



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

9th April 2019, Sodbury Council Offices

Present: Councillor B Allen, J Ball, L Boon, R Creer, S Gibson, C Hays, P O'Rourke, P Rumney, P Smith, P Whittle, W Whittle

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public : x 2

Cllr Sue Hope, Cotswold Edge Ward

A. Public Participation

An Old Sodbury resident addressed Members and requested whether, in future, a Full Council meeting could be held in Old Sodbury Village Hall annually. Many Old Sodbury residents felt detached from the town council with some not understanding what it did and holding a meeting in Old Sodbury could improve this. The Clerk responded that at the Old Sodbury Village Day in June, the Council would set up a stall to encourage villagers to engage with the TC.

A Parishioner addressed Members and sought clarification on what action was taken with items raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk confirmed those that related to SGC would be referred to them.

0636 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Apologies received from Cllr A Williams

0637 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations

None

0638 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Sue Hope reported the following road closures for resurfacing from 10th June 2019 for a period of 18 months (works of 5 day duration):

- o A432 Badminton Road, Old Sodbury from A46 Bath Road to Hill Lane
- o B4509 Charfield Road, Tortworth

Cllr Hope reported she would no longer be standing as Councillor after 28 years. Thanks and best wishes were conveyed to her.

Cllr Boon reported that she would no longer be standing as District Councillor but hoped to continue as Town Councillor in the up and coming local elections.

Cllr Creer reported that council business was very quiet. He thanked Councillors Boon and Hope and highlighted that all parties worked together to help and support the local community and that it had been a pleasure working with them.

0639 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Creer reported (1) attendance at the Chamber of Commerce AGM when Rich McD and Michelle Baden-Daintree were elected as Joint Chairs, (2) Waitrose had expressed concern with regard to anti-social behaviour in the lower car park and toilets and were keen to work with the Town Council to explore a way forward. **Note** – diarise for new council, and (3) Sodbury and Yate Business Association (SYBA) went from strength to strength and keen to work with the Parish.

0640 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 12th March 2019

Resolved the minutes of the 12th March 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

0641 Matters Arising

None to report.

0642 Finance – Payment of Accounts

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

0643 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics:

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- SGC Biodiversity Officer – Would STC be interested in helping kickstart a project to plant 10,000 trees over the next 3 years?
*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** that Members supported the project and the Clerk would respond accordingly to the SGC Officer.*
- SGC – Notice of closure of Portway Lane (570m East of Commonmead Lane for 600m eastwards then north eastwards) for a period of one day after the date of 21st May (and 18 months thereafter) for tree cutting works around electric cables
Noted

For Information Only

- Above & Beyond – Thanks for grant towards the purchase of chairs for Bristol Childrens Hospital *Noted*

0644 Avon Local Council Association (ALCA)

The Clerk provided an explanation of its benefits and following discussion it was **Resolved** not to renew membership at this point but to refer the matter to the new Council in May.

0645 Thanks to those Councillors retiring from Town Council

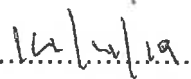
The Chairman thanked Councillors and cards and gifts were presented to Cllrs R Creer, P O'Rourke, P Whittle and W Whittle. It was noted that Cllr P Whittle had stood for 20 years as town councillor.

0646 Items of Report

Cllr O'Rourke thanked Members for their support and as Chairman of Environment & Leisure **Cllr Ball** thanked Members for their help and guidance and his year as Mayor had been much enjoyed. Thanks also conveyed to Cllrs P & W Whittle for all they had done for the town.

0647 Date of next meeting : 14th May 2019 – Annual Full Council Meeting – STC Offices

Signed  (Chairman)

Dated 

Closed at 20:04