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Minutes

The Virtual Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 15th March 2021.

Present: Cllr J Anderson, Cllr Harrold, Cllr H Bridge, Cllr Wyn Davies, Cllr Mische, Cllr D Noonan and Cllr R Pratt

In attendance: Dist Cllr Fluker, Nicola Syder & Pat Mackshea, Community Engagement Team, Maldon District Council, Joanna Jeffery, Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

21/041 Apologies for absence.
None.

**21/042 To receive and approve minutes of the meeting –
8th February 2021 and 1st March 2021.**
8th February 2021 Proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Pratt.
1st March 2020 Proposed by Cllr Bridge, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

21/043 To receive and note any declarations of interest:
Cllr Noonan – Non-pecuniary Interest
21/045 21/00159/HOUSE PP-09528021, 20 North End, Southminster.

21/044 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.

21/045 Planning
To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.
Week ending: 12th February 2021
21/00046/FUL PP-09422882
S73A application for the retention of existing cart lodge
Hillcrest Scalby Road Southminster Essex

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

Week ending: 26th February 2021

21/00159/HOUSE PP-09528021

Amendment of previously refused application

HOUSE/MAL/20/00981 for single storey rear extension.

20 North End Southminster Essex CM0 7DN

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

Week ending: 26th February 2021

21/00173/LDE PP-09542780

Claim for a lawful development certificate for the existing 1No. detached garages, 2No. stable blocks/workshop, games room, raised terrace/balcony, conservatory, link extension, gym building, swimming pool, changing room and plant room and pergolas.

Hillcrest Scalby Road Southminster Essex

Southminster Parish Council have NOTED this application.

20/01293/LDE PP-09200887

Claim for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of a building as a separate residential dwelling.

Annexe Rumbolds Goldsands Road Southminster

Southminster Parish Council have NOTED this application.

Week ending: 5th March 2021

21/00046/FUL PP-09422882

S73A application for a cartlodge and residential use of the land association with Hillcrest, Scalby Road, Southminster.

Hillcrest Scalby Road Southminster Essex

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

Appeal Notifications

Week commencing:

Appeal Decisions – None.

Tree Preservation Order - None

21/046

Finance Matters: -

- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for February 2021, proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Noonan.
- b: To approve payments and to sign cheques, proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Harrold.
- c: To receive and approve the budget status for February 2021, proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

- d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 8th February 2021, proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

20/147 To agree Clerks salary scale increase, in line with Contract of Employment with effect from to 1st April 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Harrold.

21/048 Dist Cllr's Report

1. The new Independent Administration at MDC agreed to increase the council tax by the maximum allowed. This was not supported by all members.
2. Some costs including the Thames Barge mooring fees had been reduced significantly.
3. Given some complaints regarding missed collections residents were reminded to present their waste and recycling before 7am on the appropriate day of collection.
4. The situation regarding waste collections in Old Heath and the condition of the roads was being considered by MDC and Suez.
5. As part of the initiative to support local businesses in Maldon some free parking sessions were being offered in the High Street car parks during April. Check local press and MDC website for more details.
6. The Council Offices would re-open in accordance with the Government guidelines
7. It was anticipated that the splash park would open in July
8. EFRS were looking to recruit retained fire fighters (Details on MDC website)
9. Free smoke alarm tests and replacement alarms were being offered by EFRS (Details on the MDC) website.
10. PC&FC, County and some District by-elections Elections were taking place on 6th May (there is lots of time left to register for postal votes)
11. The legislation for holding virtual meetings expires on the 6th May. The Government are considering options to allow for remote participation. MDC will debate the issue this Thursday/
12. The Statutory Annual General Meeting of MDC will take place on 20th May.

Cllr Pratt commented that he supported the efforts of Dist Cllr Fluker in speaking to Suez regarding Old Heath Road, Cllr Pratt commented that if the vehicles went slower, they would be able to achieve the refuse collections.

21/049 Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field

Update from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Harrold.

Cllr Anderson informed that Fields in Trust have now agreed to a new two storey community building subject to planning permission. Cllr Anderson will now go out to tender for three quotes for design.

Cllr Anderson and Cllr Harrold are to attend a bid seminar on 24th March 2021.

21/050 Jubilee Woods

Cllr Harrold to update.

Cllr Harrold informed that Jubilee Woods is very wet at the moment, the ditch will also needed to be looked at, as it is still quite full. The contractor will cut back the trees later in the season when the weather conditions improve. Wood Actually, suppliers of the carved figurines will supply in early June to allow for the concrete pillars to be placed.

21/051 Free Trees for Planting projects

Would Members like to apply for a minimum of 200 free trees from eforests?, the trees are all native UK species and can be supplied with free shelters, stakes, weed mats etc.

Members decided that the minimum amount that could be applied for was too many, so will not apply for this offer.

21/052 Carry over of Clerks Annual Leave

Would Members have any objection to the Clerk increasing the carry-over from 5 days to 9 days for this year only.

Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Mische.

21/053 Christmas Light 2022 – 2024.

To discuss and agree quotation and specification for Christmas Lights 2022 – 2024.

Cllr Wyn-Davies proposed the Christmas Light switch on to be held on Sunday 28th November 2021 @ 5pm, all agreed.

Members discussed the previously circulated details of proposed Christmas lights for 2022 – 2024, Cllr Bridge commented that the current lights Southminster has are good value.

Cllr Pratt proposed for 2022 – 2024 keeping to the same lights as are provided currently, seconded by Cllr Anderson, all in favour.

21/054 Community Engagement Team

To discuss and agree Request for Service, April 2021 – March 2022.

Nicola Syder and Pat Mackshea held a brief question and answer at the beginning of the meeting with the Councillor's.

Cllr Pratt commented that he was very disappointed with the question-and-answer session. Cllr Pratt proposed asking the Community Engagement Team to make a proposal with intentions to Southminster Parish Council with a review to take place in three months, this was seconded by Cllr Mische. The Clerk will write to the Community Engagement Team to ask for a proposal with intentions.

Cllr Noonan commented that you cannot predict timescales for anti-social behaviour. Cllr Wyn-Davies asked what would happen if the team didn't give presence in the village, Cllr Pratt responded they are the specialists, they need to come back with an achievable proposal in the form of a three-month

service level agreement. It was commented that better youth engagement is needed.

21/055 Ormistan Rivers Academy

To discuss and agree formal response to the consultation on proposed expansion of Ormistan Rivers Academy.

Cllr Bridge proposed that Southminster Parish Council respond in agreement to the proposed increase in class expansion, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

Cllr Harrold commented that all infrastructure needs to be addressed, not just the schools.

21/056 Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:

A short discussion took place regarding pot holes, Cllr Pratt informed that there is a big programme for pot hole repairs in process, however the same work force have also been gritting the roads which has created a backlog.

21/057 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 19th April 2021 @ 6pm

21/058 Close of business:

Meeting closed at 7.33pm.