



## **SOUTHMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes**

#### **The Virtual Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

**Present:** Cllr J Anderson, Cllr G Harrold, Cllr Wyn Davies, Cllr D Noonan and Cllr R Pratt.

**20/188 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr C Mische and Cllr A Maigre.

**20/189 To receive and approve minutes of the meeting –  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

Proposed by Cllr R Pratt, seconded by Cllr M Wyn-Davies.

**20/190 To receive and note any declarations of interest:**

None.

**20/191 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.

None.

**20/192 Planning**

To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.

Week ending: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

Application No: ESS/119/20/MAL

Proposal: Construction of a Waste Transfer Station for the sorting of upto 6,000 tonnes of inert waste per annum.

Location: Abaco House, Foxhall Road, Southminster, Essex CM0 7LB

Southminster Parish Council recommend the refusal of this planning application due to concerns of vehicle movement on a very busy road and also the location is close to a junction.

### **Appeal Notifications**

Week commencing: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Site Address: Land East of Bradwell Power Station Downhall Beach Bradwell-On-Sea Essex

Proposal: Application to carry out ground investigations, load test and associated works in connection with a proposed new Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell-On-Sea, together with the creation of two site compound areas and associated parking areas.

Application Ref: 20/00157/FUL PP-08474837

Appellants Name: Bradwell Power Generation Company Limited

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/20/3259477

Appeal start date: 15 October 2020

**Appeal Decisions – None.**

### **Tree Preservation Order**

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 17/20

Title: 73 Burnham Road, Southminster, Essex

Effective from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for six months.

**20/193**

#### **Finance Matters: -**

- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for November 2020, Proposed by Cllr D Noonan, seconded by Cllr G Harrold.
- b: To approve payments and to sign cheques, Proposed by Cllr D Noonan, seconded by Cllr G Harrold.
- c: To receive and approve the budget status for November 2020, Proposed By Cllr G Harrold, Seconded by Cllr M Wyn-Davies.
- d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020, deferred to next meeting.

**20/194**

#### **Dist Cllr's Report**

None.

**20/195**

#### **Letting of Community Hall 1**

To discuss and agree tenancy agreement for Community Hall 1 to Southminster United Football Club for the current 2020/2021 season.

Cllr Harrold informed that he has had discussions with Southminster United who are happy to proceed with the proposed rental terms, a repairing lease at a rental of £300 per month with restricted use of after training, match days and club functions. Electricity and Water to be paid for by the tenant. A draft contract will be prepared for authorisation when lockdown has ceased.

**20/196 Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field**

Update from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Harrold.

Cllr Anderson informed a pre app planning meeting had been held with Maldon District Council, the Planning Officer was very positive with regards to the proposal, but informed that a sound report must be submitted with the planning application.

It was commented that the entrance to the site is narrow and busy. Cllr Anderson will contact the Parking Partnership to arrange a meeting to discuss the issue.

Cllr Anderson has written to Fields in Trust and has enclosed proposed plans for approval.

**20/197 Jubilee Woods**

A donation of £1000.00 has been awarded towards the project from the Essex Locality Fund.

To discuss and agree purchase of carved woodland animals – Cllr Harrold to give costing details and update.

To discuss and agree tree felling quotation – Cllr Harrold to update.

To discuss and agree purchase of dog/litter bin – costings from Maldon District Council.

Cllr Anderson gave Thanks on Behalf of Southminster Parish Council to Essex County Councillor Pratt for the donation from the locality fund. County Councillor Pratt informed that all County Councillors had a £10,000 sum to be distributed within their ward. County Councillor Pratt informed that on 13 parishes, 10 had received a donation towards requested projects.

Cllr Harrold informed that the woodland animals proposed for the project would cost £3200.25 plus VAT = £3817.25, a local business have offered to build a wishing well for the project, but Southminster Parish Council will need to provide the grate and padlock. Cement and shuttering will also be need for the installation of the animals. The siting of the animals will be done by a working party.

Cllr Harrold proposed a budget of £4500 be available to purchase and install the carved wooden animals, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

Tree felling quotations to be deferred to next meeting, 2 quotes have been received and 2 more are due in.

Cllr Harrold proposed the purchase of a dog waste bin at a cost of £316.00, seconded by Cllr D Noonan. The Clerk and Cllr Harrold will work with Maldon District Council to agree a suitable place to be sited.

**20/198 Hackblock/CIF Micro Grant Funding Applications**

Would members like to apply for funding towards Jubilee Woods project?

Cllr Mische has prepared an email which has been forwarded to the Hackblock Fund for consideration.

It was agreed that Cllr Mische and the Clerk will work together to prepare a CIF Micro Grant application towards the purchase of a Worry/Talking Bench.

Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Harrold.

**20/199 Southminster Water Pump**

Cllr Noonan to give an update and costing of potential refurbishment, following consultation with Mr Tim Howson, Conservation Officer at Maldon District Council.

Signed by Cllr J Anderson 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Cllr Noonan informed that due to the weather it would be early spring before any works could be carried out. It was agreed to paint the water pump green. This will be an agenda item for Jan/Feb 2021 with a view to proceed during March/April 2021.

**20/200          Running Track**

Cllr Noonan to give an update on costings.

Cllr Noonan has spoken to two contractors and compiled a specification. The area is 658 metres. Cllr Noonan has approached five companies for quotations.

Cllr Noonan has also approached three companies for quotations for outdoor gym equipment, two have been received and one is due to arrive. Update at next meeting.

**20/201          Allotment Sheds**

The sheds receive a low rental but Southminster Parish Council have always maintained them. To discuss and agree potential gifting of sheds to allotment holders, with agreement that all maintenance is then carried out by the allotment holder at their cost.

It was commented that whilst in previous years the sheds were a nice asset to the allotments at a very low rental they are now beginning to cause unnecessary expense to the parish council, as the repairs are more expensive than the yearly rental. Cllr Pratt proposed the gifting of the sheds to plot holders with a view that they now maintain them. Cllr Anderson and the Clerk will draft a letter to the relevant plot holders, should the plot holders not require the sheds they will be removed.

The Clerk will speak with Mr Plumb, Chairman, Allotment Committee with regards to covering the vacant plots at Pump Mead allotments.

**20/202          Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:**

Cllr Pratt enquired if the casual vacancy was still being advertised, the Clerk informed that it is advertised on the website, notice boards and also the social media page. The Clerk informed there had been one enquiry requesting further information.

The Clerk informed that the Community Protection Officers currently have two vacancies.

**20/203          Date of the next meeting:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**20/204          Close of business:**

Meeting closed at 8.28pm.