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Minutes

The Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 18th October 2021.

Present: Cllr J Anderson, Cllr Bridge, Cllr Pratt, Cllr Noonan, Cllr Mische, Cllr Monks and Cllr Wyn-Davies

In attendance: Joanna Jeffery, Parish Clerk and six members of the public.

21/164 Apologies for absence.
None.

21/165 To receive and note any declarations of interest:
There were none.

21/166 To receive and approve Minutes of the last meeting – 20th September 2021.
Proposed by Cllr Mische, seconded by Cllr Monks.

21/167 Public Session – opportunity for members of public to speak:

The Commissioner for Girl Guiding gave a brief outline, she informed that Southminster is the only village that has units for girls from age 4 to 25. Girl Guides have been hit by Covid and accounts are very limited. The groups are willing to offer the following for the use of Community Hall 2, previously there had been no charge for the use. Rainbows £5, one hour, Brownies, £10 one hour forty-five minutes, Rangers every other week £10 two hours. Further discussion will take place under item 21/174.

21/168 Planning

To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.

Week ending: 1st October 2021

21/00030/OUT

Proposed 7 no. new dwellings comprising 6 no. two bed two storey and 1 no. two bed single storey properties.

Land Adjacent to 55 Kings Road Southminster Essex

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

Planning Decisions

Week ending: 24th September 2021

OUT/MAL/21/00522

Proposed new detached 2 storey dwelling

7 Station Cottages Hall Road Southminster Essex

APPROVE

Appeal Notifications –

Site Address-

Appeal Decisions –

21/169

Finance Matters: -

- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for October 2021, proposed by Cllr Noonan, seconded by Cllr Mische.
- b: To approve payments and to sign cheques, proposed by Cllr Noonan, seconded by Cllr Mische.
- c: To receive and approve the budget status for October 2021, proposed by Cllr Monks, seconded by Cllr Anderson.
- d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 8th October 2021, deferred to next meeting.

21/170

Dist Cllr's Report

21/171

Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field

Update from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Harrold.

Cllr Anderson informed that the change in footprint has now been approved by Fields in Trust.

Cllr Monks informed that the Traffic Management Survey will be carried out for two weeks from 3rd November 2021. The Ecological Survey will be carried out in the next few weeks.

21/172

Jubilee Woods

Update from Cllr Harrold/Cllr Anderson and Cllr Mische.

To discuss and agree wording to be printed on noticeboard.

The Clerk informed that a refund has now been received from Wood Actually for the missing carvings.

Cllr Bridge asked for a plan of the wood be brought to next meeting showing details of where everything will be placed.

21/173

To discuss and agree fees for the hire of Parish Community Halls for 2021/2022.

Cllr Monks proposed raising all hire fees by RPI which is currently 2.5%, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

21/174

To revisit hire fees for Brownies, Rainbows and Rangers

A discussion was had regarding the free use of the Community Hall, Members felt that hire charges should be paid. The Charity rate is £6.66 per hour, of which the Commissioner informed that Brownies, Rainbows, Rangers could not afford. Cllr

Pratt commented that he felt a debate regarding £6.66 per hour was unreasonable and grant funding should be sought by the groups.

Cllr Bridge proposed the following until April 2022, Rainbows £5, Brownies £10, Rangers £10, this was seconded by Cllr Mishce, a vote was taken four for, three against.

Cllr Pratt asked if it was felt that all groups should be given the same subsidy.

21/175 To discuss and agree distribution of Ayletts Trust monies for 2021/22.

A sum of £128 is available to gift to anyone/group in need in the parish.

Cllr Pratt proposed gifting the Ayletts Trust monies to the Monday Lunch Club, seconded by Cllr Mische.

21/176 Electric Charging Point – High Street Car Park

To discuss the proposal by Cllr Wyn-Davies of a feasibility study at a cost of £250, for a proposed electric charging point.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

Cllr Wyn-Davies proposed a feasibility study, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

Cllr Pratt commented that he did not feel this was a parish responsibility and that the business plan needs to be looked at.

21/177 Christmas Lights 2021

Cllr Wyn-Davies to update.

Cllr Wyn-Davies informed that Essex County Council had capped and removed lamp posts 23 and 28 as they have been deemed unsafe. Cllr Wyn-Davies proposed the testing and additional inspections of lamp post 3 Burnham Road and lamp post 3 Burnham Road, at a cost of £700, this was seconded by Cllr Mische, on condition that Essex County Council will grant permission for the Christmas lights.

Cllr Wyn-Davies will be going into Southminster Primary School once a week to practice Christmas songs with the children from year 3 upwards, for the light switch on.

21/178 Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:

None.

21/179 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 mlshce.

21/180 To discuss quotation for Timed Access System for High Street Toilets

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

Cllr Pratt proposed the acceptance of the quote, seconded by Cllr Monks.

21/181 Date of the next meeting:

15th November 2021.

21/182 Close of business: meeting closed at 21.31pm.