

SOUTHOE & MIDLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

Held on WEDNESDAY, 7th November 2012

In SOUTHOE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm

PRESENT: - Councillors, Mr. A. Marnes (Chair), Mr. D. Saw, Mrs. S. Gadsby, Mr. M. Rawson and Mrs H. Ramply, Mrs. M. Farmery and Mr. A. Parsons, , the Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd October 2012

These had been circulated to all Councillors, some amendments were talked through by Mr. A. Marnes and it was agreed to include these amendments to the minutes, with these it was proposed by Mrs. H. Ramply that the minutes were correct, seconded by Mrs. S. Gadsby and unanimously agreed by those present, Chair signed the minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Items to be discussed from the last meeting to be covered during the agenda.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs. H. Ramply's declaration in relation to the wind turbine application was noted, there were no declarations received by those present.

At this point of the meeting Mr. A. Marnes reported from a District Council training event he had recently attended regarding the new Code of Conduct, giving background of the new document to those present, as well as feedback from some of the questions raised at the training session. Councillors had been provided with a copy of the information from the District Council Monitoring Officer relating to the two possible codes, one based on NALC's model and one based on HDC's code. After much discussion by the Council it was agreed that Councillors to review the documents in detail between the meeting, with a decision to be made at the next meeting on which code to adopt.

Chairman closed the meeting for the next item

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no statements received.

Chairman reopened the meeting.

6. ALLOTMENT PROVISION

Mr. A. Marnes read out most recent letter received from Savills regarding the discussions the University are having with the farm tenants as part of wider discussions, the Council were pleased with the positive response and it was agreed that Mr. A. Parsons to write a letter of thanks, as well as the Clerk to forward an update to the Southoe Allotment Association.

Mr. A. Marnes also then went on to detail the Enclosure Act and that within this it refers to seventeen parcels of land in total in the parish, some maps have been located in the local library, it was agreed that Mr. A. Marnes be reimbursed for the copies of documents relating to this. It was felt that it would be interesting to find a copy of the title of deeds for some specific areas of land in the village, for example, the Playing Field.

7. POLICING ISSUES/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It was noted that there have been a number of crimes locally in Buckden and Little Paxton.

8. A1 MATTERS

There have been several accidents at Diddington, a recent burst water main caused problems at the flyover and there was still no news on the speed camera bid for this stretch of road.

9. FINANCE

The following invoices were presented:

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Barnicoat Ltd clerking service £198.82

Mr. A. Marnes reimbursement copies of documents from the House of Parliament £14.00

It was noted direct debit payment out of meeting of £19.82 from Eon Uk Ltd for the Village Hall electricity and letter received from Cambs County Council calculating the cost of the street lighting energy to be £292.01.

It was proposed by Mrs. S. Gadsby that the cheques be paid, seconded by Mrs. H. Ramply unanimously agreed and resolved that the above cheques be signed.

10. PLAYING FIELD

The annual play area inspection had been undertaken, a copy of the report had been circulated to all Councillors, it was noted that there were no major issues arising, it had highlighted the weeds growing within the grass area though, so this would need to be looked at in the future. The recently installed gate had been looked at by Mr. D. Saw who reported that it appears that the spring is not strong enough to hold the gate close as the post is not vertical, therefore it is always open, and so Clerk to follow up.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs. S. Gadsby reported that the hall would be used on 15th November for the Police Commissioner vote, the hall are still looking for new hirers, and that it has been decided that when the hall not in use that the main gate is locked with the side gate being available for access.

12. CHURCH MATTERS & BURIAL GROUND

Mr. A. Marnes had spoken to Mr. Holdaway, and it was reported that Mrs. H. Ramply had tidied up the memorial garden. The future churchyard work and possible specification was discussed, it was felt following Councillors visiting other local churches that the Council receive very good value from the existing contractor, quotes would be obtained for next year's work to ensure best value. It was noted that the recent memorial stone for Mrs Jean Teat is smaller than the others in the memorial garden, and that Mr. D. Saw had repaired the tombstone reported broken at the last meeting.

13. PLANNING

No items received.

14. CORRESPONDENCE / EMAILS

A copy of the correspondence received was circulated, it was noted that Rectory Lane had been reported to be fixed, however, the highways problems with pot holes remain and there appears to be no logic to the few areas that have been filled as they are not the worst. It was agreed that Brian Murdoch be asked to visit the site and talk through the matter.

15. WIND FARM

It was agreed that Mrs. H. Ramply did not need to leave the room as there were no items to report as there had been no further communications regarding this matter.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. A. Marnes had attended meeting regarding Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and a group has been formed to start trying to get the hospital back as an NHS hospital. There had been a meeting invite from Cambs ACRE to an eco matters event, as well as an invite to the District Council offices organised by the elected members. It was added that the trees on Lees Lands need lopping this is County Council land so another item to be raised with Brian Murdoch. It was reported that a resident was concerned that the cars parked by the Village Hall entrance were deemed to be dangerous.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was agreed to be on Wednesday 5th December 2012, at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm