

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2017

Present:

**Nick Oakhill (NO) CHAIR
Bruce May (BM)
Kirsty Allpress (KA)
Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK**

Members of the Public:

**Diana Stevens
Mary May
Mrs Blunt
Clive Smith
Barbara McGarry**

Apologies:

**Katy Draper
Chris Rothero
David Carlisle
Alan Prescott
Ken & Jane Clifford**

07.17.01 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chair

07.17.02 Matters arising

NO reported that there is a possibility of borrowing a speed indicator device from Blackthorn Parish Council

ACTION : NO to follow up

NO reported that the wall has been repaired and the spoil will be removed by the end of the week

07.17.03 Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were no Declarations of Interest

07.17.04 Issues from the Floor

Concern was expressed regarding recent fireworks being let off in the village and it was clarified that unless a special licence is obtained no fireworks should be let off at public events after 10.45

The Ash tree outside the village hall requires trimming

ACTION : NO to arrange for tree to be pruned

The matter of the sign outside The Fox which has been down for some time was raised.

The sign is by the side of the road and a temporary sign erected. It was decided this is not a parish council matter but NO will speak to the landlord.

Surrounding villages are involved with a Scarecrow competition during Harvest weekend 7/8 October and it was suggested that Souldern become involved.

07.17.05. Updates
Playground Advisory Group - The big swing and the chain bridge will be replaced at the end of July. Over £400 was raised at It's a Knock Out. £365 was raised by the VH Committee. The Solstice Group event broke even.
Nancy Bowles Wood Advisory Committee - no update
CDC - no update
OCC - No update

07.17.06 3 Parishes Magazine
Information had been received from the organisers of the 3 Parishes Magazine regarding the proposed changes to the format and break away from the PCC. Approval has been given by Fritwell and Ardley and is sought from Souldern. To be agenda item in September.
ACTION : CF to put on September Agenda

07.17.07 Finance
It was confirmed that Cathy Fleet will take over from Nikki Robertson as RFO with a handover taking place on 15th July.

Payments	Date	Amount	Power
Grasscutting April	30.04.17	£528	OSA 1906: s10
Grasscutting May	11.06.17	£348	OSA 1906: s10
Receipts			
HMRC VAT Refund	02.06.17	£956.56	

Bank balance as at 12th July £13574.84

07.17.08 Planning
At the meeting on 20th June it was reported that no decision has yet been made regarding planning application 17/00068/F for the Old Rectory which was submitted in January .

07.17.09 Other Matters
Grasscutting - No confirmed that the PC have now taken on responsibility for cutting the grass within the 30mph signs in the village and that a grant of £440.85 pa is payable by OCC. The contract was signed and will be returned to OCC .
ACTION : NO to return contract to OCC

Defibrillator - Katy Draper had obtained further information regarding defibrillators. Agenda item for September
ACTION : CF to put on next agenda

Christmas functions - Next Agenda
ACTION : CF to put on next Agenda

Pond Cottage - It has been requested that the shrubs and willow tree in front of Pond Cottage be cut back
ACTION : NO to arrange for shrubs and willow to be cut back

The meeting closed at 8.25
 Date of next meetings :
 Planning meeting 15th August
 PC meeting 14th September

Signed
Chair, Souldern Parish Council

Date

ACTION LIST SUMMARY

NO	ITEM	OWNER
07.17.02	NO to follow up borrowing SID from Blackthorn PC	NO
07.17.04	NO to arrange for Ash tree outside VH to be pruned	NO
07.17.09	NO to return contract to OCC	NO
	NO to arrange for shrubs and willow outside Pond Cottage to be cut back	NO
	Agenda Items for September : 3 Parishes Magazine Defibrillator Christmas functions	CF