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Minutes

The Parish Meeting of Southminster Parish Council

**16th January 2023, held at Community Hall 2, King George V Memorial Field,
Station Road, Southminster, Essex.**

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

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

23/007 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Wilson, Cllr Mische and Cllr Connor.

23/008 To receive and note any declarations of interest:

Pecuniary Interest – 23/020 20s Plenty, Cllr Harrold.

23/009 To receive and approve Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th December 2022 and EOM 9th January 2023.

19th December 2022, proposed by Cllr Fluker, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

EOM 9th January 2023, proposed by Cllr Fluker, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meetings held on 19th December 2022 and EOM 9th January 2023 were duly signed by Cllr J Anderson.

23/010 Public Session – opportunity for members of public to speak:

A resident asked if there was any progress on the light for the Allotments footpath, Cllr Anderson informed that due to high costs prior to Covid the possibility of a solar light was to be explored.

Action: agenda for next meeting.

A resident informed that the street light opposite 14 The Chase is not coming on.

Action: Clerk to report to AJ Lighting.

23/011 Planning

To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.

Week ending:

Planning

Decisions

Week ending: 16th December 2022

LBC/MAL/22/00299

Single storey rear extension; installation of chimney stack within existing rear projection and timber weatherboarding to the side and rear of property.

Signed by Cllr J Anderson Chair 13th February 2023
The Old School House 8 Hall Road Southminster Essex

APPROVE

FUL/MAL/22/00298

Single storey rear extension; installation of chimney stack within existing rear projection and timber weatherboarding to the side and rear of property.

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APPROVE

Week ending: 30th December 2022

HOUSE/MAL/22/01074

Construct new drop kerb vehicle crossover on public footpath and new single car parking bay on existing front garden of existing private residential semi-detached property with associated fencing, garden and paving works.

Brook Cottage 42 Scotts Hill Southminster Essex

REFUSE

FUL/MAL/22/00922

Replacement dwelling

Mayhaven Scalby Road Southminster Essex

REFUSE

Appeal Decisions

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545D/22/3300446/

Proposal: Rear extension to existing bungalow. Demolition of existing garage with new replacement garage to rear of site.

Address: Rosedene 42 Station Road Southminster

APPEAL DISMISSED

23/012

Finance Matters: -

- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for January 2023, 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 December 2022, proposed by Cllr Noonan, seconded by Cllr Harrold.
- d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 30th November 2022 and 31st December 2022, proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

23/013

Highways

To receive an update and to discuss the following.

- East Bound Road Traffic Act Mandatory Sign replacement at the vehicle gate outside the surgery – Cllr Fluker

Cllr Fluker asked that the Clerk asks for an urgent update as there has already been two damage only accidents.

- Zebra crossing – High Street – A Local Highways Panel Scheme request has been submitted, this has been supported by Cty Cllr Stamp.

It was agreed by Members to change the location, due to the narrow pathway. The Clerk will submit photos and location to the Highways Panel.

Signed by Cllr J Anderson Chair 13th February 2023

23/014 Dist Cllr's Report

Report from District Councillor Adrian S Fluker

Local Development Plan - Review

The Council is publishing their 5YHLS figure in May.

It is currently 3.6 years which means the Council is open to speculative planning applications.

Budget

The Councils' budget gap for the year end April 2024 has risen from £270,000 to £789,000.

I did not vote in favour of increasing Members Allowance or Increasing Parking Charges and do not support a rise in Council Tax as I would rather the Council makes efficiency savings instead.

The 24/25 budget gap is circa £1.2m.

The Old Bank House Station Road

I am working with the Building Control and Enforcement Departments regarding alleged breaches of planning and building conditions on the site

New Medical Centre

The planning application is still being considered by officers. I have called the application into the South Eastern Area Planning Committee so that members can determine the application.

News From MDC - More information on the MDC Website

Cost of Living Crisis – In depth information regarding support and help for residents and businesses is available via the website

In future you will need Photo ID to vote. This applies to MDC and SPC elections in May.

Flexible Plastic (FPF) Trial. Is being rolled out across the district some Southminster Roads are included in the trials.

At Council on 15th December the Leader of the Council proposed abolishing the Area Planning Committees in favour of one district planning committee of 9 members. I did not support the proposal and it failed.

The Council is still considering options for the Princes Road Campus.

Several staff vacancies exist across the Council which has particularly impacted the planning department.

The Council will set its budget at the meeting of Council in February.

Meeting With FOSCOS

Today I met with Members of FOSCOS including Ken and Paula Neall at Orchard Meadows and Seasons Wood. On my invitation Mr Richard Holmes the Director of Service Delivery at MDC attended the meeting. Several issues were highlighted, including the surface to the car park entrance, replacement benches, new bins, and repairs to bridges etc. MDC have agreed to support FOSCOS with a tree preservation order for the ancient Oak Tree in Oak Meadow. Mr Holmes will respond accordingly. Mr Holmes thanked the volunteers for all of the hard work they had put into maintaining both Orchard Meadows and Seasons Wood.

23/015 Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field

Update from Cllr Harrold.

Signed by Cllr J Anderson Chair 13th February 2023

Cllr Harrold informed that the panning permission documents have not been received yet, Cllr Fluker asked the Clerk to chase the documents and CC him into the email.

23/016 Christmas Lights

To discuss and agree light switch on date for 2023.

To pass and agree any resolution as necessary.

Cllr Wyn-Davies informed that we are currently on year 2 of a 3 year contract. A discussion was had regarding the removal of columns 23 and 28 by Essex County Council. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Essex County Council to ask when the columns are due to be installed.

It was agreed that the Christmas lights switch on for 2023 will be held on Sunday 26th November 2023, further details to follow, after discussions with Revd Begley.

23/017 Fireworks

To discuss provision of fireworks for 2023.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

The Clerk gave costings for the fireworks. It was proposed by Cllr Harrold, that due to Friday 3rd November 2023 being £1000 cheaper, it was the best day to hold the event, seconded by Cllr Anderson.

A discussion took place regarding starting the fireworks later to allow for people to return from work.

RESOLVED: Southminster Fireworks will be held on Friday 3rd November 2023.

23/018 Kings Coronation

To discuss potential celebrations.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

It was agreed to pass this to the events committee.

23/019 Southminster Preschool vandalism

Update from Cllr Connor.

This item was deferred to next meeting.

23/020 20's plenty for Essex Campaign

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

Proposal for speed reduction from The Rose Inn to Cripplegate.

Scotts Hill to Tattersills to include David Fisher Way.

Cllr Fluker proposed registering interest in the 20s plenty campaign, seconded by Cllr Anderson.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will register Southminster Parish Councils interest in the 20s plenty campaign.

23/021 Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:

A resident informed that there are still ongoing issues with over hanging hedges on Kings Road, The Clerk informed that she did not have the details of the landowner. New details have been supplied by a resident; the Clerk will attempt to make contact.

There was a brief discussion regarding a proposed zebra crossing, narrow pavements and potholes.

23/022 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 20th February 2023.

23/023 Close of business:

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.