

**MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 16th JULY 2015**

Present:

N Oakhill (Chair)
K Draper (KD)
C Rothero (CR)
K Alpress (KA)
Bruce May (BM)
B McGarry (Clerk- BMc)

Apologies:

Cllr M Kerford Byrne
T Vincent
A Prescott

Also in attendance:

Cllr A Fatemian
M May
D Stephens
T Snow
A Snow
P Mander
J Mander

Mrs M Harper
Mr M Harper
P Boulton
Mrs Boulton

J Clifford
K Clifford
J Hoodless
S Stratton
Mrs Finch
C Lester
J Lester

1. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2015 were approved & signed
Prop: CR; 2nd: KA

2. Matters arising & updates from last meeting:

Website: Slow progress but hope to start building the site imminently

Broadband: The chairman gave an update on the current position with both Gigaclear and BT Broadband, Gigaclear still being 25 households short in their sign-up campaign to make it viable for them to proceed in Souldern. Victoria Prentis, our local MP has written to the Regional Director of BT and is considering writing to the minister in regard to difficulties we as a rural community are experiencing with BT as an alternative provider of super fast broadband.

Souldern Vision: This was a very successful event and resulted in a lot of useful comments. The first draft of the questionnaire is now ready and after some fine tweaking will be passed to Alan Smith to produce a final document which will be distributed to all households.

Souldern Solstice: Despite the weather this again was a hugely successful event and the Council thanked Ian Gray and his team for all their hard work in organising the event. NO to write to Ian.

Potholes: The majority of these have now been filled

Parking: This is still an issue. There has been no progress with the marking of a disabled space in the High Street. Cllr Fatemian to chase.

Dog Litter Bins: There is now a 3rd bin insitu in Church Lane.

NO**3. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

4. Issues from the Floor:

Speeding: After some discussion It was felt that the main culprits are people from within the village and that it is mainly a question of attitude. After some discussion it was agreed that the Council should speak to the Community Officer about the problem and Cllr

BMc

Fatemian will chase up the provision of the black box that was promised last year.

Cllr F

Playing Field Bins: These are not being emptied because they are often overflowing. Regulations as to whether a bin has to be supplied to be looked into. If not it will be removed and a sign put up asking that all rubbish should be taken home.

BMc

Broadband: The chairman repeated the situation about broadband in Souldern to 2 residents who arrived late to the meeting.

Stone Trough: It had been muted that a plaque should be placed by the stone trough that had very kindly been donated by Burgess Reclamation. To date this has not been done and should be looked into. Jenny Mander, as a member of the Horticultural Society has planted the trough and it needs someone from the High Street to water it regularly. NO volunteered

NO

5. Updates:

- a. **Playground:** The annual Rospa inspection will be on Friday 24th July and Tania Noble will attend. A new basketball net has been ordered and the next working party will be on 12th September.
- b. **Nancy Bowles Wood:** A new bench has now been installed and the original 2 benches and picnic table have been repainted. The pathway, especially round the entrance to the wood is very overgrown and responsibility for the upkeep of this (landowner or highways) is to be established so that regular cutting can be maintained.
- c. **Football Club:** The Chairman of the club, Colin Lester, was present at the meeting and gave an update on what is happening. The new season starts on 5th September and the club are very keen to find new players especially if they have a village connection. It is planned to do a leaflet drop round the village. It was agreed that the club may use the playing field for the 2015/16 season and a list of fixture dates is to be supplied to the village hall booking secretary and to the PC to avoid any clashes with the use of the playing field and parking. It would be helpful if there was a PC representative on the club committee. Likewise the club will endeavour to have someone attend PC and VH meetings. The existing agreement between the PC and club needs to be reviewed and updated. The club are now in a position to address the work that needs to be done to the changing rooms and are also looking for sponsorship for a new team strip and a line marker.
- d. **CDC** – No update
- e. **OCC-** Cllr reported that the Chief Executive of OCC is standing down and that there is to be a review of management. In spite of the cutbacks in the budget the Council are currently £196,00 under spent and savings are still being made where possible.

6. Finance:

- a. Financial transactions since the meeting held on 16th July 2015 were approved
Prop: CR 2nd:KD

Payments:	Date	Amount	Power
Came and Co Insurance	26.0515	£453.72	LGA 1972: s. 111

Souldern Village Hall Insurance	26.05.15	£99.89	LGA 1972: s. 111
Souldern Village Hall Post Office Rent	26.05.15	£125.00	LGA 1972: s. 132
MR Cross: mowing May 2015	2.6.15	£528.00	£528.00
MR Cross: mowing June 2015	10.7.15	£768.00	£528.00
Nick Oakhill Dog Bins	10.7.15	£100.80	EPA 1990: s89

Receipts: None

Bank balance as at: 3rd June 2015 £11,726.76

- b. It was resolved that a voucher for £50 should be given to David Summers for auditing the 2014/15 accounts
Prop: BM 2nd KD

7. Planning Matters:

- a. 15/00541/F - Leycroft Barn – Extension to the livestock building for rearing and finishing of pigs –the recommendation for this application has deferred pending further reports on odour and waste management.
- b. 15/01065/TPO – Beech House tree works – No objections were raised
Prop: NO 2nd CR
- c. 15/00176/TCA – 1 Chapel Row, Fell 1 Hornbeam – permission granted
- d. 15/00172/TCA - Brambles, tree works – permission granted
- e. 15/00785/F – Acacia Cottage, first floor extension and single storey extension – permission granted
- f. 15/00780/F- Wall House, alterations and single storey side extension and two and three storey rear extensions –permission granted
- g. There were no other applications

8. Administration:

- a. **Co-option of New Councillor:** As Dara Masterson-Jones is no longer moving it was resolved to co-opt her back on to the Council at the next meeting.
Prop: CR 2nd NO
- b. **Allocation of Responsibilities:** This was deferred to the next meeting so as to include Dara MJ

9. Other Business:

- a. **Wall & Hedgerow running from Court House to the pond:** Work has now commenced and as the footpath is now obstructed and pedestrians have to pass on the road it was thought that a warning sign should be placed on the corner to make drivers aware.
 - b. **Playing Field Wall & Shed:** The state of the wall along the south side of the playing field is now in a very precarious state in places and something needs to be done as a matter of urgency. 3 quotes are to be sought. NO has already
- NO
BMc**

approached someone he knows, BMc to ask Malcolm Sweetman to quote and one other to be asked.

Richard Deeley to be asked about obtaining grants for dry stone walling
BM has got prices to replace the 2 windows, the door frame and rack out the shed at the top of the playing field. He also plans to clear out the rubbish inside and the brambles at the back. A breakdown of the costs to be submitted to the Council for approval.

BM

- c. **Souldern United Charities:** The PC now has a copy of the Constitution for the charities and it was resolved to approve the nomination of Norma Jones, Chris Rothero and David Blunt on to the committee.

Prop: NO 2nd: KD

- d. **Salt Supplies:** There is plenty of salt in the shed so there will be no need to order more for this winter.

- 11 **Next meeting:** There next will be a planning meeting on Wednesday 12th August followed by an ordinary meeting on Thursday 17th September. Both meetings 7:30 in the village hall

The meeting ended at 9:30

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