



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

12th March 2019, Sodbury Council Offices

Present: Councillor B Allen, J Ball, L Boon, C Hays, P O'Rourke, P Rumney, P Smith, P Whittle, W Whittle

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public : x 2
Cllr S Hope, Cotswold Edge

A. Public Participation

A member of the public addressed Members with regard to (1) a traffic Consultation on Cotswold Way, Chipping Sodbury. [relates to improve cycle routes around Yate and C/S] , and (2) the position with regard to the Network Rail Land at Old Sodbury – matter to be discussed at Agenda item 0633.

0623 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Creer, Gibson and Williams. Cllr Nuevo absent.

0624 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations

Cllr L Boon - South Gloucestershire Council.

0625 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Hope reported as follows:-

- An increase in Council Tax
- Capital funding for schools
- An increase in costs for waste services and removal of recycling bags
- Cotswold AONB – circulates the Cotswold Lions, does the Council receive it. The Clerk responded that we used to but haven't had it for a while. A local resident is responsible for distribution and will include the council in the future.
- A recent appeal regarding land in Old Sodbury has failed therefore the land is to be reverted to a green field site.
- If anyone has any comments regarding the bus service in Old Sodbury please let Cllr Hope know.

Cllr L Boon referred to a hedge that had been removed from the Trinity Lane development. The Clerk confirmed the matter was with Enforcement and that mud on the road in the area had been referred to Streetcare, note - it was not a Planning Condition to wheel wash.

0626 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Hays reported attendance at a Joint Cycleways Committee and confirmed that a Consultation was open to provide cycle lanes at Kennedy Way/Rodford Way. The Committee supported the proposal subject to a few queries.

0627 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 12th February 2019

Resolved the minutes of the 12th February 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

0628 Matters Arising

None matters raised at this time.

0629 Finance – Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the schedule of payments and Bank Reconciliation are approved.

0630 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- Tracey Hamblett – acknowledgment of request in relation to 20mph zone in Chapel Land and advising that the loose cable relates to a weather station.
- Local Resident – Road safety concerns in Drovers Way & adjoining roads. Request that consideration is given to extending the 20mph zone and double yellow lines
*The Clerk read out the e-mail received from the local resident and following discussion, Members supported the concerns and it was **Resolved** to refer the matter to SGC.*
- C/S Town Trust – Advising the Council of intention to introduce “Dogs on Leads only” on The Ridings and asking for Council’s comments.
*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** Members support the “dogs on leads” plan. NB – Town Trust members declared an interest and took no part in the vote. One abstention recorded.*
- Sodbury Slog – Request to extend the Remembrance Day Rd Closure by an hour, ie 12.00 to facilitate the safe crossing of runners (Clerk had liaised with SGC who had agreed). Suggest £25 admin fee as per Markets Licence
Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to support the amendment to the road closure from 13:00 to 12:00 hrs and implement a £25 charge to Sodbury Slog for the administration of such.
- SGC Road Closure – Horton Rd from St Johns Way to Hatters Lane. Hatters Lane from Horton Road southwards for 70m for sewer connection works for a five week duration from 7May 2019 for a maximum period of 18 monthsn - *Add to website and noticeboard*
- Local Elections
Nomination forms available. Closing date 3rd April 2019 at 4pm.

0631 Public Conveniences

- The Clerk confirmed the Committee had resolved that no decision should be made until after the local elections.
- The matter had been put to public consultation by way of a survey which would be discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting on 2nd April.
- The committee’s preferred option was to invest in a self-cleaning unit and revert the current facility to disabled.

0632 Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

- It was **Resolved** that Cllr C Hays be appointed to Chipping Sodbury Town Trust. One abstention recorded. Cllr Hays confirmed his company represented the Trust with regard to sale of land at The Ridings and if any ‘conflict of interest’ arose, would declare an interest and leave the room.
- With regard to the other vacancy, Members **resolved** that an appointment be made post May election.

0633 Network Rail Land – Old Sodbury

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- *Confirmation had been received from Network Rail (NWR) that 'in principle' the sale would go ahead*
- *Sell for £1.00*
- *Consultation and liaison with the Rail Regulator could potentially be a long process*
- *Volunteers would be required to work it*
- *The land would be the town council's responsibility*
- *Legal fees would be incurred*
- *Liaise with Wapley Woods Conservation Group in Yate*
- *It was hoped the deal could be finalised by November 2019*
- *The Clerk will update as information is received from NWR*

0634 Items of Report

Cllr Ball reported Mop signs still on lamp posts. He also confirmed attendance at Cllr Gough's funeral adding that he would be sadly missed.

Cllr Allen reported that the car park attendant at Waitrose was due to be replaced by cameras. Action: Clerk to contact Waitrose to clarify time limits

With regard to the Annual Parish meeting, Cllr Hays provided a name for a prospective speaker.

0635 Date of next meeting : 9th April 2019 - Full Council Meeting – STC Offices

Annual Parish Meeting – 2nd April 2019 at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall

Signed  (Chairman)

Dated 9 - April

Closed at 20.26