

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2020

OPS

- The Clerk reported that GC had been in touch with website engineer as we are still unable to update and upload documents; M Gautier has promised to look at the problem this week.

1. Present/Apologies: Cllrs M. Brice, T. Lewis, A. Berryman, D Clift (SMPC) and Cllr J. Pearce (SHDC) all present. Apologies were received from Cllrs P Booker and G Collyer (SMPC) and Cllr M Long (SHDC). Cllr R Gilbert (DCC) arrived after the start of the meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2020 had previously been circulated and were taken as read. They were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising not raised in agenda items below

- Ponding at Lane End: Not much change in the situation but RG is continuing to keep the matter under review.
- Speeding controls: The five prize-winning posters were on display; the children concerned had each received a £5 book token and had all thanked the Parish Council. The aim is to get the posters in position before the end of March.
- End of Backshay Close: Mr B Hancox had volunteered to complete the tidying work and he had done a very good job. SMPC will reimburse him for the materials purchased. Site is now ready for planting.
- Appointment of Tree Warden: Mrs Bettina Rixon had volunteered to be South Milton Tree Warden. Councillors resolved to appoint her and thanked her for her interest.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary or Other Interests on agenda items MB and JP declared an interest in Item 7 – Wakeham Farm Development – and will take no part in any discussions thereon. The Clerk also recorded a similar conflict of interest but may continue to act in an administrative capacity during meetings.

5. Planning Matters - – 0386/20/FUL Minor works to six residential units at Wakeham Farm, South Milton

- Councillors resolved to consider items 5 and 6 as they were on the same subject and TL chaired this part of the meeting.
- Councillors further resolved to expand the scope of the Wakeham Planning Advisory Committee which had been agreed at the January meeting so that it could deal with any sensitive planning issues in the future and not only Wakeham Farm.
- Membership of the new Planning Advisory Committee would comprise members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (PB, TL, GC plus N Townsend, N Bailey and P Davies) under the chairmanship of PB. DC and AB asked to be part of the PAC.
- Members of the NP Steering Group had been looking at the history of developments at Wakeham over many years and have talked to the Planning Officer in charge of the current application.
- The PAC recommended objecting to the application and the full text of the objections is attached to these minutes. Councillors resolved to accept their recommendations and therefore SMPC are objecting to Planning Application 0386/20/FUL.

6. Development at Wakeham Farm - see Item 5.

- Site Management and Safety: DC advised that she had been on site as the gate was open and she was concerned that there appeared to be little or no site management, considering this is a major construction site in the centre of the village. Additionally, there was a huge pile of wood on the left hand side of the drive which was obviously due for burning. Concern was raised over the proximity of thatched buildings above. Clerk to contact Hertford Investors.

(Following the meeting there were a number of discussions about the wording of the comments on the Wakeham Barns application. The attached version is the one approved, by e-mail, by councillors.)

7. South Milton Sands/National Trust

- Jess Tatton-Brown attended for the Trust.
- Dogs: the Trust will continue to educate the public but will not be providing a specific bin. JP pointed out that just dumping bags constituted the offence of fly tipping; JTB is having more signs available.
- Outfall pipe: this has been damaged in the recent storms and become blocked with sand.
- Toilet: discussions continue.
- NTrust have had a meeting with AONB people who will be writing the Management Plan.
- South Milton Sands Working Group: next meeting on 5th March 2020. Investigations continue.

8. County Councillor's Report - RG

- Lane End. – see under Item 3.
- £1m had been allocated for road drainage issues, this has now been increased to £2m.
- Council Tax: 2% increase plus 2% for Adult Social Care. Cost of this care is likely to rise; currently this represents on average £500 per person per year.
- DCC own 65 farms on 9,583 acres, to encourage young people to get into farming.

9. District Councillor's Report – JP

- The correct type of dog poo bin will shortly be installed outside Beach Cottage which should be a huge improvement on the current one. JP undertook to fund this from the Locality budget.

10. Finance

- Donations for the replacement defibrillator fund currently total £575 with more promised. These donations came from groups using the Hall as well as from individual parishioners.
- Clerk's payment includes £15.00 for printing of Wakeham Farm plans and £25.00 for prizes for posters.

• <u>Payments to approve</u>	Nick Walker Printing	100.00
	Mr B Hancox	254.46
	LA February + expenses	250.00

- Bank Account Status After approval of the above cheques, balances at bank were £16,648.03.

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 23rd March 2020 at 7.30 pm.

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- DC advised that funding for CVS (Council of Voluntary Service) locally had been under threat with SHDC suggesting a large reduction; however, after strong lobbying, SHDC decided not to implement the cuts. The work of this organisation is invaluable to the community and we will monitor the situation in the future in case they need help with funding.

Approved..... Date.....
(Chairman)