



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

13th March 2018, Sodbury Council Offices

Present: Councillors B Allen, S Gibson, J Gough, C Hays, P O'Rourke, P Smith, P Rumney (Chair), P Whittle, W Whittle (Vice Chair)

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public: Mr & Mrs Wilson

A. Public Participation

Mrs Wilson, an Old Sodbury resident, addressed Members to report that a "Spring Clean" took place on 11th March when road signs were cleaned and rubbish collected with the aid of twelve volunteers. The Chairman conveyed thanks to Mrs. Wilson.

Mr Wilson addressed Members to report that the unveiling of a new interpretation board by the Chairman of Sodbury TC would take place on 17th April in Old Sodbury. It would contain information relating to Old Sodbury and the Cotswold Way.

0460 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Received and accepted from Cllrs Ball, Boon, Creer, Lewis, Nuevo, Williams. And, District Councillor for Cotswold Edge Ward – Cllr S Hope.

0461 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations

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

The following interests were declared:

Cllr S Gibson – Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity

Cllr J Gough – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

Cllr C Hays – in relation to Agenda item 472 SGC Local Plan

Cllr P Rumney – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

Cllr P Smith – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

Cllr P Whittle – Chipping Sodbury Tourist Information Centre, Item 0466 Finance - Christmas lights

Cllr W Whittle – Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity

0462 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

No update. (No SGC Councillors present)

0463 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr W Whittle reported attendance at a Remembrance Parade Committee meeting when it was reported that the November 2017 Parade went well and plans were afoot for 2018 Parade. The next meeting would take place in September.

Cllr B Allen reported attendance at a Hanson Quarry meeting. An open day at the Quarry was planned during Festival week.

0464 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 13th February 2018

Resolved the Minutes of the 13th February 2018 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

0465 Matters Arising

Cllr W Whittle confirmed she had responded to the resident (agenda item 0458) with regard to the Trinity Lane development.

0466 Finance – Payment of Accounts

The Clerk reported on the schedule of payments and it was **Resolved** that the schedule and Bank Reconciliation are approved. Noted no cheques for signing.

0467 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

Invites to Council

- SGC – Local Plan Urban Living drop in session 20th March, Ridgewood Community Centre 14.30 – 17.30 – Advance booking is required, please contact the Clerk

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- JCG – Revised Constitution (as circulated) for approval
Requesting formal approval. Phil O'R and CH approve.
*It was **Resolved** to approve the revised Constitution and the Clerk confirmed she would report back to JCG.*
- Chipping Sodbury TLC – Correspondence re. Hatters Lane Allotments
*The Clerk provided an explanation and background to the Local Green Space Consultation and following discussion, it was **Resolved** that the allotments be re-withdrawn from the Register. Cllrs S Gibson & W Whittle declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.*
- Chipping Sodbury Big Lunch – Request for funding to cover the Public Liability Insurance £250
The Clerk confirmed that James Ball Cars Ltd had offered to pay the PL insurance.
- Mrs Stevens – Complaint about litter along the River Frome
*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** that the Clerk write to Waitrose who were responsible for the area in question and respond to Mrs Stevens to that effect. The situation would be monitored.*
- Sodbury Biodiversity Plan – Hard Copy circulated
The Clerk reminded Members that they had a duty to consider biodiversity when decisions were being made.

For Information Only

- Old Sodbury Times – March 2018
- Community Engagement Forum – Minutes of 15th February

0468 Parking on Market Pitchings

The Clerk reported she had met with SGC to discuss a parking scheme for the Pitchings and as a result SGC had provided a quotation for £2,126.20 for the design and implementation of a parking scheme. In addition Cllr Hays had liaised with Connect Consultants, a local company of professional transport planners/highway design. Matters were discussed at a 'Parking sub committee' who recommended SGC be appointed. Subsequently, the Clerk met with representatives of The Badminton Estate who were positive about supporting a parking scheme if SGC and the town council deemed it necessary for public safety. Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to accept SGC's quote of £2,126.20 for a scheme and the matter would be

brought back to Full Council once received. On approval, consultation with residents and businesses would be carried out and considered by the Parking Committee.

The Badminton Estate representatives confirmed that they were in the process of registering "common land" with Land Registry and that the Pitchings would be next on the list to register.

0469 Blue Campaign Signage

Cllr O'Rourke reported no further action had taken place since the last Full Council meeting and signage design was awaited.

0470 Town Council Property.

The Clerk reported that following bad weather, pipes had burst in the public conveniences that resulted in closure of the three toilets. The TIC had been isolated to allow for opening. Discussion took place with regard to a way forward as substantial works would be required to bring the conveniences back to an acceptable standard. It was **Resolved** the matter be referred to the E&L Committee for detailed discussion (to include consideration of plastic pipes) and the toilets would remain closed in the meantime. In addition, the Clerk reported a burst pipe in The Snuggery on the 3/4/18 – a plumber called and the matter dealt with.

The Clerk reported a continuing drainage problem in The Old Reading Rooms. Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to carry out all necessary works to the drainage system in order that six monthly inspections/rodding could be carried out.

0471 Chipping Sodbury Big Lunch

The Clerk confirmed James Ball Cars Ltd had offered to pay the PL insurance. Members accepted the offer with thanks.

0472 South Gloucestershire Council Local Plan

In view of the Consultation closing date of 30/4/18, the matter would be deferred to the next meeting and the Clerk would recirculate papers. Drop-in sessions had been arranged by SGC at various venues and Cllrs Allen and Rumney confirmed they would attend the Ridgewood Centre on 20th March.

0473 Items of Report

The Clerk reported that speeding statistics had been received from the Police as follows "out of approx 140 vehicles, 18 vehicles would receive warning notices and 1 vehicle stopped and dealt with. The speed of offending vehicles measured 25 mph".

Cllr P Whittle sought clarification of the meaning of "GDPR". The Clerk provided an explanation.

Cllr Gibson reported his disappointed at recent headlines in The Gazette of a drug problem in Chipping Sodbury. Cllr O'Rourke added that landlords were aware of the situation and active measures were being taken. Cllr Gibson confirmed he would write to the Police.

Cllr Rumney sought up-date on the Trinity Lane planning application and the Clerk confirmed the application had been approved for 60 houses.

0474 Dates of next meetings: 10th April 2018 Annual Full Council Meeting
17th April 2018 Annual Parish Meeting – Town Hall

Signed (Chairman)

Dated 10-4-18

Closed at 20:30 hrs

