



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council

~~8th October 2019~~, Sodbury Town Council Offices
12th November

Present: Councillors B Allen, J Ball (Chair), L Banister, C Hays (Vice Chair), M Gilpin (left at 20:30), D Jeal, A Rumney, A Rush, L Rush, S Spooner, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public : x 2
Sodbury in Bloom representatives x 2

A Public Participation

A resident addressed Members with regard to previous month's Minutes and referred to an error at Agenda item 080 which should read "Town Lands Charity" not "Town Trust". The Clerk confirmed the amendment would be made on the original document.

A resident addressed Members with regard to two posts laying on a verge in Old Sodbury which had been there for two years. She confirmed SGC had been informed but no action taken and wondered if the Town Council could push forward.

A Sodbury in Bloom (SiB) representative addressed Members with regard to an item raised by the Rotary Club at the previous month's Full Council meeting that being of plaques in the town, in areas such as Hatherell's Yard and the Water Pump, in order to raise awareness of the Club. The Rotary had contacted SiB direct and indicated they wished to work with them and that a meeting would be set up, although SiB was mindful of not favouring particular groups in the town and wished to work with all community groups. An update would follow once a meeting had taken place.

088 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Received and accepted from Cllrs Dyer, Gibson, Lewis and Smith

The Chairman reported the sad loss of Paul Tily, an ex Councillor and Mayor - he would be greatly missed in the town. The funeral is due to take place on 19/11/19 at 2pm at St John's Church. A minutes silence was held in memory of Paul.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank all those involved with the organisation of Remembrance Parade, eg Royal British Legion, Parade Marshal, Cate and Jackie which had proved a great success.

Congratulations conveyed to Jackie and Rob on their recent marriage.

089 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations

Cllrs A Rush & L Boon – Ensign Print payment for Service Sheets

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

Cllr Rush reported a meeting was due to take place on Thursday with regard to the JSP. During the period of Purdah, little to report.

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

Cllr Gilpin reported attendance at an Environmental Link Group. Comprehensive minutes had been received which would be sent to the Clerk for circulation to all.

Cllr Banister reported attendance at a Sodbury & Yate Business Assoc. meeting in October when a guest speaker gave a talk on "blogging". A Christmas event was due to be held at The Stables on 11/12/19.

Cllr Williams reported that together with Cllr Banister, they had visited public houses in the town to raise awareness of keeping the streets free of litter and cigarette butts. A positive response had been received from publicans and it was mooted the exercise should be repeated. Mention was made by a publican of a few instances of late night violence although not reported to the Police.

Cllr Spooner reported attendance at a Joint Parishes Cycleways Group when a keenness to extend to other groups was discussed. A 'cycle safari' was planned for Chipping Sodbury and ways of promoting the event to be considered.

Cllr Allen reported (1) attendance at a Community Engagement Forum (CEF). The matter of the change of CEF geographic groups as reported at October's Full Council meeting was discussed and it appeared no consultation had taken place and the matter was being investigated by SGC; (2) 'county lines' drug dealing had been cleared from the area and (3) graffiti had become a problem in Yate and advice sought on how to control it from a graffiti "specialist".

092 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 8th October 2019

Resolved the Minutes of the 8th October 2019 were approved as a true and accurate copy and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:-

Agenda item 078 to read a ***Consultation to take place*** on yellow lines on The Elms Estate
Agenda item 080 – Remembrance Day Refreshments amend Chipping Sodbury Town Trust to read ***Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity***

093 Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed (1) information awaited with regard to Neighbourhood Plan, and (2) refurbishment date awaited for Old Sodbury Play area.

094 Finance – Payment of Accounts

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

095 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- SGC – R Walsh – advising that the CEF proposals are due to be signed off later this month and that there is no other update.
The Clerk confirmed she had written to SGC but had received no response and no consultation had taken place. Cllr Rush to liaise with SGC and report back.
- C/S Festival – Thanks STC for the £500 grant and advising of events that we can sponsor: Chemistry Workshop for schools - £500; Puppet Workshop for schools £280; Art workshop for schools £320; We're going on a bear hunt activity for nurseries £100; Jazz night £900; Insurance £480; Marching Bands £400.
*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** a preference would be to sponsor music in the street and/or marching bands and the Clerk to advise accordingly.*
- Cllr Pat Trull – November Report – circulated to all by email – *Noted*
- A432/Old Sodbury Roadworks Update
The Clerk read out an e-mail received from SGC Highways with regard to the road closure and when works would re-commence.

For Information Only

- Local resident – re commemorative bench for mother. *The Clerk confirmed the matter had been referred to the Town Trust and SGC.*

096 The Ridings – Dogs on Lead

- The Chairman confirmed a meeting took place with Chipping Sodbury Town Trust (CSTT) representatives together with Cllr B Allen and the Clerk. The following points were raised during that meeting:-
 - *Improvement in signage on The Ridings to be implemented*
 - *Hi-viz “marshals”*
 - *Unable to pass by-laws on private land*
 - *One person prosecuted for not picking up mess*
 - *CSTT to report back in January*
- Following a discussion, it was **Resolved** that Members supported a “Dogs on Lead” Policy. Cllrs Hays and Rumney refrained from discussion as Town Trust Trustees and one abstention recorded. The Clerk confirmed she would report back to CSTT.

097 FV131 – Old Sodbury Overtaking Lane

The Chairman confirmed the following actions have been approved by SGC after a site meeting as requested by Town Council:-

- *To install a temporary electronic speed reminder sign within the existing 40mph on A432 for both directions near Camers Barn*
- *To clean existing 30mph signs near the Hill Lane junction*
- *To investigate existing non-functioning VAS on A432 near Church Lane junction*
- *To discuss nighttime enforcement with Road Safety Team and Police*
- *To add a scheme to the Local Transport Priority List – “to investigate extending the existing 30mph speed limit on the A432 in Old Sodbury Village to Home Farm Cottage, incorporating physical traffic calming measures to ensure the speed limit is self-enforcing and enabling the removal of the overtaking lane.*

098 The Rotary – Town Plaques

Due to an impending meeting between Sodbury in Bloom and The Rotary, it was **Resolved** to postpone any decision-making until after that meeting had taken place.

099 Sodbury in Bloom

- After discussion, it was **Resolved** the request for one off funding for purchase and installation of a green house in the Community Garden be accepted.
- **Resolved** – CIL funds of £649 be utilised for this purpose. Appreciation and thanks received from SiB representative

100 Meeting Dates 2020

Resolved – meeting dates approved as circulated.

101 Sodbury Website

Cllr Spooner reported with regard to the setting up of a ‘Town’ website which would act as a single point of access for events and news in the town, very similar to Bourton on the Water. He confirmed he would be prepared to set it up on a low maintenance basis and, following discussion, it was **Resolved** the matter would be agreed in principle.

102 Sodbury Guide

The Clerk confirmed the guide is published free of charge by Local Authority Publishing Ltd and they request a letter of support from the town council. During discussion, concern was raised at the low number of businesses advertised in the publication and, it was

Resolved to agree to the letter on the proviso every effort was made to include as many businesses as possible from Chipping Sodbury.

103 Rural/Market Towns Group

A discussion took place with regard to joining the Rural Services Network at a cost of £130 pa. After discussion, Members **Resolved** to join the scheme. Three abstentions recorded.

104 Old Sodbury Woodland

The Clerk updated and confirmed the matter was still at negotiation stage. A meeting of "Friends" was due to take place in Old Sodbury on Thursday 21 Nov 2019.

105 Social Media

Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to remove "social media" as a standing item and Cllr Lewis and the Clerk would update social media page as and when required.

106 Items of Report

Cllr Rush reported Member Awarded Funding (MAF) was available for local community projects.

Cllr Allen reported the entrance to the car park, by the boat, was very dark and could lighting be considered. Clerk to refer to SGC.

Cllr Rumney queried if any bylaws were in place with regard cleaning up horse dung. The Clerk confirmed no laws were in place and it was not an offence.

Cllr Jeal raised a query with regard to the air raid siren situated at the Police Station. Cllr Ball confirmed he would liaise with Mr Shipp of Town Trust.

Cllr Spooner reported attendance at defib training and raised concern that no defib was available between Chipping Sodbury and Old Sodbury.

107 Date of next meeting : 10th December 2019: 19.30 hrs – STC Offices

Signed  (Chairman)

Dated 10.12.19.

Closed at 20:50