

SOUTHOE & MIDLOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council Held on WEDNESDAY 6th January 2016 in SOUTHOE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm

Present:-

Mrs. S. Penton	SP	Chairman
Mr. D. Saw	DS	
Mr. I. Davies	ID	
Mrs. H. Ramply	HR	
Mr. A. Marnes	AM	

Also present:- The Revd. Annette Reed and PCSO Alan Newman

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SP then explained that the post for Parish Clerk has been duly advertised on the web site, Notice Board and the Grapevine (The Newsletter that is circulated by one of the Southoe residents).

The post of Parish Councillor left vacant by David Felce's resignation has also been advertised. Confirmation had been received from the Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) Monitoring Officer that after the statutory period had elapsed there had been no request for an election. The Parish Council, therefore, is now free to fill the vacancy by co-option.

126 APOLOGIES – Parish Councillor Mr. M. Rawson, District Councillor Mr. T. Hayward (TH) & County Councillor Mrs. J. Wisson (JW).

127 MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda – None

All forms for declaration of disclosable or other interests as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 in relation to any Agenda item had all been received by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

128 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES of the General meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd December 2015.

AM pointed out that he hadn't actually volunteered to assist in the removal of the dog spring mobile in the Children's Play Area only that he might possibly be available. Minute no. 118 (a), December 2nd was duly amended and it was then proposed, seconded and all in favour of the Chairman signing the Minutes as a true record.

129 MATTERS ARISING :-

Item 112 (b) (i) December Minutes - Mobile Library - **SP** was informed by the library operator that the service will continue for the time being.

ID will attend to the removal of the dog spring mobile from the children's play area.

AM has informed the resident in Thurley Close about the crack in his garden wall on the edge of the village green, which was reported to the November meeting.

AM distributed copies of the grounds maintenance maps clarifying the different areas of ownership. He will forward the colour-coded map and table of maintenance to Emma Stannard, Operations Division, HDC.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED FOR THE NEXT ITEM

130 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors.

PCSO Newman distributed his report showing crime statistics

CCTV system. **The Revd. Annette Reed** outlined the letter she had received from Mr. H. Dellar, Registrar to the Diocese of Ely in reply to her submitting a faculty application for the installation of a CCTV system asking for further clarification. After discussing this at great length including advice and suggestions from PCSO Alan Newman it was decided to put the project on hold pending further investigation.

Signed by the Chairman.....S. Penton.....3rd February.....2016

RE-OPEN FOR CONTINUATION OF MEETING

131. VACANCIES - PARISH COUNCILLOR AND PARISH CLERK

See introduction re **Parish Councillor** position.

Parish Clerk – SP had sent emails and the ad to the 3 previous applicants. No reply from one and another had obtained alternative employment. However, Ms Ramune Mimiene replied saying she is still interested in the post. An advert had also been inserted in the latest PE19 magazine that was distributed only a few days ago and, therefore, it was agreed to have a closing date of 15th January. If no other interest is received by this date then it was agreed that the position be offered to Ms. Ramune Mimiene with a view to starting on 1st February. However, if further interest for the position is received then interviews will have to take place.

SP to notify Ms Mimiene.

132 VILLAGE SECURITY AND POLICING MATTERS (including CCTV update) – See Item 130, Open Forum above.

133 HIGHWAYS MATTERS (including feedback from A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Information Update Meeting - 15th December 2015) AM attended the meeting. There is still some uncertainty re. the final plan. Various concerns were aired and discussed.

134 A1 MATTERS (including provision of “access to village only” sign) Stock Signs have provided a quote for a suitable sign. Authorisation has yet to be obtained from Highways to erect a sign in the village.

135. FINANCE MATTERS

- (a) 2016/17 Budget – since no amendments were requested since the presentation of the Budget at the December meeting it was proposed, seconded and all in favour of adopting the Budget as it stands.
- (b) 2016 Grounds Maintenance Contracts for Playing Field and Cemetery. AM had spoken to the Perry Groundsman but he cannot take on the work as it would mean taking out additional insurance cover at a cost.
- (c) Accounts for payment:-

5 cheques were authorised for payment. All in favour:-

Chq No. 906 - HDC - £509.94 - To cut all hedges on the boundary of the Playing Field

Chq No. 907 - HDC - £1,056.00 - Grass cutting for 2015 season

Chq No. 908 - Mrs. N. Webster, Clerk - £158.40 December salary

Chq No. 909 - Wicksteed Leisure - £54.00 - Playground Inspection

Chq No. 910 - Mr. R. J. Holdaway - £115 - Grounds Maintenance, 18th November 2015

Current A/C balance as per Statement no. 242 as at 31st December £6,603.15

136. PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

SP read out an email from a resident re dog fouling on the playing field. As the Parish Council has no authority to deal with this the resident is to be advised to report this to the Dog Warden.

Another complaint from the same resident is that she has seen evidence that drugs are being used, also on the playing field. This is also outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council and the resident will be advised to inform the police.

137. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS – The electricity bill for the Village Hall electricity was over-estimated resulting in an under-charge but it was decided to leave it as it stands for the time being. DS obtained the correct meter reading for the Parish Council records.

138. VILLAGE MATTERS (including update regarding Rectory Lane and Ouse Valley Way in your Parish: Future Management – email dated 10 December 2015 refers)

TH has arranged a meeting re. Ouse Valley Way Maintenance for Wednesday 20th January at 7.00pm in Buckden Village Hall. Manual addition at meeting initialled by SP:- AM said that he would be attending.

139. CHURCH AND BURIAL MATTERS (including review of non resident fees)

AM proposed, ID seconded and all in favour of leaving these fees as they are for the time being.

140. PLANNING MATTERS – New Community Planning Guide noted

Planning Application 15/02251/LBC – 36 Rectory Lane – No objections

Signed by the Chairman.....S. Penton.....3rd February.....2016

141 CONSULTATION – CCC: INTEGRATED ADVOCACY SERVICE - email dated 27 November 2015 refers
No comments

142. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND E-MAILS (*including HDC Maintenance Table/Maps and monthly list circulated by Parish Clerk prior to meeting*) All noted

143. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 3rd February 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm

Signed by the Chairman.....S. Penton.....3rd February.....2016