



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

8th January 2019, Sodbury Council Offices

Present: Councillor J Ball, R Creer, S Gibson, J Gough, C Hays, P O'Rourke, P Rumney, P Whittle, W Whittle, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public x 2

A. Public Participation

A member of the public/library volunteer addressed Members to enquire, as the Tourist Information Centre was closed during January, whether a supply/box of leaflets, eg the Stanford Guide could be made available in the library as often members of the public would go to the library seeking information. The Clerk confirmed she would liaise with the Library Co-ordinator and a TIC representative and report back.

0595 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Allen, Boon, Nuevo. Cllr Smith was absent. Members noted that due to non-attendance Matthew Lewis has been disqualified as a Sodbury Town Councillor.

0596 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations

Cllr P Whittle – Agenda item 0601
Cllr P Rumney – Agenda item 0601

0597 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Creer – Due to the Christmas break there have been no South Glos meetings therefore there are no matters to report.

0598 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

No matters to report.

0599 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 11th December 2018

Resolved the minutes of the 11th December 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

0600 Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed she had yet to write to Chipping Sodbury Town Trust with regard to parking (Agenda item 0586) but would action.

0601 Finance – Payment of Accounts

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

0602 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

Invites to Council

- Yate, Chipping Sodbury & Dodington CEF 31st January 19.00 – C/S Town Hall

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- Mr M Lewis – Term as Town Councillor (circulated) *Noted by members*
- Member of the public – in relation to public conveniences (correspondence circulated) *Following discussion, it was **Resolved** the Clerk respond that concerns were noted and vandalism continued to be an on-going problem which resulted in considerable expense therefore the current policy would not be changed. Signage would be reviewed and improved where necessary.*
- Harthill Gardens Residents Association – Complaint about fumes from an extractor fan and rubbish accumulated behind the Portcullis Public House
Resolved the Clerk to report the matter to SGC. Cllr Ball confirmed he would pass e-mail details to the Clerk.
- SGC – Trinity Lane Development CIL Funding confirmation: £11,000 due on 20/4/19 with a further £28k in 2020 and £16.7k in 2021
Discussion was had and a suggestion made that the funds be used for railings in the High Street as part of the parking plan for the town.
- SGC – Notification of Vacancy of Councillor – Does the Council want to Co-opt in advance of the elections in May (if we were to do so it would have to be at the March meeting)
*Following the disqualification of Cllr Lewis, Members considered whether to co-opt and following discussion it was **Resolved** not to appoint at this stage and the vacancy would be filled at the next election on 2nd May 2019. The noticeboard would be updated with an appropriate Notice.*

For information Only

- Hanson Quarry Liaison Minutes 12/12/18

0603 Trees in the Street

Cllr P Whittle addressed Members with a proposal to have trees planted in the main street following several years of requests from members of the public. He considered trees would improve the environment and that Government funding was available. A discussion took place and the following comments made:-

- *Trees would damage the traditional/historic look of the High Street*
- *Public Liability insurance would be required for container grown trees*
- *Recommend the use of containers as opposed to ground grown trees*
- *To utilise the Christmas Tree plugs (x7)*
- *One feature tree*

Following discussion, it was **Resolved** the Clerk discuss the matter with SGC Conservation Officer and report back.

0604 Wickwar Road Speed Limit Review

Members noted the reduction in speed limits and raised no objection.

0605 Items of Report

Cllr O'Rourke reported speeding cars at the Hatters Lane/Horse Street junction which proved hazardous for pedestrians. Clerk to contact SGC re traffic calming measures.

Cllr Ball reported the Trinity Lane development was well underway. An enforcement issue had occurred which related to a hedge and had been reported to SGC.

Cllr W Whittle reported with regard to (1) cars which parked long-term in the car park, eg 3 or 4 days which impacted local businesses. **Action** – Clerk to write to Waitrose with a request to introduce 12 or 24 hour parking. (2) Cllr W Whittle reported she had received complaints with regard to the homeless person and the image it portrayed to the area. It was noted a

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vet attended to the dog and that appropriate services, eg Social Services were aware of the situation.

0606 Date of next meeting : 12th February 2019 - Full Council Meeting – STC Offices

Signed  (Chairman)

Dated 12-2-19

Closed at 20:05 hrs.

