



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council

8th October 2019, Sodbury Town Council Offices

Present: Councillors B Allen, L Banister, L Boon, G Dyer, C Hays (Vice Chair), M Gilpin, M Lewis, D Jeal, A Rumney, A Rush, P Smith, S Spooner, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public : x 2

Wessex Water x 2
Rotary Club of Chipping Sodbury x 2

A Public Participation

The Vice Chair of Chipping Sodbury Rotary Club addressed Members with regard to raising the profile of the Club. He confirmed the Club had raised £26,000 in the last year and that it supported a wide range of causes. He considered the Club was well known in the community, but not specifically in the High Street and sought members views on how their profile could be raised in the town with an idea of a plaque by the water pump which would be fully funded by the Club.

A further representative from Chipping Sodbury Rotary Club addressed Members with regard to the need for water refilling stations in Chipping Sodbury. The Club were keen to become involved and confirmed they would assist with funding. An app was available from "Refill" which provided information on refill stations "near you". The Clerk added that Frampton Cotterell installed two fountains recently but one had been condemned. The Clerk to report back once an up-date received from them. A discussion took place with regard to the signs/plaque and it was confirmed the matter would go forward to November's Agenda and the Rotary would put forward suggestions.

A resident addressed Members and requested an up-date with regard to vehicles being driven on the pavement in High Street. The Clerk confirmed an update was awaited from SGC and would report back at next meeting.

073 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Received and accepted from Cllr Ball and Cllr P Trull. Cllr S Gibson absent.

074 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations

None

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

Cllr A Rush reported that the JSP seems likely to be dead although not official. SGC going for Local Plan and is looking how to do regional consultation without JSP which is proving to be a problem

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

Cllr Gilpin reported with regard to (1) South Glos Youth Housing and that they had recently lost a housing contract and discussions were taking place on a way forward, and (2) that the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) had appointed a new Chairman following the resignation of

the Chairman and Treasurer with the Treasurer's role vacant and (3) Shopmobility and appointed Chairman - Cllr Janet Biggin.

Cllr Lewis confirmed attendance at the Remembrance Committee meeting when it was announced that in 2021, Armed Forces Day would take place in Chipping Sodbury. He confirmed a link would be sent to the Clerk with regard to purchase of a flag.

Cllr Allen informed Members the next Community Engagement Forum (CEF) would take place in Chipping Sodbury Town Hall on 31st October and that re-election of Chairman was due in November. In addition, as of 1st January 2020, South Glos Council was due to change the geography of the Forums and that Chipping Sodbury would join Charfield, Cromall, Tortworth, Cotswold Edge etc. Cllr Rush commented he was unaware of the change and following discussion, the Clerk confirmed contact would be made with SGC to disagree with the change and that Chipping Sodbury's stance was to remain with Yate and Dodington.

077 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 10th September 2019

Resolved the minutes of the 10th September 2019 were approved as a true and accurate copy and signed by the Vice Chairman.

078 Matters Arising

Cllr Rush reported (1) with regard to Horse Street and that photographs of vans inconsiderately parked had been forwarded to South Glos Council, and (2) yellow lines on corners would be introduced to The Elms Estate, Chipping Sodbury.

*introduced to The Elms Estate, Chipping Sodbury.
consulted on for AS*

079 Finance – Payment of Accounts

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

080 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

Invites to Council

- SGC – Climate Emergency – Supporting the Community to respond Event
23/10/19

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- SGC/UWE – Invitation to submit proposals for tree planting events in November
The Clerk confirmed Sodbury in Bloom did not wish to be involved with the project and that if anybody was interested to contact her for further information. SGC would liaise with Sodbury TC re room hire and working together.
- Chipping Sodbury Rotary Club – Promotion of the club in the town
Letter circulated. See 'Public Participation'.
- Remembrance Day – Refreshments – Correspondence from CSTLC in relation to provision of refreshments following the Parade – To decide whether to continue at the Town Hall at £3 per head
*The Clerk read out an e-mail received from Chipping Sodbury Town ~~Trust~~ who were disappointed to note that the Town Council objected to the £3 cost for tea, coffee and biscuit. Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to await the outcome of a Baptist Church enquiry which could be manned by Sodbury TC staff at considerably less cost. If that was unavailable, consider Watkins Room and/or Sodbury TC office.*
- Mayors Board – To be advised that the board has been updated with Chairmen of the Town Council and a request has been received that this is changed in 2016-18 when Cllr Rumney was Chairman and not Mayor. To make a decision on action to be taken (removal would mean that Cllr Rumney is not mentioned on the board at all)
*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to change the board to read "Mayors and Chairs"*

Lanas Charity

081 Flooding – Barrier Testing

Henry Quinney and Colin Taylor attended from The Environment Agency (EA) and confirmed the EA had been investigating implementing a flood alleviation scheme in the St Johns Way area as it was an area identified as a potential flood risk for up to 30 properties. A test exercise was due to be carried out on 30th October when approximately 400m of temporary flood barriers would be deployed along the riverside footpath on St John's Way. Members and public were welcome to attend the 'testing' sometime between 9.30 and 3pm. A letter drop to residents in and around that area was planned and lots of information would be available on the 30th. EA highlighted funding was limited and reliance placed on public and private sources, eg DEFRA. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and they left the meeting at 20:00 hrs. Action: Clerk to e-mail Members the EA hand-out.

082 Old Sodbury Play Area

- Following discussion, it was **Resolved** that the following works take place in the play area as recommended by the Environment & Leisure Committee:-
 - *Replacement of Springer*
 - *Replacement of main swings (inc removal)*
 - *Replacement of baby swings (inc removal)*
 - *Installation of Wetpour – main swings*
- It was **Resolved** that Community Infrastructure Funds (CIL) of £5,560 be utilised together with £7,500 from E&L budget.

To be promoted and advertised in The Old Sodbury Times – Clerk to arrange.

083 Investigate 30mph speed limit and remove overtaking lane on A432 Badminton Road

Following a report that the town council's request for an extension of the 30mph speed limit (currently 40mph) in Old Sodbury had been turned down by SGC, Members were given an opportunity to discuss the matter and the following comments were made:-

- *a need for speed camera*
- *very dangerous for pedestrians crossing the A432 – particularly school children*
- *road markings worn*
- *30mph should be up to The Cross Hands*

A full discussion took place and it was **Resolved** the Clerk liaise with SGC to see if (1) the decision could be reviewed in the light of lack of consultation with the town council and (2) seek the policy on speed cameras from SGC.

084 Old Sodbury Woodland

With regard to cutting of the area, the Clerk confirmed a local landowner had first rights and, subject to his agreement, a local farmer had confirmed he would cut the area free of charge, but to be noted that crested newts had been identified and a *short* cut was not recommended.

It was confirmed a village meeting had been scheduled for 14/11/19 at 19:30 and that communication with relevant agencies continued, eg Environment Agency, Woodland Trust, Historic Environment Records as well as South Gloucestershire Council with a proposal to instal a kissing gate to improve access to the area.

085 Social Media

Items to be added to FB:-

- Barrier Testing by EA
- Old Sodbury Play area update

The Clerk confirmed she had attended a recent 'Love our High Street' seminar and that implementing one central website for a town was a recommendation (example Bourton on the Water). Cllr Lewis confirmed he would research.



12/11/19

086 Items of Report
None

087 Date of next meeting : 12th November 2019: 19.30 hrs – STC Offices

Signed (Chairman)

Dated

Closed at