



Sodbury Town Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council
12TH July 2022 at 19:30 hrs, held at
Chipping Sodbury Town Hall**

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

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Murley – Assistant Clerk

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A Public Participation

An Old Sodbury resident addressed Members to request an update on the bus platform in Chipping Sodbury near to the Clock Tower. The Clerk confirmed she had chased up the matter on numerous occasions, but it was in the hands of South Gloucestershire Council and not deemed a priority by them, therefore she would not continue to chase.

The Owner of The Old Bank Hotel addressed Members in relation to Agenda item 543 and confirmed he was willing to work with all interested parties with regard to the Tables and Chairs Licence.

532 Apologies and Chairman's Remark

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Banister, Scott Gibson, Seb Gibson, Gregson, Hays and Tubby

533 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations

Cllr A Rush – South Gloucestershire Council

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

Cllr A Rush reported as follows:-

- i. *The B4040 road at Cross Hands Hotel/Badminton had been closed recently for filming. The road closure had caused inconvenience to residents in Acton Turville, Badminton, Burton and around and questioned why such a busy road should be used. It was noted the road was not in Sodbury TC Parish. He continued that a serious accident had occurred at the Cross Hands junction a month ago and the matter should be an Agenda item with a view to going on SGC Task Register, reference road layout*
- ii. *The Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) was still awaited from West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and there continued to be an impasse with South Gloucestershire Council. A resolution was anticipated in 3 or 4 weeks. A third Local Plan consultation was due in July 2023*
- iii. *There continued to be a lack of social workers in SGC Children's Services and a recruitment drive was in place.*
- iv. *Following an OFSTED inspection of Vinney Green (a secure children's home), serious bad practice had been reported and measures in place to improve the facility.*

- 535 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda**
Cllr Spooner reported attendance at a Tourist Information Centre (TIC) AGM. He took over as Chair as the previous Chairman stood down. It continued to be in financial difficulty and thought was required as to the TIC's future. It was noted the matter would be an Agenda item later in the year.
- 536 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 7th June 2022**
RESOLVED the Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 7th June 2022 are approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.
- 537 Matter Arising**
Cllr A Rush updated that an archaeological report was still awaited following discovery of Roman remains at Trinity Lane development.
With reference to Land East of Chipping Sodbury (Agenda item 525 – 07/07/22), the Clerk reported a draft letter had been circulated and approved by Members ready to be submitted to South Gloucestershire Council and copy to Persimmon Homes.
- 538 Finance – Payment of Accounts**
RESOLVED that the schedule of payments were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- The Clerk reported with regard to a quote received in relation to refurbishment of ladies toilet. The matter was an Agenda item for a Finance meeting the following week but sought Members' view of the quotation. Following discussion, Members were in favour of the refurbishment and the associated costs. It was noted CIL monies and funding from the 'Thrive' initiative were available.
- The Clerk reported with regard to the watering contract for baskets and planters in the town. During the hot spell, they required twice daily watering and the contractor sought an additional hour's pay per day. Following discussion, it was agreed to approve this.
- 524 Correspondence**
- Requiring Response/Comments/Action**
- Extinction Rebellion Youth Bristol – Free and Fair Buses Campaign – request for support for this campaign only (e-mail circulated)
*Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** not to support the campaign and Clerk to advise to that effect.*
 - C/S Town Trust – letter re appointment of Trustees (item 541) circulated
See Agenda item 541
- For Information Only**
- SGC – Road Closure - Hounds Road for gas works for a period of 4 weeks within 18 months of 1st August 2022 (circulate by email and put on website)
 - Various correspondence regarding grass cutting and the state of the area
The Clerk reported she was in receipt of numerous correspondence with complaints of overgrown and uncut areas. Discussion was had about how to manage grass cutting going forward in conjunction with SGC and how to respond to the complaints. A statement was available on the town council website and 2022 noted as a trial to be reviewed by Environment & Leisure Committee for 2023.
- 540 Trustee Appointment – Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity**
- It was noted that Cllr A Williams term expired in September 2022
 - **RESOLVED** to re-appoint Cllr Andy Williams and Clerk to advise Charity.

541 Trustee Appointment – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

- It was noted that Cllr S Gibson and Mrs J Lund terms had expired
- **RESOLVED** to re-appoint Cllr Scott Gibson and Jane Lund and Clerk to advise Charity

542 Hounds Road - Bollard

The Clerk reported an SGC Highways Officer sought comments in relation to moving a bollard in Hounds Road. Cllr A Rush confirmed, following SGC inspection, no further action would take place as to move the bollard would create more hazard.

543 Tables and Chairs Licence – Old Bank House

- The town council was in receipt of an application for a Pitchings Licence for 4 tables and 8 chairs from midday until 11pm daily
- It was noted all documents relating to the application had been forwarded by e-mail to all Members
- The Clerk reminded Members of an e-mail received from the Police that raised concerns and forwarded to all Members, members acknowledged they had received this and were making a decision having considered the content of such
- Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Licence to expire on 15 October 2022 and Clerk to advise owner & SGC.

544 Protocol for Marking the Death of a National Figure

The Clerk read out an e-mail received from National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and it was noted that the contents of any policy on the subject should not be discussed or recorded at council meetings and it was suggested all matters to be delegated to council officers. The Clerk confirmed plans were in place and a policy drawn up. **RESOLVED** to delegate decision making in relation to this matter to the Clerk.

545 Items of Report

Cllr Spooner reported (1) with regard to the speed limit in Old Sodbury and statistics were available. It was noted the issue of speeding increased during the evening. Action – Agenda item for September (2) the Ridings playground project was taking longer than anticipated due to concerns raised from the football club and a meeting scheduled for next week.

Cllr Allen reported “boy racers” on St Johns Way / Common. The Clerk confirmed the Police were aware of the situation and encouraged, if possible, to take video or reg no.

Cllr A Rush reported with regard to the cut in bus services (as reported in June 2022) and that all services would now remain until April 2023 whilst a comprehensive review took place.

Cllr Ball reported he had been approached by The Gazette for a comment on Sodbury in Bloom and how fantastic the baskets and planters looked in the Street.

546 Next Full Council Meeting: 13th September 2022 – Old Sodbury Village Hall

Dated

Signed

The meeting closed at 20:38