



Sodbury Town Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council
12th April 2022 at 19:30 hrs, held at
Charter Suite, Chipping Sodbury Town Hall**

Present: Councillors B Allen, J Ball (Chair), L Banister, Seb Gibson, A Gregson, P Rumney, P Smith, S Spooner, A Rush, L Rush, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Murley – Assistant Clerk

Residents x 2

A Public Participation

No public participation took place.

482 Apologies and Chairman's Remark

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Chris Hays, Scott Gibson, Becky Romaine. Cllr Steve Tubby absent.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Seb Gibson to the Council and wished him well following Co-option for Old Sodbury Ward.

483 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations

None

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

Cllr A Rush confirmed a meeting took place with regard to the Local Plan and the next one would take place in May.

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

Cllr Banister reported (1) attendance at Shopmobility - Her first meeting to which she received a warm welcome. Shopmobility had a business plan in place and students appointed to assist with marketing the charity, (2) attendance at Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity (TLC) and a reminder that grants were available to Chipping Sodbury residents. Cllr A Rush provided some history on TLC grants, ie that it is divided between (a) Chipping Sodbury Endowed School Foundation and (b) people of the town and that differing criteria applied. In order to qualify for funding from Endowed School Foundation, a student must have attended Chipping Sodbury School for more than two years. Cllrs Banister and Spooner were due to attend a TLC meeting the following week and would report back. In addition, Clerk to Contact the Clerk of Endowed School to gain further information for inclusion in newsletter (3) attendance at Library Partnership – lots of childrens' activities were due to take place during Easter, including a Wind in the Willows trail. The Clerk added several volunteers were off sick with Covid.

Cllr Spooner attended (1) a 'Visit West' meeting in conjunction with Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Board exploring ways to increase and improve footfall in the town, eg a coach stopover, heritage walks, (2) a meeting with Hansons that focused on the Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP) and ways to join up wildlife links with the Council

Cllr Allen reported attendance at a drop-in session for SGC Consultation on Yate/Sodbury/Coldharbour Road proposals (Agenda item 491)

486 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 8th March 2022

RESOLVED the Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 8th March 2022 are approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair subject to a spelling amendment at item 477 “install”.

487 Matters Arising

None

488 Finance – Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments and Bank Reconciliation were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

489 Correspondence

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- SGC Licensing – Renewal of Street Trading Licence for Sodbury Kebabs – Friday & Saturdays 18:00 – 00:45 in a static van
RESOLVED – Members agreed to renewal of the Licence.
The Clerk added that a Wickwar Road resident had complained that ASB increased during the kebab van’s times and had advised him to report the matter to SGC ASB Team.
- Local Resident – concerns regarding Highways Matters on Cotswold Road (email circulated to all with the agenda). The Clerk advised that she has tried to raise with SGC but had no response. The Clerk was asked to re-raise this with SGC and advise the resident to contact Luke Hall MP.
- Big Lunch Committee – Request for grant of £160 to purchase Jubilee wildflower seeds to give to children at the Big Lunch (STC will be acknowledged on packets)
RESOLVED – Award grant of £160.00 and Clerk to advise Big Lunch team.

For Information Only

- SGC Highways – Heron Way Consultation report (circulated)

490 Highways Matters

Following a meeting with SGC Highways Officer in Old Sodbury in March 2022, a discussion took place and the following comments made:-

- *The cost of a light controlled crossing - £300,000*
- *Speed traffic data awaited*
- *The local MP supported a crossing*
- *Confirmation that “investigating a pedestrian crossing” was fifth on the SGC Local Transport Priority List and “extend the 30mph speed limit on A432 and removal of overtaking lane” was eighth*

RESOLVED: Clerk to (1) liaise with Luke Hall MP and (2) chase up SGC for speed data

With regard to a crossing at Rounceval Street, following a discussion, a proposal was put forward for a Zebra crossing at the Horseshoe PH/Moda vicinity which was **RESOLVED** and the Clerk to refer the matter to SGC.

491 Yate, Chipping Sodbury A432 & A4172 Consultation
Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** not to support the scheme as proposed and Clerk to complete and submit to SGC.

The Clerk encouraged Members to respond to the Consultation on an individual basis.

492 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – Consultation from SGC
Following discussion, Members did not consider themselves qualified to respond to the Consultation and it was considered flooding was no longer a problem in the area. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to respond to SGC.

493 Yate Spur Road Consultation
RESOLVED: Members fully support the scheme. Clerk to respond to SGC.

494 Street Names – Trinity Lane II Development
A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following street names to SGC, noting that the Clerk would seek permission from Jim Elsworths family members.

- *Elsworth Close*
- *Church View*
- *Harthill Gardens*
- *Dando Drive*

495 Public Convenience Works

- The matter was brought to Full Council due to timings of Environment & Leisure meetings
- The Clerk was in receipt of a quote from Hill Project Management (HPM) in relation to tender documents required for refurbishment of the ladies public conveniences at a cost of £2,750.00.
- Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint HPM to carry out appropriate works in order to prepare tender documents and Clerk to advise them accordingly

Noted – funding for refurbishment of the ladies public toilets would derive from Thrive (£17,000) and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

496 Town Council Property

- The Clerk thanked Cllr Spooner for his input on securing a revaluation of The Old Reading Rooms which led to a substantial business rate refund with the town council's liability falling into the small business threshold whilst the top floor was let out.
- The refund of £28,000 would be taken to F&GP for consideration
- The Chairman thanked Cllr Spooner and the Clerk for their work in securing the refund

497 Items of Report
Cllr Rumney reported that at the speed hump by the old Post Office site in Horse Street, the drainage grating was raised. Action – report to SGC.
Cllr Allen considered a flag should be flown for Ukraine. Action – Clerk to purchase flag.
Cllr Banister reported a response was awaited from Spar with regard to proposed move to M&Co premises and would update in due course.
Cllr L Rush reported she and Cllr A Rush would not be attending the Annual Parish Meeting due to holiday.
The Clerk confirmed the council was in receipt of 3 e-bikes following a successful grant application to be used for council business.
The Clerk asked Chairs of Committee groups to prepare reports for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Dated

Signed

The meeting closed at 20:55 hrs

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