

SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 6, 2019 at 7.30pm
at the Village Hall

PRESENT

Cllrs Penny Pearson, Stephen Wright, Sam Barrell, Will Caston Cook and Keith McKeown were present, together with three members of the public and the Clerk Rod Caird. District Cllr Anne Killett was also present.

1/060219 Apologies and approvals of absence

Cllrs James Caston and Shaun Innes Whiting had sent their apologies and their absence was approved. In Cllr Caston's absence, Cllr Wright took the Chair.

2/060219 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

None

3/060219 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on January 2, 2019

The Minutes were approved

4/060219 To receive comments from members of the public on matters on the Agenda, and reports from the District Councillor and County Councillor

It was suggested the next edition of the Link should include contact information for Parish Councillors together with their responsibilities. Clerk agreed to submit the information as suggested by Councillors. Cllr Killett presented her report which will be published with these minutes, alongside a written report from Cllr Oakes, who was unable to attend the meeting.

5/060219 To receive and consider a Neighbourhood Watch report

Written reports were presented to the meeting; Colin Burrows was unable to attend.

6/060219 To consider updates on current planning applications, including:

DC/19/00157 The Glebes Hall Lane Somersham: Erection of a single storey front/side extension. Replacement of garage and carport/workshop – no objection was made

DC/19/00161 5 Chapel Lane Somersham: Erection of a two storey front extension – no objection was made

DC/17/03481 Land North West of Flowton Road: Erection of one dwelling and removal of agricultural building – appeal lodged against refusal

DC/18/05313 Outline Planning Application (Access and Layout to be considered) Erection of 32No. dwellings comprising 9 Local Need Homes, 2 Affordable Homes, 21 Open Market Homes and public reading room. Creation of new accesses to Bildeston Road and Castle Road, 9 parish allotments and a community car park. Location: Land On The South Side Of Bildeston Road, Offton, IP8 4RR - pending

DC/18/05187 Malling House, Main Road, erection of first-floor side and rear extensions and single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory – refused

DC/18/ 05265 Land to the West of Black Barn Close - granted

DC/18/03114/15 Land South West of Main Road, a development of 42 new homes – pending

DC/18/03681 Land adjacent to Little Park Bungalow, Flowton Road, erection of three dwellings – pending

7/060219 To consider an update on purchasing a new Vehicle Activated Sign and an application for a grant for this purpose from the County Councillor's budget

The grant from Cllr Oakes is in process and the payment instruction to the bank will be made when the funding is confirmed.

8/060219 To confirm allocation of Parish Councillors' responsibilities as discussed at the January meeting and to receive reports from Parish Councillors on meetings attended.

Cllr Caston Cook agreed to add footpaths to his responsibilities in consultation with Cllr Pearson. Clerk will make inquiries with County officers about this year's path-trimming and cutting schedule. Cllr McKeown agreed to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee.

9/060219 To receive a financial report from the Clerk including any payments due

A bank reconciliation to date was presented, showing a balance of £15,374.06. £13,951 has been spent in the year to date against a budget of £16,232.

Payments were made as follows: £228.80 to Rod Caird for clerk pay, £128 to Heelis and Lodge for the 2017/18 internal audit, and £109.94 to Vertas for grass cutting. The payments were made under the General Power of Competence conferred by the Localism Act 2011, ss.1-8.

10/060219 Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

Concerns have been expressed about the operation of the 111 bus route. Details should be passed to the Clerk so they can be raised with the County officers.

The SnOasis Alliance is seeking a meeting with Mid Suffolk planners to find out the exact status of activity on the site.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 6 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

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