



# **SOUTHMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes**

### **The meeting of Southminster Parish Council held at Community Hall1, King George V Memorial Field, Station Road, Southminster on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 19.30 hrs.**

**Present:** Cllr J Anderson, Cllr R Pratt, Cllr G Harrold, Cllr H Bridge, Cllr D Noonan, Cllr A Maigre, Cllr C Mische and Cllr M Wyn-Davies.

**19/174 Apologies for absence.**

**19/175 To receive and approve Minutes of the last meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and Extra Ordinary Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Proposed by Cllr Pratt, Seconded by Cllr Noonan.

EOM 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

**19/176 Matters arising from last meeting**

EOM 29-8-2019 Cllr Pratt enquired if Knightswood had taken up the offer of the Car Park shop for rental. Knightswood Trustees are holding a meeting tonight and will contact the Clerk this week to update.

**19/177 To receive and note any declarations of interest:**

None.

**19/178 Public Session – opportunity for members of public to speak:**

A parishioner enquired if more open public swims could be made available by Southminster Swimming Pool as opposed to just classes, perhaps a Saturday morning fun session to run throughout the year. A suggestion was made regarding Hatblock funding, it was felt that this maybe an option. It was commented that SW Swimming would need three lifeguards, suggestion to look for funding and agenda for a future meeting. A meeting is in the process of being arranged with Cllr Anderson, Cllr Harrold and Southminster Primary School.

A parishioner enquired when roadside hedges will be cut, Cllr Anderson informed that hedgerows are usually cut in September due to birds nesting. It was commented that hedgerows on Scotts Hill were not maintained last winter.

A parishioner raised concerns regarding construction vehicles at 1 Kings Road, Southminster, they are parking on the grass near the Southminster sign and also on Kings Road, can they park within the construction site itself?, Cllr Anderson informed

he did not feel it was a matter Southminster Parish Council could resolve. It was commented that workers are on site between 7.30am – 6m weekdays, but should be 8am – 6pm weekdays and 8am – 1pm Saturdays. The public felt it was very dangerous crossing by 1 Kings Road due to the vehicles.

The footpath in Seasons Wood has always been cleared by Highways, not FOSCOS, Cllr Anderson informed there is a Highways meeting shortly.

It was commented that weeds are pushing through the tarmac on the new Pantile Hill footpath.

Southminster Parish Council have recently supported a planning application in Queen Street, the public wanted to know why?. Parishioners felt that supporting the application was the issue and that no reasons were given for supporting the application. Cllr Harrold explained that Southminster Parish Council can only support or recommend refusal.

A Parishioner enquired if Moat Housing at Kings Road can be made available to local people, Cllr Pratt informed this was not a planning condition.

**19/179**

### **Planning**

To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.

Week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

19/00614/FUL PP-07889125

Conversion of existing agricultural building and living accommodation into one 5 bed dwelling

Manor Farm Old Heath Road Southminster Essex

Southminster Parish Council recommend the REFUSAL of planning permission

The application is outside of the permitted development site.

Week ending 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

19/00722/FUL PP-07955441

Redevelopment of the site to include the conversion of the existing building to provide 4No. one bedroom flats and the erection of a two storey side/rear extension to provide 2No. one bedroom flats (all social rent), with associated off street parking, amenity space, landscaping, external refuse and cycle store and external alteration (resubmission of 19/00195/FUL.

1 Kings Road, Southminster, Essex

Southminster Parish Council Support the planning application, but make the following comments: Please can all construction vehicles park within the site and not on Kings Road or grass spaces, particularly near the Southminster Sign..

Please can working hours be adhered to 8am – 6pm Mon – Fri, 8am – 1pm Saturday.

### **Appeal Decisions - None**

**19/180**

### **Finance Matters: -**

- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for July, August & September 2019
- b: To approve payments and to sign cheques.
- c: To receive and approve the budget status for July, August & September 2019.

- d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 8<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019..  
Cllr Pratt proposed deferral to next meeting, seconded by Cllr Harrold

## **19/181 Dist Cllr's Report**

### **Application to build 140 houses at New Moor Farm Southminster**

This application could have impacted on the infrastructure of Southminster including Roads, Schools and Doctor Surgeries after significant lobbying by interested parties and myself as the ward member for Southminster the application has now been refused by Officers at Maldon District Council

### **MOG Meeting Maldon Operational Group (New Health facility at Maldon)**

The Group of which I am a member met last week – NHS England have provided funding to the local CCG to conduct a feasibility study and needs assessments which includes indicative designs of a new facility

The CCG is now negotiating with two landowners in Maldon

The facility will initially act as a super health hub but will eventually take on all of the facilities offered by the Current St Peters Hospital along with other service areas provided by Broomfield and Basildon Hospitals.

The Blackwater Reach development at Southminster is well under way – there is a reserved site for a medical centre off David Fisher Way – the landowners, CCG, NHS England and the local Doctors Surgery are currently working towards delivering the scheme

### **Local Development Plan**

The council still has a 5-year housing land supply and the recognised number of new dwellings being delivered is meeting the targets set by the LDP. As result the District Council will contest all speculative developments that do not comply with policy.

The Council has agreed not to defend the appeal of the strategic site known as North Heybridge Suburb which comprises of 1330 properties. The new application is being reconsidered this Thursday if agreed it will further bolster the Councils 5 year land supply which will help to prevent speculative developments in the District.

### **Full Council Transformation**

Maldon District Council is nearing the completion of its transformation process which will result in savings of £1.8m per annum - this process has been necessary to fill funding gaps and ensure the future sustainability of the Council – The council has still not submitted its accounts these are due to be delivered by the end of October.

### **Council Offices**

Maldon District Council is considering moving its offices. The current offices are larger than the Council needs and are disproportionate in value. The buildings are not environmentally friendly, the cost of running the buildings is c£500k per annum. It is anticipated that the new offices will remain in Maldon. Any surplus generated through relocation will be invested in social projects.

### **20 MPH Speed Limits**

Several Councils have contacted me with regards to the initiative of reducing speed limits to 20mph in villages throughout the District. I have written to the Deputy Leader of ECC who is responsible for highways asking him to back our initiative.

### **Public Consultations on the MDC Website**

Include:

Affordable housing viability SPD (Supplementary Planning Document)

### **Voter Registration Forms**

Given where we are now and the likelihood that there could be an election on the horizon can I ask you all to check and return your voter registration forms

### **Bradwell B Power Station**

I attended a meeting at the EA last week where it was confirmed that the GDA was progressing to plan and that the very early stages of the site licensing had started. The first consultation Traffic will start in around 3 months.

### **Bradwell A and B Working Groups**

MDC had set up two working Groups Bradwell A – to deal with the Care and Maintenance and Bradwell B to deal with the new powers Station

## **JMBB**

The Joint Members Bradwell B Board – I am a member of the Board and will work to ensure that residents are properly protected during the construction phase and that wherever possible local jobs will go to local people first

### **Commercial Manager**

The Council has appointed a Commercial manager the post holder will be responsible for delivering £750k of commercial income over the next four years

### **New Constitution**

The Council approved its new constitution at its meeting last Thursday

### **Southminster List of Local Heritage Assets**

The List of Local Heritage Assets for Southminster have been adopted by MDC

### **Brexit Preparations**

MDC is part of the Eastern Region planning group the Council has involved in the regional risk Matrix and is considering potential risks on a daily basis

## **19/182 Local Highways Panel**

Scheme suggestions to be submitted for consideration at Local Highways Panel.

Cllr Pratt informed Old Heath Residents Group have asked for the Council's support regarding speed control, they have already asked Local Highways Panel for support.

Cllr Pratt lives in Old Heath.

Cllr Bridge asked that Cllr Pratt keeps an eye on what is happening with the Army and Navy flyover.

Cllr Anderson suggested a one way system in Queen Street and North Street, Cllr Bridge suggested a survey to see how Parishioners felt about the suggestion.

Parishioners suggested 20mph throughout the village.

A suggestion of the speed camera being placed at the top of Kings Road was made.

The police have removed the allocated Trucam location from the High Street.

## **19/183 Allotments**

Would Councillor's like to subscribe to The National Allotments Society at a cost of £55 plus vat per year.

Cllr Pratt proposed joining The National Allotments Society, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

## **19/184 Allotments Land Registry**

The allotments have not been registered with Land Registry. Would Members like to place this with Kew Law Solicitors to carry out or prefer the Clerk to investigate?

It was proposed by Cllr Harrold to instruct Kew Law Solicitors to complete the registry, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

## **19/185 Fireworks Display 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019**

Cllr Harrold to give an update and to ask for volunteers to assist with the event, All 1000 Wristbands have been ordered for the event, names and addresses will be taken when handing out the wristbands to residents, it is hoped Southminster Primary School will help with wristband allocation

All Councillors have volunteered to help.

Cllr Harrold informed Mr Brad Luff is assisting the Council with the Risk Assessment.

Cllr Harrold has liaised with all interested parties, children's entertainer, food stalls, pub and fireworks. 5 Community Protection Officers will be in attendance.

David Wilson homes have donated £500 to the event.

A local estate agent is willing to sponsor the event as well, they are looking for a minimum of 20 advertising boards around the village, names and address will be taken of anyone offering to have a board at their property.

It is hoped that should the event run smoothly and be a success, that it may be extended to next year.

Cllr Harrold and the Clerk will order posters and banners for the event.

**19/186 Christmas Fayre - Update**

The organiser has informed the Christmas Fayre will not be going ahead this year.

**19/187 Closure of Essex info.net**

Update from Cllr Anderson.

Cllr Anderson reported that more information is due from Essex Association of Local Councils at the AGM.

**19/188 High Street Car Park Lighting**

To discuss and agree replacement LED floodlights x 2 to toilet block.

To discuss and agree replacement LED floodlight to ATM and new dusk til dawn sensor.

Cllr Anderson has obtained a quote for upgrade to LED floodlights , it was felt that this matter comes under general maintenance, All Councilor's were in agreement to proceed.

**19/189 VE Day 2020 – Celebrating 75 years of the end of World War II in Europe**

Would the Parish Council like to arrange an event to celebrate?

Cllr Pratt suggested supporting this item through projects form 2020/2021.

It was reported that May Bank holidays will be moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The public also suggested holding VJ day celebrations.

**19/190 Considerations of projects for Financial Year 2020/2021**

Cllr Anderson asked all Councillor's to consider any projects for the financial year 2020/2021. Cllr Bridge suggested Steam 2020, Cllr Pratt asked for consideration for a dog walk around King George V Memorial Field and also funds for maintaining the two Community buildings, Cllr Harrold agreed with all three items.

Suggestions for projects: concrete table tennis table, toilet block, skate park.

**19/191 Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:**

A parishioner asked if there had been any development with dog waste stickers.

A parishioner asked why it was necessary to register the allotments with land registry.

It was commented that a member of the public has suggested claiming the land, to protect the land it was worthy of the expenditure.

**19/192 Date of the next meeting:**

21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 @ .7.30pm

**19/193 Close of business:**