

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON

30th January 2020

Present:

Nick Oakhill (NO) CHAIR
John Hoodless (JH)
Kirsty Allpress (KA)
Alan Smith (AS)
Laura How (LH)
Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK

Members of the Public:

David Carlisle
Diana Stevens
Clr Arash Fatemian
Mr & Mrs Evans

01.20.01 Apologies

No apologies had been received

01.20.02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

01.20.03 To receive the minutes of the last parish council meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 28th November 2019 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meetings and signed by the chair.

01.20.04 Public participation

Members of the public were invited to participate.

01.20.05 Clerks Report and Actions from previous meeting

There were no actions from the previous meeting and no further updates.

01.20.06 Highways

Some of the potholes in Bates Lane have been fixed and kerbs and footpaths have been repaired, so the process is working.

The ditch to the side of the lane to NBW is blocked - it is not known whose responsibility this is.

Church Lane verge has been cleared by Nigel Prickett at a cost of £120.

01.20.07 Updates

a) Playground Advisory Group

Flyers and a questionnaire have been printed and will go out with the February newsletter with a public meeting arranged for 5th March.

b) Nancy Bowles Wood Advisory Group

No update available.

c) CDC

No update available

d) OCC

Cllr Fatemian reported that there has been investment in Highways teams and that more will be done in future, e.g. trees. The budget has been announced and there will be no cuts in services. Investments are mostly for Child and Adult social care. Council tax will increase for the first time in 9 years.

The Councillor Priority funding money for the bollards to the playing field has been approved but not yet received. Thanks to Cllr Fatemian. There will be a councillor fund for 2020/21 but SPC may not be able to get any more funding as money has been given for the village hall boiler and for the bollards.

e) Souldern Sport & Social

The WhatsApp group is now up and running with more than 50 contributors

8 Provision of a computer for the clerk

It has been suggested that at Cathy, the Clerk, also acts as clerk for 3 other parishes the costs of providing her with a new computer as her personal one is now end of life should be split between Steeple Aston, Lower Heyford, Somerton and Souldern. SPC's contribution would be 8% of approximately £500. It was agreed that this would be acceptable

01.20.08 Planning

The following planning documents had been received :

20/00049/TCA - Hollies Farm treework No objection

20/00117/TCA - The Mullions treework No objection

Pond Cottage - The covenants have been confirmed and a letter sent to the purchasers' solicitor

Nicholsons had emailed indicating that they had omitted to apply for planning permission for treework around the village, so have now done so and will commence work on the tree which do not require planning permission

01.20.09 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment :

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Moores	Auditors (year ended Mar19).	240.00	40.0	Paid 10.01.20 Invoice dated 27.09.19
Souldern Parish Church	Share of gardening expenses 01.01.19 to 31.12.19	330.00	0.0	Paid 10.01.20 Invoice dated 19.12.19 (10 day payment terms)
Cathy Fleet	Clerk Salary (November)	82.00	0.0	Standing Order
HMRC	(re above)	16.00	0.0	Standing Order
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Unity Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	0.0	Standing order

The precept request was discussed and has remained at £5700 for the last 10 years. The Clerk confirmed that there is no statutory requirement to consult the community if there is an increase of over 2% and it was therefore agreed that the precept request to CDC should be £5790. NO and LH will finalise the budget.

The quarterly financial report was approved:

SPC - available		7,219.31
Playground (ring-fenced)		1,889.39
NBW (ring-fenced)		500.00

Other matters

AS will be attending OALC training on Planning in February

OALC are offering free legal advice in April so NO will be booked in for a half hour slot to seek advice regarding registering the playing field with the Land Registry which was not done when the PC purchased the land.

Brackley Town FC had indicated that they would be replacing the goal posts on the playing field but have not done so. NO to make contact and confirm that the club will continue to use the field and will be replacing the goal posts.

Date of next meetings :

PC meeting	Planning meeting
	27th Feb <i>(NO will be away)</i>
26th March	30th April
28th May	25th June
30th July	27th August
24rd Sept	29th Oct
26th Nov	17th Dec

Signed
Chair, Souldern Parish Council

Date