



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

12th June 2018, Sodbury Council Offices

Present: Councillors: J Ball, L Boon, R Creer, S Gibson, J Gough, J Nuevo (arrived 20:15), P O'Rourke, P Rumney, P Smith, P Whittle, W Whittle & A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk
Cllr S Hope

Members of the Public: 2 attendees

A. Public Participation

A member of the public informed members that the sign at Smarts Green has not been repaired. The Clerk confirmed this has been reported and will be chased up.

0509 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Allen, Hays & Lewis.

0510 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

0511 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Creer reported as follows:-

- *There is a highways consultation for the B & Q roundabout in Yate, although this isn't in the Sodbury Parish it will be a road that everyone uses regularly.*
- *There is a consultation of proposed changes to the SGC winter maintenance regime; the Clerk confirmed this has been sent to all members for response as appropriate.*

Cllr S Hope reported as follows:

- *New arrangements in Development Control will be limiting the input from Town & Parish Councils. Discussion is currently taking place and it is hoped there will be a meeting in July to consider the matter further.*
- *It is felt the Local Plan Consultation was inadequate; a development of 10 houses or less does not count towards strategic figures.*
- *A property in Thornbury has been procured for extra health facilities and there is to be a development for such on the Frenchay site. The proposed provision is felt to be inadequate as the Director of Nursing has advised the area is 300 beds short currently.*
- *The Yate MIU continues to be well used with a triage nurse being introduced to reduce problems with waiting times.*

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- *The Tormarton Park & Share site might need to go to Commercial Enterprise. The Tormarton Gypsy & Traveller site is due to be considered by Development Control.*
- *A Planning application has been submitted for a site at the end of Shipps in Old Sodbury. This is a very contentious issue which Enforcement has been dealing with; this is now on hold whilst the planning process takes place. STC is asked to object to the application for a distribution and storage site, this is a residential area in an area of outstanding natural beauty and a greenfield site.*

0512 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Creer reported from Chamber of Commerce that Gromit is on his way and a launch party it being held in the Baptist Church on 2nd July.

0513 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 8th May 2018

Resolved the Minutes of the 8th May 2018 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

0514 Matters Arising

The re-surfacing of Rounceval Street is to take place in October. The Clerk is waiting to hear from SGC in relation to parking, once this has happened a meeting with residents and the Chamber of Commerce will be arranged.

0515 Finance – Payment of Accounts

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

0516 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- *SGC – Implementation of weight restrictions in Horton & Little Sodbury – After some discussion it was decided to make No Comment.*
- *Letter from member of the public – complimenting the Town following a recent visit – Clerk to acknowledge letter and send information to businesses mentioned within it.*
- *Letter from resident complaining about the parking of Enterprise vehicle – Cllr Ball advised that there was a situation with a large van encroaching the pavement a few weeks ago and there have also been works taking place in the parking area. Cllr Ball has spoken to the Manager of Enterprise and has been assured the situation will improve.*
- *Dodington PC (Clerk by phone) – Advising that there are a number of events being held in the local area for Armistice and whilst STC is arranging the Parade as normal would it like to be involved? Cllr Boon is to attend meetings on behalf of the Council.*

0517 Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

Members were advised there are 3 vacancies for Council appointed Trustees. It was **Resolved** that the Council makes the following appointments:

Mrs J Lund (Re-appointed)
Mr J Mainstone (Re-appointed)
Cllr S Gibson (New appointment)

0518 Youth Services

Members received correspondence from Yate Town Council and a briefing note from South Gloucestershire Council in relation to the administration of the Positive Activities funding from SGC.

The following points were noted

- Youth in Sodbury (YiS) could not favour one provider over another as it would not want to jeopardise any future funding.
- YiS currently receives £7,000 pa from SGC, in the future funding applications will have to be made to the new administrator
- It's disappointing that outside sources are being used to allocate the funding as this means less money is available to the service providers due to administration costs.
- This Town Council cannot make any decisions in relation to supporting bids until it knows what proposals are made.

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk asks Yate Town Council for a meeting in relation to this matter and Cllrs Boon and Rumney are present from STC along with Adrian Rush as Chair of YiS.

0519 Sodbury 800th Celebrations

The Chairman informed members that the first official 800th event has been held. The Joglaresa concert in the Church was superb but attendance numbers a little disappointing; the 800th budget will need to use £300 to support the event. Thanks were passed on to the Music Society & Festival Committee for arranging this.

The Clerk informed members that Cotswold Homes is supporting the event on the evening of 11th August and that there will be music, food, drink and fireworks during the evening. Cllr Gibson gave an update in relation to the event.

The Chairman informed members that there are a several formal appointments that have to be made for the event and asked for volunteers to take responsibility for the security on Saturday & Sunday. A formal security company will be onsite throughout the event and there will need to be co-ordination of volunteer stewards.

Cllr R Creer advised the he could take responsibility on the Saturday and Cllr P O'Rourke advised that he could do this on the Sunday.

0520 Items of Report

- Several members have received an email from a local resident in relation to cashpoints. The Clerk confirmed that this had not been received by the office.
- The Clerk was asked to include Trees in the Street on the next Markets Agenda
- The 20/30 mph sign at the end of Church Lane has been damaged – SGC to be advised
- Chipping Sodbury Town FC has been in the F A Cup Final recently with a player scoring the teams first ever F A Cup goal. This was excellent publicity for the club which had its name up in lights at Wembley. Congratulations are passed on to the Club.
- Sodfest was very successful with over a thousand people attending. Cllr Gibson was thanked for arranging this.
- The No Parking sign in Brook Street is damaged – to be reported to SGC
- 2 local residents have complained about parking in the middle of the road
- Recent emergency electrical works in Melbourne Drive have left a terrible mess which has been compounded by very dry weather- to be reported to SGC

- There is a raised manhole cover on Colts Green which has been repaired several times before. It is felt that cars driving over it are causing damage – to be reported to SGC.

0521 Dates of next meetings: 10th July 2018 – Full Council Meeting – STC Offices

Meeting closed at 20.45

Signed (Chairman)

Dated 10-7-18