

**MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

| <b>Present:</b>         | <b>Also in attendance:</b> | <b>Apologies:</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| N Oakhill (Chair – NO)  | A Presscott                | M Kerford-Byrne   |
| K Draper (KD)           | N Jones                    |                   |
| C Rothero (CR)          | M May                      |                   |
| B May (BM)              | L Cornish                  |                   |
| N Robertson (RFO - NO)  | K Clifford                 |                   |
| B McGarry (Clerk - BMC) | C Couzens                  |                   |
|                         | P Cooper                   |                   |
|                         | K Hewitt                   |                   |
|                         | D Carlisle                 |                   |
|                         | M Harper                   |                   |
|                         | J Abernethy                |                   |

**2. Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were approved and signed  
Prop: CR 2<sup>nd</sup>: KD

**3. Updates:**

**Footpath 1** – Initial Comments to KD by the end of the month please

**Christmas Lunch** – 40 residents enjoyed a lovely lunch supplied by Wrightons which was funded by the proceeds of The Autumn Sale held in November. Following on from that a monthly coffee morning will be held in the village hall the first one being on February 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am-12:30

**Childrens party** – The children’s Christmas party was a great success and very well organised. The older group of village children are being taken bowling.

**4. Declarations of Interest:**

N Robertson planning application 16/02464/LB

**5. Issues from the floor:**

**Pig Farm** - Although the PC were promised a response from the Environmental Agency by the end of November nothing has been forthcoming. Ken Clifford has, however, had a response and will forward it to NO who will contact Amrik Bilkhu again as the overhanging smell is still of great concern to residents especially at the top of the village. **NO**

**Footpath 1** – The proposed diversion of Footpath 1 which currently runs through the middle of Lower Souldern Grounds is an ancient walkway which leads to the canal and Chisnel Farm and dates back as far as 1790. The proposed new footpath through a neighbouring field is the site of a helicopter crash in 1998 in which a local resident was killed. PC to establish exactly where the proposed new footpath is to be located in relation to the crash site.

**Speeding** – Speeding is still a problem in the village but until it can be **proved** that it is an issue we cannot get the support of the police or highways. Cllr Fatemain to be chased again on progress with the use of the black box.

**6. Updates:**

- a. Playground:** the ‘to-do’ list for 2017 includes repairs/replacement of the big swings, the chain bridge, cargo netting and fencing and gates. There is also other work that will need addressing in the next few years and ideas for fundraising are

in the pipeline.

- b. **Nancy Bowles Wood:** Work will begin again on the wood in a few weeks time.
- c. **Football Club:** The football club have now disbanded. The village will be consulted on the future of the playing field and changing rooms
- d. **CDC :** No report
- e. **OCC:** No report

7.

**Finance:**

- a. Financial transactions since the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were approved Prop: CR 2<sup>nd</sup>: KD

| <b>Payments:</b>                 | Date     | Amount  | Power                |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|----------------------|
| Village Hall hire for Xmas party | 18.12.16 | £40.00  | LG 1972 ss 144 & 145 |
| Xmas party entertainer           | 18.12.16 | £120.00 | LG 1972 ss 144 & 145 |
| Paint for playground             | 12.10.16 | £44.57  | LG(MPPA 1976s 19     |
| Supplies/paint for playground    | 12.10.16 | £18.95  | LG(MPPA 1976s 19     |

**Receipts: None**

SUFC (invoiced for last 2 years) £400

Balance as at 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 - £10,867.33

- b. **The budget for 2017/18** was approved with the exception of the amount for 'celebrations (s 145) which it was resolved to increase from £200 to £550 to allow for the expenditure on replacing the 17 war memorial plaques and the planting of a commemorative tree for the late Audrey Westbury which is to be sited in Nancy Bowles Wood.
- c. Precept for 2017/18. It was resolved to keep the precept for 2017/18 at £5,700.00, the same as this year  
Prop: NO 2<sup>nd</sup>: BM

8. **Planning**

- 16/02329/F – Bowling Leas - Approved
- 16/02344/Q56 – Foxhill Barn - Approved
- 16/02423/F – Tower House – Awaiting decision
- 16/02462/F – Halfpenny Cottage – Awaiting decision
- 16/02362/F – 2 The Paddocks – Approved
- 16/02464/LB – The Hermitage: Repointing of gable ends and insert new window in gable End – No Objections
- 16/02388/F – Beech House: Proposed detached garage and replacement workshop – No Objections
- 16/02578/TEL56 – Hutchinson and EE Ltd: Proposed Telecommunications mast Cell No 75424 Wharf Lane – Object to sighting of the mast by the viaduct as it needs to be sympathetically placed and there are alternative sites available. NO to action

**NO**

9. **Other Business:**

**Defibrillator** – After some discussion it was agreed that someone from the ambulance service should be asked to come along, possibly to the Annual meeting to advise on the

benefits and implications of installing a defibrillator and to also discuss at the 'Time to Talk' coffee morning.

**KD & BM**

**Parish Spring Clean** – It was decided not to order any equipment for a village spring clean  
**Risk Assessment** – documents were circulated to PC members to read and update ready to be approved at the next meeting.

**10. Date of next meeting:**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** – PLANNING; **March 16<sup>th</sup>** – FULL MEETING

Signed..... Date.....  
Chairman Souldern Parish Council