

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON 25th APRIL 2019

Present:

Members of the Public

Nick Oakhill (NO) CHAIR

David Blunt

John Hoodless (JH)

Helen Blunt

Chris Rothero (CR)

Diana Stevens

Alan Smith (AS)

Laura How (LH)

Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK

04.19.01 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Kirsty Allpress

04.19.02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

04.19.03 To receive the minutes of the last Planning meeting

The minutes of the Planning meeting held on 28th February 2019 were checked for accuracy and content, proposed by JH and seconded by CR and agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

04.19.04 Planning applications

The following applications were discussed:

19/00286/F Gibbs Field House, Foxhill Lane - no objections

19/00599/F 1 Tower Farm Cottages - no objections

19/00384/F The Tower House - there was lengthy discussion and it was felt that the PC should object on the following grounds :

- The existing building is a feature of the village and should remain so
- The scale of the proposal is large and out of proportion
- The number of windows would be considered an invasion of privacy for the neighbouring property.

ACTION : NO to draft a response for CF to submit to CDC

19/00645/AGN Leycroft Barn, Somerton Road - No objections

19/00140/DISC Foxhill Barn, Somerton road - no objection

19/00669/F Foxhill Barn, Somerton Road - no objection

04.19.05 The following accounts were approved for payment :

Parish Clerk : Cathy Fleet
Westfield Farm Cottage, Fenway, Steeple Aston, Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX25 4SS
Tel: 01869 347000
Mobile : 07989 398 838

Payee	Detail	Amount
Tim Vincent	Reimbursement for purchase of timber for NBW	£250.50
Countrywide	grasscutting	£300 + VAT **
Souldern Village Hall	Insurance (2018)	£112.14
Souldern Village Hall	Insurance (2019)	£116.00

** Not to be paid until receipt of invoice

04.19.06 Sandy & Diana Gray

Sandy and Diana Gray are leaving the village after 49 years and a meeting had been held to discuss how to mark this as they have contributed a great deal to the village. It has been decided to hold a lunchtime drinks reception on 9th June with everyone in the village to be invited. The cost will be split and it was requested that the PC underwrite up to £200 to assist with costs. There was discussion as to whether this could be legally accounted for in the PC accounts.

ACTION : CF to find out the best way of accounting for the spend.

Update 26/04/19 - The spend can be itemised in the accounts as a separate \$137 payment (up to the amount of £8.12 per electorate)

Other matters

Grasscutting - Nigel Prickett has quoted £160 +VAT to cut the playing field. CF will ask him to proceed

NBW - An email had been received raising concern about the number of vehicles/children/fire and safety in connection with the use of NBW by the 'Bushcraft' activities which the PC have agreed can take place for some home-schooled children of the village as agreed in 2018. There was concern that the Bushcraft Instructor may not have suitable insurance and it was agreed that LH will speak to the mother of the children (with whom the agreement was made) and report back to the PC.

Daffodils by the church - CF had again received phone calls from a concerned resident that the daffodils and wild flowers by the church/pond are obscured by weeds. NO to investigate.

Meeting Dates for 2019

PC meeting

Thurs 23 May (to include APM and Annual meeting of the PC)
 Thurs 25 July
 Thurs 26 Sept
 Thurs 28 Nov

Planning meeting

Thurs 27 June
 Thurs 22 Aug
 Thurs 24 Oct
 Thurs 19 Dec

Signed

Date

Chair, Souldern Parish Council