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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 16th December 2019 at 19.30 hrs.

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

19/230 Apologies for absence.

Dist Cllr B Beale MBE

19/231 To receive and approve Minutes of the last meeting – 18th November 2019.

Proposed by Cllr C Mische, seconded by Cllr G Harrold.

19/232 Matters arising from last meeting

None.

19/233 To receive and note any declarations of interest:

None.

19/234 Public Session – opportunity for members of public to speak:

A parishioner commented that a brilliant job had been done with the Christmas lights, switching on and carols.

Photos have been emailed to the Parish Clerk regarding parking at the Kings Road site. It was commented that No Parking cones are on one side of the site, but all vehicles should be parked within the site.

A parishioner spoke at length regarding the planning appeal at Land Adjacent to 65 Queen Street, Dist Cllr Fluker informed that all comments should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. Cllr Pratt informed that the Parish Council and District Council had made their representations and the process is now escalation to appeal.

A parishioner commented that the safety netting on Queens Street at a new development is an eyesore, it was questioned if the advertising on the nets was legal.

19/235 Planning

To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.

Week ending 15th November 2019

LBC/MAL/19/01005

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a new utility room, layout alterations.

41 Kings Road, Southminster, Essex CM0 7EJ

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

19/01005/HOUSE PP-08160821

Demolition of an existing conservatory and erection of a new utility room and internal layout alterations.

41 Kings Road, Southminster, Essex CM0 7EJ

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application

18/00556/OUT PP-06950628

Outline application for the erection of 2 semi-detached 2 storey dwellings.

Land adjacent 44 Coombe Road, Southminster, Essex

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application

Appeal Notifications

Site address: Land adjacent to 65 Queen Street, Southminster, Essex

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved for a new 2 bed, 2 storey residential dwelling.

Application Ref: 19/00755/OUT PP-07971592

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/19/3240234

Appeal Start Date: 29 November 2019

Appeal Decisions

Site address: Land adjacent to Tanglewood, Scalby Road, Southminster, Essex CM0 7BP

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/18/3215950

Appeal Decision: Appeal Allowed, application for costs refused.

19/236

Finance Matters: -

- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for November & December 2019, proposed by Cllr G Harrold, seconded by Cllr D Noonan.
- b: To approve payments and to sign cheques, proposed by Cllr J Anderson, seconded by Cllr R Pratt.
- c: To receive and approve the budget status for December 2019, proposed by Cllr G Harrold, seconded by Cllr R Pratt.
- d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 8th December 2019, proposed by Cllr D Noonan, seconded by Cllr G Harrold.
- e: To discuss and agree precept for 2020/2021
Cllr R Pratt proposed the precept be set at £140990.00, remaining unchanged from 2019/2020, seconded by Cllr G Harrold.

19/237

Dist Cllr's Report

Due to the General Elections there have not been many meetings

Can I start by thanking Cllr Meinir Wyn Davies and her team for organising the Christmas Lights - Lots of residents have written to me and spoken to me and said how wonderful it is that we have Christmas lights in the village – so well done!

Maldon District Council has now adopted its **Thematic Strategies Policies** – these are the policies that will underpin the Corporate Plan for next 4 years

Review of Polling stations - This is a statutory requirement that must be undertaken every 4 years the timing was coincidental to the general election – the Polling station in Southminster will not change and meets or exceeds the required standard

Superfast programme – The availability target of 95% of homes in the district has been achieved and therefore MDC has released its grant funding to the project

Freeman and Free Women – The scheme has now been adopted. To be nominated a person must have made an outstanding contribution to the District as a whole.

Bradwell B – It is anticipated that the public consultation process will start in the Spring – The BRB Comms team want to brief as many local councillors as possible.

Auditors Report – The auditor has confirmed that he is content to sign off the accounts without a modified audit opinion which means he is giving the Council a clean bill of health, and that the council meets or exceeds the requirements of providing Value For Money.

Phase 1 of the Transformation Project - has been completed and the council is now on course to deliver £1m of efficiency savings on an annual basis however to close the budget gap in the future the Council will need to generate additional income of £300k by 2022

Citizens Advice Bureau Funding – The council has recognised the enormous amount of good work that the CAB is now doing and is proposing to increase its grant funding to previous levels of circa £70k pa.

Station Road, Tattersalls and Cherry Orchard – Several residents have contacted me regarding speeding vehicles in Station Road and commuter parking in Tattersalls and Cherry Orchard and I am working with various agencies to see what can be done.

19/238 Proposed Skate Park

Proposal from Skate Park Committee to consider match funding of upto £20,000 to allow them to make grant applications.

Cllr R Pratt commented that with a proposal of such a large sum of money, he would like to see details of members, constitution, accounts, Cllr Anderson informed he will request the information for a future meeting.

19/239 Christmas Lights - Update

Evaluation from Cllr Wyn-Davies.

Cllr M Wyn-Davies reported she was happy with the event however, the wind had been against us. It was nice that the light switch on coincided with The Kings Head Christmas fayre and it was a nice end to 18months of hard work.

19/240 Charity Football Tournament 24th May 2020

A request has been made for the use of both pitches and facilities to hold a charity football tournament, raising money for the charity MIND.

Cllr R Pratt proposed the free use of the pitches and facilities, seconded by Cllr G Harrold.

19/241 Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field

Update from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Harrold.

To discuss and agree quotes, to instruct an architect to provide a feasibility study document.

Cllr J Anderson commented that whilst three quotes had been obtained, it was felt that they were not sufficient due to the complexity of the proposed build, more quotes will be obtained.

19/242 Proposal of fees from Southminster St Leonards Football Club for Season 2019/2020

A proposal of £45 per game fee has been made from Southminster St Leonards FC for the use of the pitch for the Veteran team, this is taking into consideration the Mr Harvey cuts and marks the pitch on a regular basis.

Cllr G Harrold commented that Mr Hervey puts in a lot of hard work cutting and lining the pitches, Cllr Harrold proposed on reflection of this the pitch fee be reduce to £40 per match, matches will be charged at the standard £60 per match with a £20 per match reduction due to services rendered, back dated to August 2019, seconded by Cllr R Pratt.

19/243 Proposal of pitch hire for Season 2020/2021

A proposal has been made for a new football club to use the pitch and changing facilities, a minimum of ten teams split between adult and youth will be created. The proposal of fees is £2000 per annum.

The meeting was suspended to allow for a short presentation by Mr Howells.

Mr Howells wishes to set up a new football club, Southminster United. They are looking to have 7 youth teams, 3 adults teams, ladies team and a disability team. They would like to refurbish the kitchen area at their cost to allow for hot beverages. Meeting reopened at 8.20pm. Cllr G Harrold suggested amalgamating Southminster Sharks. Cllr Harrold also commented that Southminster St Leonard's had been in the village for 125 years and Southminster St Leonards Veterans would always have a home and would take priority, the clubs would need to work together to accommodate each other.

Cllr G Harrold proposed the acceptance of the pitch hire for 2020/2021, seconded by Cllr R Pratt.

19/244 Local Government Pension Scheme

To discuss and resolve the membership of the Local Government Pensions Scheme for the post of Clerk. Seven days public notice has been given on public noticeboards as required by legislation.

It was resolved to join the Local Government Pensions Scheme.

19/245 Electricity - Parish Room

To discuss and agree proposed new rates, following out of contract from 1st November 2019.

Cllr G Harrold proposed acceptance of the new rates, seconded by Cllr C Mische.

19/246 Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:

A parishioner asked if the Community Hall could be available to the Women's Institute for Southminster Flower Show, a short discussion of fees took place, this item will be put on the next agenda.

It was commented that there is lots of confusion around the speed limit on Burnham Road, and the road would benefit from additional roundels, Cllr R Pratt suggested that this should be taken to Local Highways Panel.

19/247 **Date of the next meeting:**
20th January 2020 @ .7.30pm

19/247 **Close of business:**
Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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