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Minutes

The Virtual Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 8th February 2021.

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

21/021 Apologies for absence.

Cllr H Bridge.

21/022 To receive and approve minutes of the meeting – 18th January 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Noonan, seconded by Cllr Mische.

21/023 To receive and note any declarations of interest:

21/025 21/00012/VAR PP-09364465 Non Pecuniary Interest Cllr Anderson

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21/024 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. The owners of Little Acres, Scotts Hill commented during the public forum that permission had previously been approved on appeal for the conversion of the barn to two x three bed properties, they also informed that they looking to make the property sustainable.

Cllr Pratt commented that approval from two dwellings down to only one dwelling is always a bonus.

21/025 Planning

To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.

Week ending: 15th January 2021

20/01293/LDE PP-09200887

Claim for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of Annexe for residential purposes.

Annexe Rumbolds Goldsands Road Southminster

NOTED

Week ending: 22nd January 2021

20/01238/FUL PP-09305571

Conversion of an agricultural barn into one 3bedroom residential unit. New openings, addition of rooflights, solar panels and air source heat pump. Removal of existing lean to building and asbestos roofing and cladding.

Little Acre Scotts Hill Southminster Essex

Southminster Parish Council recommend the GRANTING of planning permission.

21/00012/VAR PP-09364465

Variation of condition 19 (highway works) on approved planning permission 14/00613/OUT allowed on appeal

APP/X/1545/W/15/3132936 (Creation of a new Northern Bypass/Link Road. Conversion of Steeple Road to a cul-de-sac.

Residential development of approx. 3 hectares, for 94 houses in total, including 28 affordable houses, and all associated works. The provision of new Public Open Space. The allocation of 0.275 hectares of land reserved for the provision of a medical centre.)

Theedhams Farm Steeple Road Southminster Essex

NOTED

Week ending: 22nd January 2021

21/00041/HOUSE PP-09070137

Proposed front single storey porch and WC extension

29 Coombe Road Southminster Essex CM0 7AH

Southminster Parish Council recommend the GRANTING of planning permission.

Appeal Notifications

Week commencing: 15th January 2021

Site Address: Annexe Mead House 52 Queenborough Road Southminster

Proposal: Part two storey annexe & single storey side extension

Application Ref: 20/00799/HOUSE PP-08959929

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/20/3264089

Appeal start date: 12th January 2021

Appeal Decisions – None.

Tree Preservation Order - None

21/026

Finance Matters: -

- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for January 2021, proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

- b: To approve payments and to sign cheques, proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Noonan.
- c: To receive and approve the budget status for January 2021, proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Harrold.
- d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 8th January 2021, proposed by Harrold, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

21/027

Dist Cllr's Report

- **Waste collections might be impacted this week because of the weather conditions, the Council website and social media links will be updated if changes are needed. Currently tomorrows collections should go ahead as usual.**
- MDC is supporting the NHS & Essex County Council with regard to vaccinations and testing for Covid. West Maldon Community Centre has been set up as a lateral flow testing site and vaccinations are being distributed via the Council Offices.
- **The Council is assisting the NHS at looking for addition al vaccination centres in the Dengie which suggests a more local facility is being looked at but this is not the Councils decision.**
- It is also worth mentioning over 11,000 residents have been vaccinated so far in the district.
- The GOVT has announced today that anyone over the age of 70 who have not been invited to attend for jab can now book direct on line or by dialling 119 7 between 7am and 11pm 7 days a week.
- **The Council continues to support local business through the administration of grants from the Government. Any local business looking for additional financial support should go the Council website where details of grants and support can be found.**
- I have spoken to the enforcement team regarding the enabling/building works that are being carried out at the old Knightswood Centre .
- **The council will be setting its annual budget on 25th February I am hopeful that given the terrible year we have all had the Council will show some compassion and not increase Council Tax.**
- **The 10 yearly National Census will be taking place in 2021 - can you please return your forms as quickly as possible.**
- Planning Application 21/00012/VAR - Blackwater Reach Relief Road – a variation of the condition has been submitted – the variation is to

change the completion of the relief road in conjunction with the occupation of the 80th dwelling rather than the 1st the application is made on Health and Safety grounds.

- **Due to the Pandemic BRB have suspended its public consultation process likewise its financial support to MDC for dealing with applications and consultations.**
- The Annual Canvas for the Electoral Register has started please check your information and make any returns as quickly as possible
- The Council has Issued a Climate Emergency Statement
- If anyone wants me to raise any specific issues with MDC with me please email me
- **The Government has announced that the Essex Wide, County Councillor Elections, Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner and all other outstanding by elections will be held on 6th May. Polling station will open as normal but with social distancing measures in place.**

Cllr Pratt commented that the behaviour of District Councillor Morris in a recent meeting of Maldon District Council is not acceptable, Cllr Fluker informed that the Monitoring Officer and the Joint Standards Committee are aware of the situation.

21/028 Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field

Update from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Harrold.

Cllr Anderson reported that a meeting is to be held at the end of the month, it is hoped that Fields in Trust will give approval for the proposed new building.

21/029 Jubilee Woods

Cllr Harrold reported that weather permitting tree felling/maintenance will commence before March. The wood carvings are due for delivery in April.

21/030 Virtual Meeting Guidelines

To discuss and accept previously circulated Virtual Meeting Guidelines. Agreed by all members.

21/031 Christmas Lights 2021

To discuss and agree provision of 18 lights for the 2021 festive period.

Cllr Wyn-Davies proposed the acceptance of the quotation for 18 lights at a cost of £5646.00, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

21/032 Fireworks 2021

To discuss and agree Southminster Fireworks 2021 in principle, should Covid restrictions allow.

Cllr Harrold proposed holding the event on Friday 5th November 2021, he informed that it would be on the same scale as the firework event in 2019. After discussions with the display supplier it was agreed that if the event cannot take place due to Covid restrictions, the event would be moved to 2022, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

21/033 B1012 Burnham Road South Woodham Ferrers

Cllr R Pratt informed he was speaking with the view of a Parish Councillor, more thought should have been given to the junction.

It was agreed that correspondence would be sent to Woodham Infrastructure Group to fully support their position.

21/034 Co-Option

To discuss and agree dates for co-option interviews.

It was agreed that any interviews would be held with all members prior to the next Parish Council meeting, with a view to co-option at the March meeting.

It was discussed and agreed that whilst meetings are being held virtually, all meetings would now start at 6pm until further notice.

21/035 Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:

A parishioner commented that the road at South Woodham Ferrers will be severally impacted by Bradwell B.

21/036 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 15th March 2021.

21/037 Exclusion of Press and Public:

To determine a proposal that the press and public should now be excluded from the meeting in accordance with The Local Government Act 1972, ss100. Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

21/038 Running Track

Cllr Noonan to give an update on costings.

Cllr Noonan had obtained four quotes for a 650 metre running track for the perimeter of the King George V Memorial Field, it was agreed by all that due to the costing more thoughts were needed. This item will be deferred to a future meeting.

Cllr Harrold suggested that Southfield Way is very well used by runners and the installation of a white line on the path for runners and gym equipment spaced out may be a more cost effective solution.

21/039 CCTV Images

To discuss and agree if images from CCTV can be used on social media, following anti-social behaviour at King George V Memorial Field.

Cllr Harrold proposed the use of images obtained from the CCTV on social media, not identifying faces but identifying clothing, Cllr Pratt commented that he would not support the use of any images on social media. A lengthy discussion took place after which it was agreed to look into the legalities and bring to next meeting. Cllr Wyn-Davies suggested contacting local schools and sharing the images. Cllr Pratt suggested emailing the Police Commissioner Roger Hurst to bring to his attention the concerns of Southminster Parish Council.

21/040 Multi Use Games Area

To discuss and agree if members would like the recently vandalised wall to be rebuilt or to make the area out of action.

Cllr Harrold proposed taping the area off and putting out of action signs up, seconded by Cllr Pratt. Once the area has been secured photographs will be taken for evidence.

21/041 Close of business:

Meeting closed at 8.50pm