

SOUTHROP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2021

Present: Cllr Guest Cllr P Brickley Cllr C Brickley
Cllr Giles Cllr Jones

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk), R. Theodoulou (District Cllr), D. Morris (County Cllr),
3 x MOP (A.Stanbury, R.Reid, C.Docker)

047 21/22 Apologies for absence

None – All present

048 21/22 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None received

049 21/22 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th July 2021

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th July 2021, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr P Brickley, seconded Cllr Giles – all in favour.

050 21/22 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation, if members of the public are present - there is a 10 minute time limit

All in favour

Q: A.S asked if the Council knew what was happening with the Swan pub, as it had yet to re-open

A: Cllr P Brickley reported that the owners had been asked and he had been told that due to the lack of staff caused as a result of Covid and current quarantine measures they are unable at present to re-open. MOP's were made aware that the Village Hall are working on plans for a Village Party (19th September) and it was hoped that the Swan would be able to take part. Various other possibilities were discussed. Cllr C Brickley pointed out that the owners have recently advertised for staff.

051 21/22 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.

All in favour.

052 21/22 Clerks Report

- Grant for churchyard grasscutting sent
- The verges have had a second cut from Willow Gardening Services
- Phonebox – details to follow regarding refurbishment of phonebox as this belongs to BT.

053 21/22 Chairman's announcements

The Chair reported that the Council have been very happy with the contractor (Willow Gardening Services) employed to carry out verge grasscutting in the Village. A grant is obtainable from GCC to cover some of the cost and we are trying to establish exactly what that might be.

ACTION: Clerk to contact GCC for further details

054 21/22 To receive report from District/County Councillor

District Cllr Theodoulou reported as follows:-

- Summer recess has now ended
 - Planning Dept., under serious pressure. Loss of staff. Increase in complaints, slow down in responses from Statutory respondees. Contentious issues are becoming commonplace
 - New method of dealing with planning means that applications are now screened by a panel. Process is contentious
 - Budgets – underspent. More grants from Central Government
- Discussion took place regarding the new method of dealing with planning applications, which means that some applications are not being considered in the proper manner which gives Town & Parish Councils the opportunity to comment. Those applications considered to be unworthy are dismissed. Cllr Guest felt that the Council (planning), might be acting 'ultra vires'. A meeting has been requested. It was agreed that Transparency seems to have been ignored. Cllr P Brickley reported on

a recent application where evidence had been provided to Planning which substantiated the reasons for the application to be rejected, but the application was approved. No explanation as to the reasons for this has been received following a request from the Council.

Cllr Theodoulou suggested that SPC should contact Quenington PC.

Cllr Theodoulou was asked about the recent proposal to turn the Cotswolds into a National Park. He said that this would be opposed by the current administration. County Cllr Morris said that a thorough consultation regarding this matter is to be held.

Cllr C Brickley enquired as to whether the recent notification regarding electoral boundary changes may impact on the area included in the proposed National Park. Cllr Theodoulou considered that the two were not linked.'

County Cllr Morris reported as follows:-

- A recent report regarding a burglary has prompted him to remind the Council of the Police Commissioners Road Show taking place at the Agricultural College in Cirencester on Tuesday 7th September. He encouraged Cllrs to attend.
- Speeding – Trying to obtain better implementation of speed monitoring equipment (new system now available, although this hasn't been officially approved by the Police). This matter is to be discussed a GCC Committee next week.

Cllr Guest said that the Council had already discussed and had participated in a presentation regarding this new style of recording and were keen to install when available.

- Highways – Some potholes had been attended to, but he has noticed that the manhole cover which was rattling has not been dealt with. He is hoping that there will be better communication between Highways and Town & Parish Councils in the future.

Cllr Brickley reported that notification about the removal of the barriers by the bridge and work on fencing has been received. This is due to take place at the beginning of October.

FINANCE

- 055 21/22 To approve retrospectively, payments made since the last meeting/payments to be made**
The Clerk reported that a late invoice had been received which she has added to the list of payments, which has altered the amount originally shown circulated. The total amount paid is now £925.39. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments. Proposed Cllr C Brickley, seconded Cllr Jones -All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to make payment

- 056 21/22 To consider and agree cashbook figures and reconciliation to 31st August 2021**
It was **RESOLVED** to agree cashbook figures and reconciliation to 31st August 2021. Proposed Cllr Guest, seconded Cllr Jones – all in favour.
- 057 21/22 To consider and agree to set up Direct Debit for Bulldog websites support package.**
As this is a regular monthly payment, the Clerk suggested that a direct debit is set up so that there are no delays in making payment as the Council only meets every two months. It was **RESOLVED** to set up a Direct Debit for Bulldog websites. Proposed Cllr P Brickley, seconded Cllr Guest – all in favour.

PLANNING

- 058 21/22 To receive Decision notices:-**
21/02391/CLOPUD: 2 New Cottages, Southrop GL7 3PJ: Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development under Section 192 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for new hardstanding to create a driveway and new vehicular access gates. **REFUSED**

059 21/22 New Planning Applications

21/02997/FUL: Installation of replacement sewage treatment system and associated works at Land at Manor Farm Estate, Southrop. Cllr P Brickley has been in contact with the applicant and reported on details of the replacement sewage treatment system. The previous system has been a concern for some time due to the odour which has been evident, especially from near neighbours. Full details of the new equipment can be obtained on application to the Council. Cllr P Brickley is content that the new equipment will not be visible and fulfils the requirements for silent operation with no odour. It is hoped that the installation will take place sometime in October subject to approval from CDC planning. It should be noted that Cllr P Brickley was thanked by MOP's and the Council for all his work in pursuing this to a satisfactory conclusion. The Council agreed that **NO OBJECTION** would be made but a comment should be applied requesting information on whether the current pumping arrangements are adequate to cope with the design of this equipment.

ACTION: Clerk to place response on the CDC planning portal.

21/02861/FUL: Erection of single storey rear extension at 6 Stonesfield Close, Southrop – **NO OBJECTION**

21/02649/FUL: Proposed two storey/single storey rear extension, extension of residential garden and new vehicular access at Stanford Hall Cottage, Southrop -**NO OBJECTION**

060 21/22 To consider and agree any further comments or actions regarding recent complaint submitted by multiple Councils regarding planning at CDC.

This matter was covered under District Council's report above.

OTHER MATTERS

061 21/22 To consider and agree actions regarding the phonebox in the Village.

Following consideration regarding taking over the phonebox in the village, the Clerk has established that the phonebox (listed), is still owned by BT. Following communication with BT, they have agreed to refurbish the box. The Clerk pointed out that as the only working phonebox in the Village it might be best to leave it as is in the event of any major failure in the mobile phone network. This matter to be considered again when the box has been attended to by BT. The Council was also advised that the door to the box could cause harm as it is broken.

ACTION: Clerk to contact BT again to advise them about the condition of the door in relation to Health & Safety, in the hope that this will prompt them to carry out necessary work to renovate and repair as soon as possible.
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062 21/22 Anything the Chair considers urgent.

063 21/22 Date of next meeting3rd November 2021

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 7.05pm

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