

**MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 17th November 2016**

Present:	Also in attendance:	Apologies:
K Draper (Chair - KD)	CLlr A Fatemian	N Oakhill
K Allpress (KA)	J Abernethy	B May
C Rothero	R Summers	A Prescott
N Robertson (RFO - NO)	D Summers	
B McGarry (Clerk - BMc)	J Sneyd	
	D Stephens	
	C Couzens	

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2016 were approved and signed
Prop: KA 2nd: KD

3. Updates:

Pig Farm – A report from the Environmental Officer should be forthcoming by the end of November

Defibrillator – The approx cost of a defibrillator is £1,600-£2,000 although there is the possibility of a grant to offset part of this. KD to contact the Community Heartbeat Trust, a charity that can advise on the way forward

Bellringers – A positive response so far

Christmas Lunch 7th December – All in hand. £750 raised at the Autumn sale plus a generous donation from the Souldern United Charities to cover costs. Invitations ready to go out this weekend.

Children's Christmas Party 18th December – Preparations well under way, flyers due to be circulated imminently. Susan Jones, Anne Large and Katie Hillier heading up the project.

Memorial Trees – Many thanks to Alma Giles and Norma Jones, who together, have produced a detailed map identifying the location of the trees dedicated to veterans of the 1st and 2nd World Wars. Seventeen plaques are to be purchased (KA to action) and the date for a dedication ceremony is to be set. The possibility of getting TPO's on the trees to be looked into.

Slides – the box of missing slides have now been found and an event to view them is to be organised.

KD

4. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest

5. Issues from the floor:

Speeding – is still an issue and getting worse especially with all the contractors in the village, although it is apparent that it is village residents that are the worst offenders. CLlr Fatemian to chase again the issue of a speed box. This matter to be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

6. Updates:

- a. **Playground:** Many thanks to Tania Noble for all her work organising working parties and inspection rotas to date. Thank you also to Lucy Cornish who has now taken this role on. The RoSPA report did not flag up anything too crucial. The big swing and chain link bridge to be fixed.
- b. **Nancy Bowles Wood:** Over half way with the mapping

- c. **Football Club:** No report
- d. **CDC :** No report
- e. **OCC:** A walk around the village with the highways inspector and the highways area steward took place on 5th October and as a result patching of the potholes has already begun.
OCC is investigating a number of cost effective and innovative changes to the services offered at the county's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) to ensure they all remain open in the medium term.

Finance:

- a. Financial transactions since the meeting held on 29th September were approved
Prop: KD 2nd: KA

Payments:	Date	Amount	Power
Mr Cross (grass cutting- Sept)	29.10.16	£240.00	OSA 1906: s10
Mr Cross (grass cutting – Oct)	2.11.16	£288.00	OSA 1906: s10
CDC Dog Bin Emptying	1.11.16	288.29	EPA 1990: s89

Receipts: None

Balance as at 3rd October 2016 - £12,173.00

- b. Expenditure against the 2016/17 budget were reviewed and are well within budget
- c. Proposed Draft Budget for 2017/18 – The proposed budget for next year should be largely similar to this year and it is anticipated that there will be no need to increase the precept. The final budget will need to be approved at the January meeting.

8. Planning

16/01767/LB – Canal & River Trust, repair works – **Approved**

16/01867/F – Foxhill Barn. Raise courtyard walls and improvements to junction of Foxhill lane, Somerton Road. – **Approved**

Proposed diversion of footpath 1 – An informal consultation is at present taking place to divert footpath 1 from going through the middle of Lower Souldern Grounds. After some discussion KD to prepare a response to CDC

KD

9. Other Business:

Air Pollution – Some concern has been raised as to the amount of pollution from the M40 motorway. After some discussion it was resolved to look into this to see what, if anything can be done to establish what risk there may be and whether this has increased since the opening of the M40 motorway

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10. Date of next meeting:

January 19th 2017

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