

**MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 29th September 2016**

Present:	Also in attendance:	Apologies:
N Oakhill (NO)	Cllr A Fatemian	C Rothero
K Draper (KD)	J Mander	A Prescott
K Allpress (KA)	P Mander	
N Robertson (RFO - NO)	D Carlisle	
B McGarry (Clerk - BMC)	K Gray	
	L Talbot	
	D Stephens	
	S Gray	
	C Couzens	

- 2. Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2016 were approved and signed
Prop: KD 2nd: KA
- 3. Updates:**

Pig Farm – Further to a conversation between NO and the Environmental Protection Officer, Amrik Bilkhu, a response to information collected regarding the pungent smells coming from the pig farm is not expected before the end of October
- 4. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest
- 5. Issues from the floor:**

After some discussion regarding the state of the lane to Nancy Bowles it was concluded that as it is actually the responsibility of the Highways Dept it would be unwise for the Parish Council to take it into their own hands but that KD would contact Sarah Aldous.
- 6. Updates:**
 - a. Playground:** A working party is to be arranged to complete work that has not been completed during the summer. At the end of the season Tania Noble will be standing down as playground organiser.
 - b. Nancy Bowles Wood:** Unfortunately there has been some vandalism in the wood including damage to one of the benches which Tim Vincent has now mended.
 - c. Football Club:** No report
 - d. CDC –** No report
 - e. OCC:**

Potholes -A site visit, to include an Asset Manager and the Highways Steward, is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday 5th October to assess the deteriorating state of the roads in the village. PC members may also attend. Pictures of the parked cars on the Hill to be sent to Cllr Fatemian beforehand. Re-surfacing is unlikely to be authorised as there is still insufficient money in the pot.

Grass cutting by the Highways Dept was reduced to one cut this year and is likely remain the same next year. The PC is at liberty to take on extra cuts itself but would need to advise Highways when this is likely to be.

Unitary Council - At present there are 5 different Councils within Oxfordshire and it is suggested that as one unitary council, although less local, savings of in excess of £100m could be made over a 5 year time period

Finance:

- a. Financial transactions since the meeting held on 21st July were approved
Prop: KD 2nd: BM

Payments:	Date	Amount	Power
Mr Cross (grass cutting- July)	27.08.16	£528.00	OSA 1906: s10
Playsafety Ltd	19.09.16	£100.08	LG(MP)A 1976: s19
Barstows Stationery.	19.09.16	40.00	LGA 1972: s112
Mr Cross (grass cutting- Aug)	19.09.16	£528.00	OSA 1906: s10
Clerk payment (Apr-Sept)	19.09.16	£329.60	LGA 1972: s12
HMRC	19.09.16	£82.40	LGA 1092: s12
Receipts:			
Cherwell precept (2)	14.09.16	£2,850.00	
Souldern United Charity	12.07.16	150.00	

Balance as at 3rd August 2016 £10,562.00

- b. Second precept payment received
c. Annual return now received and will be published on the website and on the two notice boards
d. Contracts for grass mowing to be reviewed. Mr Cross will be asked to quote again for next year plus one other known to Mrs Gray

**BM
KG**

8. Planning

- 16/01284/F – EE UK Ltd & Hutchinson 3G UK Ltd. Proposed
Telecommunications installation and associated works - **Withdrawn**
16/00140/TCA – Portland Cottage, High Street – Tree works - **Approved**
16/00964/F – Gen purpose agricultural bldg Somerton Road - **Approved**
16/00996/F - Cedar House, Garage, windows & porch – **Approved**
16/00235/TCA – The Beeches, Tree works (amended) - **Approved**
16/01767/LB – Canal & River Trust, repair works – **No objections**
16/01828/F – Appleton Lodge, New pitched roof, enlarge existing dormer window and single storey extension to front – **No objections**
16/01867/F – Foxhill barn. Raise courtyard walls and improvements to junction of Foxhill lane, Somerton Road. – Original objections still stand. NO to respond.

NO

9. Administration:

A vacancy occurs to replace Dara Masterson-Jones who has moved away
Still no-one to replace the clerk. NO to approach the clerk at Fritwell

NO

10. Souldern Vision:

A **Christmas lunch** is planned to bring residents together who may feel isolated in any way and to create an opportunity to socialise and discuss various needs
Also, a **childrens Christmas party** is to be organised. NO to take the lead

BMG

NO

- An **emergency plan** is needed
- 11. Memorial Trees:** The map has still not been located. Residents who may remember the location of the trees are to be asked
 KD to ask Anne Callow; BMG to ask Alma Giles and Kath Warmington; NO to ask Monica Deeley
- 12. Proposed temporary closure of footpath 11 (swing bridge)** – dealt with under item 8
- 13. Other Business:**
Bellringers –An interest in reviving bellringing at the church has been expressed. KA to enquire whether anyone is interested
Defibrillator – KD to investigate
- 14. Date of next meeting:**
 18th October – Planning
 17th November – Full meeting

KD
NO
BMG

KA

KD

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