

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at The Millennium Sports Pavilion, The Trundle, Somersham
On Monday 4 October 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Mr D Bonnett, Miss J Bullard, Mr D Cornwell (in the Chair), Mr M Hoy, Mr S Innes, Miss L Minter, Mrs J Smith, Mr R Sutton and Mrs P Bryant (Parish Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr M Newman, PCSO A Siepak and 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Mr A Beaven - personal

Mr S Criswell – personal

Mr P McCloskey - holiday

Mrs D Siggs - personal

Mr G Siggs – training course

Mr I Smith – work commitments

Mr P Suckling – personal

Quorum – 5 councillors

2. ELECTIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES & REPRESENTATIVES

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Miss Minter and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to elect the following Councillors as below:

- Mr S Innes – Youth Working Party and LNR Working Party
- Mr I Smith - Harvey Feoffees Charity Committee

3. PARISH COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

SEE APPENDIX 1

- Standards Committee information on corrupt councillors

4. PUBLIC FORUM

At the meetings held on 6 September 2010 – Matters were discussed were the proposed Dog Exclusion Order and the proposed car park extension at Church Street.

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 participate in a public forum. The meeting closed at 7.32pm and reconvened at 7.33 pm. The Chapel Field allotments were discussed.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Miss Minter and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to object. The proposal is really for additional dwelling accommodation, it is more than a double garage it has a separate external entrance for separate living accommodation over the top including a bathroom. The planning description is misleading.

1001400FUL Two storey extension to dwelling
16, Loftsteads, Somersham

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Miss Minter and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to object. The proposal is to build out on the front which is out of keeping with street scene and may impinge on neighbouring properties.

1001509FUL Proposed bathroom dormer extension
7 Bishops Road , Somersham

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Bonnett and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to approve the application with the condition frosted glass is used in bathroom so as not to overlook the neighbours.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED

H/05008/10/CC Erection of a single storey Children's Centre to replace existing temporary provision including 3 classrooms, external play space, increased car and cycle parking provision and the provision of a mobile classroom for the construction period.

Somersham Primary School, Parkhall Road

1001194FUL Canopy extension and plant room for onion store
Colne Fen Farm, Chatteris Road

1001012FUL Land at Park Farm, St Ives Road, Somersham
Establishment of farm access track onto Somersham Road

1001290FUL Land rear of Church Street, Somersham
Car park extension – 7 spaces

PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

1001062FUL Proposed bathroom dormer extension
7 Bishops Road , Somersham

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED

Nil

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Email HDC - Conservation questionnaire – response due 1 October 2010

PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Email HDC – Huntingdon West Area Action Plan – Consultation on proposed changes – response due 13 October 2010 - No response

Email CCC – Proposed revision of the Local Validation List for applications for planning permission – response due 29 October 2010 – No response

Email CCC – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Plan Pre-hearing Meeting & Examination. Pre-hearing meeting 5 October 2010 11 am Barbican Room, Park House, Shire Hall, Cambridge. Actual Hearing meetings to be held between 30 November – 17 December 2010 same venue.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2010

The Minutes were proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Miss Bullard and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to be a true record of events and were duly signed by the Chairman.

7. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Siepak reported there were no specific issues since the last time and they are still battling with parking problems.

Mr Cornwell reported poor parking outside school for example double parking and abandoning cars in strange places

- Crime report presented at the meeting 6 Sept – 4 Oct 2010
- E-Cops – new commander takes over central division – Chief Superintendant Karen Daber
- Ramsey Neighbourhood Forum – Warboys Parish Centre Wednesday 20 October 2010 7 pm

8. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR S CRISWELL AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M NEWMAN

- Written report accepted from Cllr Criswell in his absence.
- Cllr Newman – gave the Clerk a paper on gypsy/traveller site note and also a summary on preparing HDC 2011/2012 budget which she will distribute to all councillors

9. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- Matters Arising Report - Accepted

- The following correspondence has been received:

NALC – Chief executive's Report to NALC Council

CPALC – AGM Saturday 13 November 2010 10 am Bluntisham Village Hall

HDC – Adults Sports Taster October 2010 – January 2011 – leaflets

2011 National Census

The Big Society Survey 2010

M & G Charibond dividends £3.80

10. FINANCE MATTERS

- Monthly Accounts – The accounts were proposed by Mr Bonnett, seconded by Mrs Smith and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to be paid and the cheques were duly signed.

SEE APPENDIX 2

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS including Public Footways - Repairs/ Maintenance

Correspondence:

Harvey Feoffees Charity Committee – Request to re-instate the Coronation Seat at The Bank, Chatteris Road at the Charities expense – proposed cast iron and wooden seat £602 It was proposed by Mr Sutton seconded by Mrs Smith and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to proceed.

Jointly Funded Bid Proposal – Parkhall Road speed reduction

Plans prepared by West Highways Division for comment

It was proposed by Mr Hoy, seconded by Miss Bullard and RESOLVED by 6 votes for and 1 against to go without the scheme as it was not as comprehensive as originally envisaged and unlikely to prove effective.

Road Repairs

Loftsteads – road breaking up outside No2

Pot holes outside Windsor Green Stores & Ibbott's Crescent

Hedges/trees on to roads

Road through Fenton to Warboys
Chatteris Rd going out of Somersham
Causeway at Earith – East Cambs
Also a number of road signs covered across the county
Over growing hedges at Hereford Close and King Street

It was agreed the Clerk will automatically inform highways when the 2 week homeowner notice to rectify any overgrowing hedges/trees sent by the Parish Council are not acted upon.

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

Footpath Working Party Notes – 1 September 2010

13. STREET LIGHTING MATTERS inc repairs

None reported.

14. LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED – MILLENNIUM SPORTS FIELD -Responsibility for the South Water Course and Possible Water Retention on Neighbouring Properties.

- Personal interest – Mr Sutton

Correspondence:

Mr I Smith, Middle Levels Board – Report
Cllr S Criswell – requesting confirmation of Councils final decision

It was proposed by Mr Innes, seconded by Miss Bullard and RESOLVED by all councillors present with 1 abstention to reply to Cllr Criswell stating the Council are prepared to allow drainage provided the relevant easement is taken out as a joint document between the properties wishing to proceed including the property which has already piped into the ditch. The Parish Council will allow contractors to undertake the work by prior arrangement but only once the easement is in place and the Parish Council will oversee the works carried out by a skilled and appropriate contractor at no cost to the Council or the SSLA.

15. HDC STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY– response due 21 October 2010

It was proposed by Miss Minter, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote the Council have no comments to make.

16. CPALC (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Council's) AGM Notice 13 November 2010 and Service Provision

Mr Sutton stated he was disappointed Councils are not getting the service they should from CPALC and he felt this was down to the CEO. Mr Sutton explained the debacle regarding a board member meeting called recently, only 3 members managed to turn up, there were problems with the agenda, the previous board Chairman's council had opted out of CPALC therefore he could not be Chair and finally the CEO said could not join the board meeting as he was running a training session.

It was proposed by Sutton, seconded by Mr Bonnett and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote for the Clerk to send a letter to the Chairman of the Board expressing concern at an intolerable situation and that the council are dis-satisfied with the level of service from the CEO.

17. CAMBRIDGESHIRE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT and Flood Memories Consultation – response due 31 October 2010

No comment.

18. INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE (IYSS) Consultation Results

The report is in circulation.

Miss Minter was pleased to see her points made at the consultation have been recorded.

19. REPORTS FROM SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES & REPRESENTATIVES:

- a) **Norwood Building / The Victory Hall -**
- VHMC 14 September 2010
 - Victory Hall website now up and running - www.somershamvictoryhall.org.uk
 - Report of the Fire Alarm Service by Churches Fire – It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to give notice to terminate the contract. The Clerk confirmed she is meeting Trisha Ball (VHMC Chair) to discuss the fire alarm system and view the emergency lighting tomorrow evening.
- b) **Norwood Playing Field** – the Youth Shelter is going on site tomorrow, the floodlights are up and running. The council need to replace the stolen gooseberry bushes.
- c) **Millennium Sports Field** – last meeting held 7 September 2010
- d) **Somersham LNR – Friends of Somersham Local Nature Reserve including the Lake** – It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote for the Clerk to investigate costs to replace the light in the lake sea container and install a pressure button switch.
- LNR Minutes 20 September 2010 – Miss Bullard asked whether there was any further update on a brown information sign. The Clerk said approval to erect the byelaw sign needs addressing.
 - 2010-2011 Annual Work programme
 - Proposed Friends Group Constitution – The Clerk raised concern with the constitution wording and vital appears to be missing. It was agreed the Clerk's comments would be presented at the next meeting as there were no LNR members present this evening to comment.
- e) **Christmas Lights Working Party** – From 30 October the lights will be going up.
- f) **Youth Working Party** – Miss Minter reported a Youth Meeting held 2 weeks ago, the young people were thrilled about the shelter going up. Miss Minter updated the meeting about the sensory garden and members were going to Parkhall Centre with Mr M Tyers to discuss appropriate plants. Finally the junior youth club leaders are worried about the closure of the club at end of financial year.
- g) **Environment Working Party** – No meeting yet.
- h) **Voices Newsletter** – Nothing to report.
- i) **Community Information Centre (Library)** – Miss Minter reported 59 children were awarded a medal for summertime reading and the presentation was carried out by an astronomer.
- Copy CCC letter received from Mrs Innes (FOSL Chairman) – CCC have terminated the Agreement under the terms 14.1 ending on 20 December 2010. A new Service Level Agreement will go ahead under the terms discussed on 2 August 2010.

20. REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr Sutton reported a CPALC Board meeting and next week he will be attending a Huntingdon Area Joint Transport Committee.

21. BURIAL LAND EXTENSION

There were no matters to report.

22. NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No matters were raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.39 pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 1 November 2010 at 7.30 pm

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Steve Criswell
Chairman

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 2010

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
DAVID CORNWELL	Somersham Sports & Leisure Association Trustee (Chairman SSLA) Harvey Feoffees Charity Committee Somersham Town Band Trust
MICHAEL HOY	Somersham Sports & Leisure Association Trustee Harvey Feoffees Charity Committee Somersham Charity of Poor's Money
STUART INNES Personal interest – Mrs	Somersham School Governor Innes Chairman of FOSL and a VHMC Trustee
LESLEY MINTER	Friends of Somersham Library (FOSL) Harvey Feoffees Charity Committee Victory Hall Management Committee
JENNET SMITH	Friends of Somersham Library (FOSL) Friends of Somersham Church
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

4 October 2010

The following accounts were required before the meeting:

Wages, Tax & NI	£4146.87
Mrs P Bryant – Training expenses	£162.50
Talk Talk 01487 841090	£14.51
ESPO CIC – gas	£30.24
Norwood Building – gas	£43.82
Welch’s Specialist Movements Tree movement	£646.25
TOTAL	<u>£5044.19</u>

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Talk Talk	Broadband	£17.04	Direct Debit
Opal	Telephone services - CIC	£36.00	Direct Debit
PWL B	Tractor loan repayment	£1168.32	Direct Debit
British Telecom	Internet Services	£17.62	
Gibbs & Dandy Plc	Materials – lake area	£20.48	
E-On	Street Lighting	£43.28	
Glasdon UK	1 x Topsy Bin – Station Land	£140.48	
Churches Fire	Fire Extinguisher Service -	£122.24	
Chubb Security	Alarm service – CIC	£168.27	
Archant Herts & Cambs	Public notice advertisement	£203.98	
Cambridgeshire CC	Senior Youth Club Staff	£943.85	
Miss L Minter	Youth meeting refund	£3.00	
IA Smith	Millennium Ditch Report – legal	£213.20	
SLCC	Parish Council law/guidance books	£32.70	
Mr G Siggs	HuntsPAT – 347 electrical tests	£697.47	
ESPO	3 x Cotswold 8 seater benches	£518.18	
Thurlow Nunn Standen	Tractor service	£380.47	
Viking Direct	Stationary, tonner etc	£178.17	
Cambridgeshire CCC	4 CRB checks – lake area	£60.00	
Mrs P Bryant	Expenses refund	£117.76	
TOTAL		<u>£5082.51</u>	