



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

13th November 2018, Sodbury Council Offices

Present: Councillor B Allen, J Ball, L Boon, R Creer, S Gibson, J Gough, C Hays, J Nuevo (arrived 20:07), P O'Rourke, P Smith, P Rumney, P Whittle, W Whittle, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public x 3

Cllr S Hope, Cotswold Edge Ward (left at 20:30)

A. Public Participation

A resident addressed Members with regard to the public conveniences in the town and raised concern that only one toilet was currently open. The Clerk confirmed the E & L Committee is due to consider the other two cubicles with a view to re-opening them over the next two financial years, subject to finances being available.

A resident addressed Members with regard to the Network Rail Land as discussed at last month's meeting and whether further information was available. The Clerk confirmed an up-date was awaited from Network Rail.

0564 Apologies and Chairman's Report
Cllr Matt Lewis absent.

0565 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations
Cllr R Creer – Item 0576 SGC Budget Consultation.

0566 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Hope provided a report, summarised as follows:-

- Changes to the planning decision-making process had been implemented at SGC with the DC committees being abolished and replaced by a Spatial Planning Committee.
- The Joint Strategic Plan had been published for further comment and consultation
- Following a Community Engagement Forum, it had been reported that the Avon & Somerset Constabulary beat areas were due to change to reflect the revised SGC ward boundaries, ie Acton Turville would become part of Sodbury, Hawkesbury, Wickwar, Badminton and Horton.
- The Birthing Unit at Cossham Hospital had temporarily closed due to lack of midwives and would be reviewed in January 2019.
- Movember was an annual event to raise awareness of men's health issues and promotional events were being planned throughout the area. Services in South Glos area were being looked at which included provision for Young People which had long waiting times.
- A new review launched into National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty by Julian Glover.

- An Appeal had been received with regard to works at Chapel Works, Chapel Lane, Old Sodbury. [*Due to be discussed at a Planning Committee meeting on 14/11/19*]
- A further Planning Application for land at Chapel Lane, Old Sodbury had been received. [*Due to be discussed at a Planning Committee meeting on 14/11/19*]

Cllr Boon reported that following changes to the Planning System, the first sites inspection had taken place. One of the changes implemented was that members of the public would not be invited to attend a sites visit but that there would be opportunity to speak at the planning committee meetings. Cllr Boon reported that members of the public did attend a recent visit and comments were made by them. It should be noted that there would be no set times for sites visits.

Cllr Creer reported

- The Chief Executive would take retirement next year
- Eligibility had been expanded in 'The Future Bright' programme – a service to help people develop skills and improve job prospects. Further details would be e-mailed.
- An Old Sodbury resident had requested additional dog waste bins and whether 'no fouling' signs could be put on pavements. Cllr Creer reported that SGC had no plan to provide more bins.
- He had liaised with SGC with regard to speeding and the Old Sodbury Crossing (Agenda item Full Council 13/11/18) and requested that both matters be considered together. A response was awaited.
- With regard to rubble and building work by the River Frome in Old Sodbury, raised previously, appropriate planning permission was in place and the Environment Agency were involved.

0567 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Creer reported with regard to Chamber of Commerce matters and that cashpoint location maps would be circulated in the town in the next few weeks. The ATM in the Post Office would be installed shortly.

Cllr Allen attended a Community Engagement Forum meeting when matters of speeding, a fire in St John's Churchyard and a presentation on the River Frome were discussed.

0568 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 9th October 2018

Resolved the Minutes of the 9th October 2018 are approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

0569 Matters Arising

The Clerk updated with regard to:-

- *Network Rail Land (Agenda item 0557) – update awaited*
- *Cashpoint/LINK (Agenda item 0559) – update awaited*
- *The Pitchings (Agenda item 0560) – Letter written but problem with parking on-going*
- *Old Sodbury crossing (Agenda item 0558) – item on 'Task Register'.*

0570 Finance – Payment of Accounts

Resolved the schedule of payments and Bank Reconciliation are approved.

0571 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

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Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- Avon Local Council Association – Minutes of South Glos Area Group (circulated) – does STC want to consider appointing a Councillor to represent us at these meetings? *Following discussion, it was **Resolved** that no representation be put forward at this stage and the matter to be re-considered in 2019.*
- West of England – Joint Spatial Plan – letter in relation to future updates (circulated) *Noted by members*

For information Only

- Above and Beyond – Acknowledgement and thanks for grant
- Old Sodbury Newsletter

0572 Application to amend Commons Register – The Cliff, Old Sodbury

Cllrs Ball, Gough, Rumney and Smith declared an interest as Sodbury Common Conservators and took no part in the discussion.

Cllr Boon informed members that the Chairman of the Conservators had advised her the Council should not be commenting on this matter as it was not involved in the matter. The Clerk responded that the Council is a Statutory Consultee on this matter therefore was able to make a comment.

Members noted a notice of application to amend a discrepancy on the Register and following considerable discussion, it was **Resolved** to that there is no objection to the application.

One abstention recorded.

0573 Meeting Dates (circulated)

Resolved to approve the meeting dates for 2019.

0574 Mayor's Awards (application form and criteria circulated via e-mail)

After discussion, some minor amendments were made to the circulated application and the following **Resolved**:

- *The considering Committee should be made up of the Mayor, Vice Chair and Chairs of sub committees (6) with the final decision resting with the Mayor*
- *Presentation to be made at the Annual Parish Meeting each year*
- *Include in the Newsletter – to be circulated in the New Year*
- *Contact Gazette and issue a press release*

0575 Parking

The Clerk confirmed she had met with Cllr Creer and SGC Officers on the 31/10/18 to discuss the problem of parking and driving on pavements in the town. The Conservation Officer did not attend the meeting. An old photograph, c1903, that depicted railings as a form of delineation was shown and following discussion, it was **Resolved** to ask SGC to formulate a proposal based on the cost of installing simple bollards to resolve the matter and on top of that the cost to install railings as per those in place historically. The Clerk advised that STC would have to cover any additional costs of period style railings.

0576 South Gloucestershire Council Budget Consultation

Cllr Creer left the meeting room at 20:21 and returned at 20:35 whilst discussion took place.

Considerable discussion was had and members felt they were not in a place to respond due to the lack of information. The Clerk reminded members that the link to the

consultation had been circulated which included a document with additional information about the proposed budget cuts. It was **Resolved** the Clerk complete the Consultation in draft, circulate to Members and take to next meeting.

0577 Items of Report

Cllr Creer reported that Christmas lights were due to go up at the weekend and any help would be appreciated from 10am.

Cllr Gibson reported the waste bins at Hatheralls Yard were full and overflowing which looked bad for the town. The Clerk confirmed the bins were Waitrose responsibility and would contact them, this is a frequent problem.

Cllr Ball remarked on the success of the Remembrance Parade and thanked all those for attending.

Cllr W Whittle thanked Cate & Jackie for their efforts in organising the Remembrance Parade.

The Clerk reported that she had been approached by somebody keen to resurrect the Farmers Market and would aim to set up an informal meeting & report further.

0578 Date of next meeting : 11th December 2018 Full Council Meeting – STC Offices

Signed  (Chairman)

Dated 11-12-18

Closed at 20:40