

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON 26th September 2019

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:

Diana Stevens
Lucy Cornish
Barbara McGarry
CLlr Mike Kerford-Byrnes

09.19.01 Apologies

No apologies had been received

09.19.02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

09.19.03 To receive the minutes of the last parish council meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 25th July 2019 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meetings and signed by the chair.

09.19.04 Public participation

Members of the public were invited to participate

09.19.05 Clerks Report and Actions from previous meeting

No	Action	Owner	Update
07.19.07	NO to instruct Nicholsons to proceed with treework	NO	Completed Action closed
07.19.08	Additional £25 to be paid to Came & Co to revert to 1 year insurance policy	LH	Completed Action closed

09.19.06 Highways

Verge in Church Lane - A request had been received from a resident asking that the verge be cut back as it is covered in brambles. there was discussion as to the best method, i.e. tractor and flail or a working party to clear it by hand and it was decided that the best method would be to organise a working party and clear the area by hand as there are a significant number of daffodils and spring flowers which would be destroyed by a machine.

ACTION : NO/AS to organise a working party

Grass cutting frequency- CF to ask Nigel Prickett if the last cut has been done and to get a quote for 3 weekly cuts for next year.

Overhanging trees Back Lane - An email had been received from a resident regarding overhanging trees on Back Lane/Foxhill Lane and Bates Lane. It was decided that property owners would be contacted and asked to trim back their trees.

ACTION: NO/LH to contact property owners

Drains - Most of the storm drains throughout the village are blocked and have not been cleared in a long time. This should be reported on Fix my Street and it was agreed that councillors would check the various drains and submit photograph and location on Fix My Street .

JH - up to the top of the hill/Church Lane

LH - from Grannys cottage to Boars Head

As - Bates lane/Wharf lane

KA Back lane/Fox Hill

NO - Fox Lane

09.19.07

Updates

a) Playground Advisory Group

Lucy Cornish reported that throughout the summer benches have been painted, the floor of the train painted, planks repaired and swings repaired. A working party has been arranged for next weekend for general tidying of the area. Lucy will be standing down from the Playground Advisory Group and suggested that it is time for a re-think as the equipment is old and need replacing. The slide is over 40 years old. She suggests that there should be a sub committee for grants and fundraising and a focus group to decide on the equipment required. She also suggested that an evening be arranged in the village hall to attract volunteers and interested parties which she will organise in October. Flyers will be distributed throughout the village.

ACTION : Lucy/Barbara/NO to assist with flyer distribution.

A ROSPA report is required .

ACTION: CF to arrange for a ROSPA report to be carried out.

b) Nancy Bowles Wood Advisory Group

The wood is in good condition and continues to be maintained by volunteers.

c) CDC

MKB reported that the split with South Northants has been almost finalised and that although some financial savings have been made, greater savings have been made in economies of function, e.g. housing, social care etc. OCC now have some offices in Bodicote House. Castle Quay 2 is well underway and the old BHS building is now occupied. CDC have purchased an industrial estate opposite Morrisons for investment purposes. CDC have declared a climate change emergency and are actively encouraging the use of solar panels, electric

cars and paperless billing in many of their offices and functions. A decision has been made regarding planning applications and CDC will in future take more notice of any comments made by parish councils. MKB was made aware of SPC's recent opposition to the Tower House application which was approved by CDC.

d) OCC

No report available.

09.19.08

Planning

No new planning documents had been received.

19/01367/CLUP Oakley Cottage Certificate of Lawfulness is on the CDC website but no documents have been received

09.19.09

Finance

The quarterly report to 25th September was presented showing a balance of £12,430.54 with £1889.30 ring fenced for the Playground and £500 for NBW.

The following accounts were approved for payment :

John Hoodless	reimbursement for travel signs	£95.28
Nigel Prickett	Grasscutting	£396

Date of next meetings :

2019

PC meeting

Planning meeting

Thurs 28 Nov

Thurs 24 Oct

Thurs 19 Dec

Proposed dates for 2020

PC meeting

Planning meeting

30th Jan

27th Feb

26th March

30th April

28th May

25th June

30th July

27th August

24rd Sept

29th Oct

26th Nov

17th Dec

Signed

Date

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ACTION LIST SUMMARY

NO	ACTION	OWNER
09.19.06	NO/AS to organise a working party to clear the verge in church Lane	NO/AS
	CF to ask Nigel Prickett if the last cut has been done and to get a quote for 3 weekly cuts for next year	CF
	NO/LH to contact property owners regarding overhanging trees	NO/LH
	All councillors to report blocked drains on fix My Street	All
09.19.07	An evening to be arranged in October regarding the playground refurbishment. NO/Barbara/Lucy to distribute flyers	NO/Lucy/Barbara
	CF to arrange for ROSPA report to be carried out	CF