<sup>th</sup> October – invitations would follow.

0548 Date of next meeting : 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Full Council Meeting – STC Offices

Signed  ..... (Chairman)

Dated 9-10-18 .....

Closed at 20:30