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Minutes

The Virtual Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 13th July 2020.

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

20/123 Apologies for absence.

None.

20/124 To receive and approve Minutes of the last meeting – 22nd June 2020.

Proposed by Cllr R Pratt, seconded by Cllr A Maigre.

20/125 To receive and note any declarations of interest:

Cllr R Pratt Non Pecuniary Interest 20/127 Planning Nairobi Old Heath Road, Southminster

20/126 Public Session – opportunity for members of public to speak:

Members of the public wishing to attend should contact the Parish Clerk via email before 3pm on the day of the meeting for the meeting ID and Password.

A parishioner suggested that with other areas introducing more 20mph limits, would now be the time for Southminster to press forward with new speed limits.

Cllr R Pratt informed that the 20mph limits are being introduced under emergency Covid powers, with the aim for pedestrian safety whilst social distancing. Cllr J Anderson will carry forward to the Local Highways Panel, it was suggested that a traffic survey would need to be conducted to gain evidence to bring any scheme forward.

20/127 Planning

To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.

Week ending 19th June 2020

20/00542/HOUSE PP-08735988

Proposed rear dormer with internal alterations

Nairobi Old Heath Road Southminster Essex

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

20/00571/HOUSE PP-08784462

Vehicular crossover

69 North Street Southminster Essex CM0 7DG

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

Week ending 03rd July 2020

20/00636/LDP PP-08835217

Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey extension to the rear of an existing dwelling house.

55 Queen Street Southminster Essex CM3 7BB

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

20/00637/TCA PP-08788965

T1 – Ash – cut ivy band, remove root suckers around base, crown lift on north side to 4m, reduce over extended branches on north side by up to 3m, selective prune to clear garage roof by 2.5m.

T2 – Ash – cut ivy band, remove root suckers around base, crown lift on north side to 4m, selective prune to clear garage roof by 2.5m.

T3 – Ash – cut ivy band, remove root suckers around base, crown lift on north side to 4m, reduce over extended branches on north side by up to 3m.

The Kings Head Public House, 2 High Street, Southminster, Essex

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT Maldon District Council's Tree Officer recommendation.

Cllr R Pratt proposed the delegation of planning responsibilities to Cllr J Anderson (Chair), Cllr G Harrold (Vice Chair) and the Clerk during the summer recess, seconded by Cllr A Maigre.

Appeal Notifications – None.

Appeal Decisions – None.

20/128

Finance Matters: -

a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for July 2020.

b: To approve payments and to sign cheques.

Proposed by Cllr R Pratt, seconded by Cllr G Harrold.

20/129

To agree Clerks salary scale increase, in line with Contract of Employment to be backdated to 1st April 2020.

Proposed by Cllr C Mische, seconded by Cllr A Maigre.

20/130

Dist Cllr's Report

None.

20/131

Christmas Lighting 2020/2021

J Jeffery

Virtual Meeting 13-07-2020 Minutes

Cllr Wyn-Davies to give an update.

Cllr Wyn-Davies reported that the Certificate from UK Power Networks has now been issued. Stress Testing and all power supplies have now been completed. We are currently awaiting structural reports, they are due next week.

A short discussion was had regarding switching on of the Christmas lights, it was felt that a remote switch on would be considered as a last resort, Cllr A Maigre suggested a virtual switch on to be broadcast on social media. The decision will be revisited at the September Parish Council meeting.

20/132 Christmas Fayre 2020

To discuss and agree provision/cancellation of Christmas Fayre.

Cllr Wyn-Davies commented that to provide a Christmas Fayre with so much uncertainty would generate a lot of work for the Clerk, increased by issuing refunds should the event not go ahead. It was agreed by all to cancel the event for 2020.

20/133 Fireworks Display

To discuss and agree provision/cancellation of Fireworks Display.

A discussion was had regarding the event being socially distanced. It was agreed to postpone the decision until the September Parish Council meeting.

20/134 Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field

Update from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Harrold.

To discuss and agree a working group to carry the project forward.

Cllr J Anderson has circulated a proposed building plan to all Councillor's. It was felt that a working group would be advantageous to bring back proposals to the Parish Council meetings. Dist Cllr Fluker has offered his assistance with funding sources. Cllr D Noonan, Cllr A Maigre, Cllr C Mische, Cllr J Anderson, Cllr G Harrold and Mr George Dibben will form the working group.

20/135 CIF Funding Application/Part Time Handyman

The Clerk reported that she had made a preapplication for CIF Funding, a grant of upto £10,000 which if successful could be used for a village handyman.

A short discussion was had regarding the benefits of a part time handyman in the village.

Cllr R Pratt proposed making a formal CIF application, seconded by Cllr G Harrold.

20/136 Allotment Fence/Car Park barrier/Replacement water feed to top of allotments

The fence on the boundary needs repair/replacing, to discuss and agree.

The car park is getting over crowded, suggestion to place barriers to ease congestion. To discuss and agree.

To discuss and agree replacement water feed to top of allotments, due to current pipe being close to surface and increasing repairs.

It was agreed to gather quotes for the September meeting for the replacement water feed.

Cllr J Anderson will look at the fence on the boundary and give an update at next meeting.

Signed by Cllr J Anderson Chair 3rd August 2020

20/137 **Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:**
None.

20/138 **Date of the next meeting:**
21st September 2020.

20/139 **Close of business:**
Meeting closed at 8.45pm.