

**MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 16th MARCH 2017**

Present:
K Draper (KD - Chair)
C Rothero (CR)
B May (BM)
B McGarry (Clerk - BMc)

Also in attendance:
D Carlisle

Apologies:
N Oakhill
K Allpress
Cllr A Fatemian
Ann Presocct

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2017 were approved and signed
Prop: CR 2nd: BM

3. Updates:

Footpath 1 – Further to the responses received regarding the proposed diversion of footpath 1, if a formal application is received it is likely that the Council would not object.

Changing Rooms – No suggestions have been received regarding future of the changing rooms now that they are not required by the football club.

Speeding – No update – KD to email Cllr Fatemian AGAIN with a copy to highways.

4. Declarations of Interest:

None

5. Issues from the floor:

None

6. Updates:

a. Playground: The big swings will be replaced out of this year's budget. The chain bridge, cargo nets and holes in the big slide will also be fixed. Options are being looked into for replacing the gates into the children's area and a working party is due to be organised to do some general tidying up.

b. Nancy Bowles Wood: The snowdrops are out. There was some storm damage and a big tree was lost. 5 Hazel trees have been coppiced and wooden posts with netting put round them to stop the deer from damaging them

7. c. CDC : CDC are holding an extraordinary meeting to discuss the implications of a Unitary Council – BMG to attend

d. OCC: No report

8. Finance:

a. Financial transactions since the meeting held on 19th January 2017 were approved
Prop: CR 2nd:BM

Payments:	Date	Amount	Power
Souldern Village Hall insurance	18.01.17	£105.44	LGA.1972:s.111
Souldern village hall PO rent (6ths)	18.01.17	£125	LGA.1972:s.132

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Susan Jones Xmas party	13.2.17	£136.45	LG 1972 ss.144 and 145
Anne Large Xmas party	13.2.17	£42.19	LG 1972 ss.144 and 145
Tim Vincent, NBW, mesh for deer	12.3.17	£145.04	OSA 1906:s 10
OALC subscription	12.3.17	£133.07	LGA.1972:s.143

Receipts: None

Souldern United Charities	£193.64
New Homes Grant 16/17	£1091.60

Balance as at 3rd March 2017 - £10,959.82

NB: The receipt of £193.64 from SUC was to offset the expenditure for the Xmas Party.

The 2 payments for post office rent are one in arrears and one in advance.

8. Planning

17/00370/F – 1 Tower Farm Cottages. Single storey side and front extension to enlarge domestic accommodation; timber first floor balcony to bedroom to the front of cottage – No objections.

17/00533/TEL56 – Wharf Lane.

A new application for the alternative siting of a proposed Telecommunications mast has been submitted but the relevant paperwork has not been received yet. As this needs to be discussed by the full council an extension to respond is to be asked for.

BMG

9. Other Business:

Grass Cutting – After some discussion regarding OCC's proposals for future grass cutting in the village it was agreed that:

- More information was required from them regarding the implications for future years
- Our current contractors should be asked whether they would be interested in taking over the cutting of grass on a 'need to mow' basis which is normally undertaken by OCC
- An informed decision should be taken by the full council at the next meeting.

BM

Defibrillator – It is generally felt that this would be a good idea and arrangements will be made for some professional advice on the implications of installation, cost etc.

Parish Spring Clean – It was decided not to order any equipment for a village spring clean

Risk Assessment – The documents circulated at the last meeting were approved

Prop – CR; 2nd - BM

10. Date of next meeting:

18th April – PLANNING 7:30

18th May – ANNUAL MEETING 7pm

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