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Minutes

The Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 21st March 2022.

Present: Cllr J Anderson, Cllr Noonan, Cllr Pratt and Cllr Bridge.

In attendance: Dist Cllr Fluker, Joanna Jeffery, Parish Clerk, and seven members of the public.

22/058 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Harrold, Cllr Mische and Cllr Wyn-Davies.

22/059 Co-option

Propose and co-opt two Councillors, sign acceptance of office.

Adrian Fluker was co-opted to Southminster Parish Council, he duly signed the acceptance of office.

22/060 To receive and note any declarations of interest: None.

22/061 To receive and approve Minutes of the last meeting – 21st February 2022 and EOM 3rd March 2022.

21-02-2022 Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

EOM 03-03-2022 Proposed by Cllr Pratt seconded by Cllr Noonan.

22/062 Public Session – opportunity for members of public to speak:

A resident enquired about publicity for the proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field. The Clerk informed that a brief statement has been put onto the Parish Council website, it was also commented that prior to lockdown Councillor Surgeries had been held on Saturday mornings, which outlined the initial ideas. It was agreed by all that more promoting will be needed.

Residents raised concerns and objections to planning 21/01331/FUL PP-10486474 14 North End.

22/063 Planning

To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.

Week ending: 25th February 2022

Signed by Cllr J Anderson Chair 25-04-2022

22/00110/FUL PP-11004329

Proposed new detached two-storey dwelling
Land adjacent to 7 Station Cottages Hall Road Southminster Essex
Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

21/01301/FUL PP-10459734

Section 73A Construction of garage
10 Oak Drive Southminster Essex CM0 7FH
Southminster Parish Council recommend the REFUSAL of this planning application,
due to poor design, not in keeping with the street scene, Policy D1.

Week ending: 4th March 2022

21/01331/FUL PP-10486474

Construction of 1 No 3 bedroom detached house with parking
14 North End Southminster Essex CM0 7DN
Southminster Parish Council recommend the REFUSAL of planning permission due
to loss of amenity, overlooking, noise and light, pollution of vehicles, inadequate
facilities to turn vehicles, bulk and size, design.

Planning Decisions

Week ending: 25TH February 2022

AGR/MAL/22/00072

Prior notification for agricultural straw barn
Deal Hall The Marshes Southminster Essex

PRIOR APPROVAL GRANTED

Appeal Notifications –

Site Address: The Dengie Project Trust Knightswood Centre Steeple Road
Southminster

Proposal: Conversion of 2No. existing buildings (previous use class C2) into 11 flats
and 2 maisonettes and the construction of 3 new bungalows to the rear.

Appeal Ref: 20/01344/FUL PP-09371633

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/21/3285300

Appeal Decisions –

Site Address-

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22/064

Finance Matters: -

Signed by Cllr J Anderson Chair 25-04-2022

- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for March 2022. Deferred
- b: To approve payments and to sign cheques. Deferred.
- c: To receive and approve the budget status for March 2022. Deferred.
- d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 8th March 2022. Deferred.

22/064.01 Grass Cutting Contract

To discuss price increase

To pass any resolution as necessary.

Cllr Noonan proposed the acceptance of the increase, seconded by Cllr Anderson.

22/064.02 To approve Clerk's backdated pay award agreed by National Joint Council for Local Government.

To agree an increase of 22p per hour backdated to 1st April 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Fluker, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

22/064.03 To agree Clerks salary scale increase, in line with Contract of Employment with effect from to 1st April 2022.

Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

22/065 Audit Committee recommendations

Following the Audit Committee meeting held on 16th March 2022 the following recommendations are made for agreement by Southminster Parish Council.

Investment Strategy – Recommendation to adopt.

Cllr Noonan proposed the adoption of the Investment Strategy, seconded by Cllr Anderson.

**22/066 Dist Cllr's Report
MDC –**

Council Offices -

I am attending a meeting tomorrow to discuss the future of the Council Offices at Princes Road. Options include selling the site for redevelopment and building new fit for purpose smaller offices elsewhere.

Local Development Plan -

The call for sites (Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)) is continuing and the sites being submitted are being assessed by Officers. More sites associated with Southminster have come forward. The call for sites is still open to applicants. SWF Council have responded negatively to the allocation of sites in the South of District on the grounds of increased traffic and pollution levels.

The five-year housing land supply currently stands at just below three years which means the policies in the LDP and particularly those relating to settlement boundaries no longer apply. Policies regarding sustainability and impact still apply when considering the 'tilted balance'.

Bradwell B -

The Environment Agency have agreed to consider a GDA (Generic Design Assessment) from Rolls Royce regarding their SMR (Small Modular Reactor). If the Chinese do not bring forward Bradwell B then the site could be developed by Rolls Royce.

New Medical Centre -

Nothing new to report other than the VFM and Full Business Case assessments are progressing

David Fisher Way -

The works are anticipated to be completed by August – I will circulate a full update.

Signed by Cllr J Anderson Chair 25-04-2022

Garden Waste Collections – Last week's Tuesday's collection was missed in Southminster and the surrounding villages due to staff sickness. I am in discussion with the Council regarding side waste and extending the service when weeks are missed.

Live Streaming – MDC Meetings will continue to be live streamed on You Tube. Members of the public will be allowed to attend in person. The Govt is looking at legislation to allow hybrid meetings.

Maldon Recycling Centre - A reminder that from the 28th of February users of vans and other small commercial vehicles must book in advance via the ECC website.

Local Primary School Places –

I have met with a representative from St Leonards Primary School regarding a shortfall in places in September and the provision of either temporary or permanent classrooms funded by s106 funding. I am working with MDC and ECC to try and resolve the issues.

Burnham Waters Phase 2 Appeal –

This is the over 55's village on the outskirts of Burnham between Burnham Road and Green Lane. The appeal has been upheld and planning permission has been granted an additional 232 dwellings. An award for costs has also been approved. The approval of this application will undoubtedly impact on the call for sites and other speculative applications are likely to be forthcoming.

Planning Application 21/01331 – 14 North End Southminster

I have been contacted by several residents regarding design, parking and loss of amenity

26th March 10am – 2pm Free Family Festivals in Burnham and Maldon

Events will be held in both High Streets more information on the MDC Website.

Council Tax Bills – Energy Grants

The £150 Govt grant will be paid separately to account holders.

Knightswood Centre Steeple Road

The applicant has appealed the Councils decision to refuse.

22/067 Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field

Update from Cllr Anderson.

Cllr Anderson informed that an informal meeting had been held with Barkers to discuss the external design and partial internal design. Planning will hopefully be submitted late April. A public consultation is sought, there was a suggestion to upload the plans to the website.

22/068 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

To discuss the purchase of a beacon.

To receive an update from Cllr Harrold.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

The clerk informed that quotes had been received for the construction of a beacon, they ranged from £3500 to £11,000. Cllr Pratt proposed not going forward with the purchase as it was not value for money and location would be an issue as Southminster does not have any hills, seconded by Cllr Bridge.

Cllr Pratt asked for it to be minuted that Southminster will be holding a Big Lunch on Sunday 5th June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

A further update will be given next meeting, following feedback from the Events Committee.

22/069 Flower boxes

To make provision of four flower boxes, at the entrance to the village and Jubilee Woods.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary

Defer to next meeting.

22/070

Jubilee Woods

Cllr Harrold, Cllr Mische and Cllr Anderson to give an update.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

Cllr Anderson informed that he had planted bluebells in the woods.

Cllr Noonan has installed the bird boxes.

The Clerk informed that a grant of £5001 had been awarded from the Social Enterprise Accelerator Fund for continued work at Jubilee Woods.

22/071

Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:

A resident informed that the pavement along the High Street from the doctors is in very poor condition. The Clerk will report to Highways.

There is a water leak outside 14 North End, the Clerk will report.

22/072

Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 7th April 2022 – Annual Parish Assembly.

22/073

Close of business: meeting closed at 8.43pm.