

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE MILLENNIUM PAVILION  
On Monday 1 November 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT WERE:** Mr A Beaven, Mr D Bonnett, Miss J Bullard, Mr S Criswell (in the Chair), Mr S Innes, Mr P McCloskey, Miss L Minter, Mrs D Siggs, Mr G Siggs, Mrs J Smith, Mr P Suckling, Mr R Sutton and Mrs P Bryant (Parish Clerk).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PCSO A Siepak

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Mr D Cornwell – work commitments  
Mr M Hoy – work commitments  
Mr I Smith – work commitments  
Cllr M Newman – attending another meeting

Mr McCloskey left the meeting at 9.03 pm – Item 16

Mr Sutton left the meeting at 9.32 pm – Item 18

**2. PARISH COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*SEE APPENDIX 1*

Mr G Siggs requested the following permanent addition to the list – Welfare Officer for RAFA

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Bonnett and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to close the meeting for a period of time to allow members of the public to speak. The meeting was closed and reopened at 7.30 pm no members of the public were present.

**4. PLANNING MATTERS**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1001416FUL 90, High Street, Somersham  
Erection of a rear single storey extension

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Innes and RESOLVED by 7 for and 4 abstentions to object. The proposal is out of keeping with the property and the conservation area, the extension is too large for the plot size and not in keeping with the Grade 1 Listed Church.

1001584S73 Mobile home opposite Silks farm Day Nursery, St Ives Rd, Somersham  
Removal or variation of the 3 year limited part of condition 1 of planning permission 0701841FUL which limited the use of land for one gypsy family to a three year period.

It was proposed by Miss Bullard, seconded by Mr Sutton and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to refuse this application and recommend the application is extended for another 3 year temporary term with the same conditions until new policy in place (Planning policy vacuum at the moment).

1001649LBC 100, High Street, Somersham

Replace UPVC doors and windows with single glazed timber doors and windows

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Bonnett and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to approve, the proposal is in keeping with the property and Conservation Area. (Applicant withdrew as at 3 Nov so could not enter the parish council's decision on the planning portal).

1001535FUL Little Orchard, Parkhall Road, Somersham

New dwelling to be attached to existing garage and workshop. To replace existing application 0800365FUL, extension to roof and rear of existing bungalow to form one larger chalet bungalow.

It was proposed by Miss Minter, seconded by Mr Suckling and RSOLVED by 8 votes for and 3 abstentions to refuse. The proposal will add another residential property on the one site which is considered to be over development of the site without an apparent need for an additional dwelling on this land in the countryside.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

1001509FUL Proposed bathroom dormer extension  
7 Bishops Road , Somersham

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED**

Nil

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN**

1001399FUL Erection of double garage with gallery above  
36, Colne Fields, Somersham

### **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

HDC – email current enforcement cases – The Clerk will request an update on all outstanding cases

92 A – big Walnut tree cut down –The Clerk will contact Brian Ogden, HDC

HDC – Development Control Panel Meeting – draft agenda 15 November 2010.

**Somersham matters:** 1001584S73 Mobile home opposite Silks Farm Day Nursery, St Ives Rd, Somersham. Removal or variation of the 3 year limited part of condition 1 of planning permission 0701841FUL which limited the use of land for one gypsy family to a three year period.

### **PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

CCC – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Plan Pre-hearing Meeting & Examination. Hearing meetings to be held between 30 November – 17 December 2010 Barbican Room, Park House, Shire Hall.

#### **5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2010**

The Minutes of 4 October 2010 were proposed by Miss Bullard, seconded by Mrs Smith and RESOLVED by 6 for and 5 abstentions to be a true record of events and were duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **6. POLICE REPORT**

- Crime report – website down - unable to download report for the meeting
- E-cops – Chief Superintendent Karen Daber's update & speed enforcement information

- PCSO Siepak reported Somersham is a priority for anti-social behaviour following the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting. Also speeding hot spots will be monitored.

#### **7. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR S CRISWELL**

- HDC – Budget Position & Results of public consultation – meeting 1 November 2010 at 5pm. Councillor Criswell has asked for a briefing note from that meeting for councillors.

#### **8. PARISH CLERKS REPORT**

- Matters Arising Report - Accepted
- The following correspondence has been received:
- HDC – Local Democracy Day (13 October) poster to display
- HDC – Christmas waste collection dates – put in Voices
- M & G Charibond statement 1 July – 30 September 2010

#### **9. FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT including: -**

- **Monthly Accounts** – The accounts were proposed by Mr Bonnett, seconded by Miss Bullard and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to be paid and the cheques were duly signed.
- **Finance & Risk Management meeting** - 28 October 2010 – Mr Bonnett reported. It was proposed by Mr Sutton and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to purchase the Procuts3 immediately using the JFB reserves.
- **Purchase of a Scaffold Tower** – This was proposed by Mr Bonnett, seconded by Miss Bullard and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to spend up to a total cost of £600 from the contingency reserve.
- **Heating System for the Squash Court** – It was agreed the Clerk would source 3 quotes to install high level radiators.
- **Donations to Charities** – Victim Support & Citizens Advice Bureau – The Clerk will send the standard donation letter.
- **Precept for 2011/2012** – to go on the next meeting agenda

#### **10. HIGHWAY MATTERS including Public Footways - Repairs/ Maintenance**

Correspondence:

HDC – Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee – 11 October 2010 – JFB scheme proposal for St Ives Road was unsuccessful.

Mr Sutton reported the committee were considering the Cole & Day junction under the medium scheme funding.

CCC – Bus Tenders for Contracted Services – consultation til 7 December 2010

#### **Road repairs**

Gate markers /Lines at Church Street & parking bays at The Cross need re-painting

#### **11. DEFINITIVE FOOTPATH MATTERS - Bridleway 7 (Short Drove to The Crafty Fox), White Post Area - Repairs/ Maintenance**

Correspondence:

Email – Public Rights of Way & Access Team – ‘Web of Walks’

#### **Maintenance**

Footpath 2 – Clerk to ask Simeon Carroll CCC for an update on the footpath line

Colne footpath – the bridge is very slippery

#### **The Chairman reported the following:**

- The CCC Definitive Footpath map will be printed on the reverse of Hattie’s map.

- Lafarge are planning to come off site in 12 months time. An area will become a pocket park to the rear of Station Land and this could be a possible large extension to the LNR.

#### **12. STREET LIGHTING inc repairs**

The PC Street light on Norwood Playing Field is out.

#### **13. CPALC BEST PRACTISE EVENT – Stronger Communities Theme**

The Clerk been asked to do one of the presentations at the event.

#### **14. LICENSING OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS**

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr McCloskey and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote not to respond to Sawtry's requests to support their demand for a county ban of sex establishments except in one or two designated town centre locations.

#### **15. PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES CONSULTATION**

It was agreed the questions are only suitable for individual response. Councillors may answer as individuals if they so wish. Response date 25 November 2010

#### **16. DOG EXCLUSION ORDER – NORWOOD PLAYING FIELD**

Miss Minter reminded the council of the results from the youth survey that dog mess featured highly as a concern.

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Innes and RESOLVED by 9 votes for and 2 against to defer a decision for 6 months and to reconsider after that time.

It was agreed the gates and fencing with appropriate signage will be installed immediately as a visual reminder and the area monitored to allow dog walkers time to improve their habits and self-police.

Mr McCloskey left the meeting at 9.03 pm

#### **17. THE CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY**

It was agreed to answer yes to all questions.

#### **18. SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES & REPRESENTATIVES:**

##### **a) Norwood Building / The Victory Hall - VHM Minutes 12 October 2010 –**

Miss Minter mentioned the new events diary on the VH site. The Clerk said her only concern is with the booking of stalls at The Cross which must be carried out through the parish council's booking secretary. Councillors agreed for moment in favour of going ahead with this web site proposal.

##### **b) Norwood Playing Field – Report 20 October 2010**

Mrs Draper (booking secretary) has requested that the keys / diaries are left with a councillor when she is on holiday as the Clerk is busy and not always available. This was agreed.

##### **c) Millennium Sports Field – Next meeting 16 November 2010**

##### **d) Somersham LNR – Friends of Somersham Local Nature Reserve including the Lake –**

- LNR – Proposed Friends Group Constitution – Parish Council response required – It was agreed Mr Siggs would take the councils concerns with the constitution back to the next LNR meeting.
- There is a Lake Working Party this weekend

##### **e) Christmas Lights Working Party – Report 30 September 2010**

- The first lights went up this weekend. Disappointingly two sets were found to be deliberately cut following their PAT's but luckily have been repaired. This vandalism will be reported to the SSLA as only limited access is allowed to the store.

##### **f) Youth Working Party – the revised youth club services were discussed, CCC will no longer be able to provide open access clubs but are happy to provide the support i.e. staff and management. The costs were also discussed.**

Mr Sutton left the meeting at 9.32 pm

- g) **Environment Working Party** – Mr Criswell reported he and the Clerk will be attending the RenewableUK conference on small wind (farms) as this is the final part of the Parish Plan Action Plan not yet investigated.
- h) **Voices Newsletter** – Compilation work has started for Issue 45.
- i) **Community Information Centre (Library)** – Minutes 8 September 2010
- CCC response to letter regarding the proposed level of service – the Clerk will provide a copy to Mrs Innes
- j) **Parish Plan** – Report 19 October 2010 – it was agreed to advertise in Voices for volunteers for the updated plan.

**19. REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Mr Innes mentioned a recent meeting he attended where air space and aircraft holding areas in the region were discussed, he will notify the council should it affect Somersham.

**20. BURIAL LAND EXTENSION – CLOSED SESSION**

It was proposed by Mr Beaven, seconded by Mrs Smith and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to close the meeting in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the Public and Press be temporarily instructed to withdraw.

The meeting was closed at 9.53 pm and reconvened at 9.56 pm

Matters discussed included the loan approval and potential property sale.

**21. NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

No matters were raised by councillors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.57pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 29 November 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Pavilion.

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 Steve Criswell  
 Chairman

## SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 2010

ANDREW BEAVEN Somersham Sports & Leisure Association Trustee  
Victory Hall Management Committee (Vice Chairman VHMC)

DAVID BONNETT Harvey Feoffees Charity Committee  
Somersham Charity of Poor's Money

JUDITH BULLARD Somersham Sports & Leisure Association Trustee (Vice Chairman SSLA)  
Victory Hall Management Committee

STEPHEN CRISWELL Harvey Feoffees Charity Committee  
Somersham Charity of Poor's Money  
Friends of Somersham Library (FOSL)  
Member of Huntingdonshire District Council  
Member of Cambridgeshire County Council  
CCC Fire Authority Representative

STUART INNES Somersham School Governor  
Personal interest – Mrs Innes Chairman of FOSL and a VHMC Trustee

PAUL McCLOSKEY Somersham School Governor  
Friends of Somersham Local Nature Reserve - Secretary

LESLEY MINTER Friends of Somersham Library (FOSL)  
Harvey Feoffees Charity Committee  
Victory Hall Management Committee

DOROTHY SIGGS

GRAHAM SIGGS Historic Society – Treasurer  
Friends of Somersham Local Nature Reserve – Treasurer  
RAFA Welfare Officer

JENNET SMITH Friends of Somersham Library (FOSL)  
Friends of Somersham Church

PAUL SUCKLING Victory Hall Management Committee

RICHARD SUTTON Friends of Somersham Library (FOSL)  
Education Trust of Thomas Hammond  
Personal interest as a relation: Booking Secretary monthly pay  
Friends of Somersham Church

## ACCOUNTS

1 November 2010

The following accounts were required before the meeting:

Wages, Tax & NI		£4186.64
Cole & Day	Groundsman's fuel	£110.13
EON	Street Lighting	£43.28
Southern Electric	CIC – electricity	£122.91
Talk Talk	01487 841090	£14.44
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>£4477.40</u></b>

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Talk Talk	Broadband	£20.17	Direct Debit
Gibbs & Dandy Plc	Materials	£78.93	
ESPO	Norwood Building – gas	£23.58	
HDC	Lottery Registration – annual fee	£20.00	
Monster Play Systems	Youth Shelter	£10710.13	
David J Richards Ltd	Draw tickets	£90.77	
CPALC	Playground Risk Management	£55.00	
EON	Multi sports area lighting	£25.29	
Southern Electric	Lake Sea Container lighting	£23.44	
Mrs P Bryant	Expenses refund	£127.34	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>£11,174.65</u></b>	