

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON 30th March 2023

Present:

Nick Oakhill (NO) CHAIR
John Hoodless (JH)
Alan Smith (AS)
Neal Ship (NS)
Heidi Dennison (HD)
Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK

Members of the Public:

Norma Jones

03.23.01 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies had been received

03.23.02. Declarations of Interest - to receive any declarations of interest from Councillors relating to items on the agenda, in accordance with the Council's code of conduct.

NO declared an interest in the planning application for Timber Cottage

03.23.02 To receive the minutes of the last meeting –The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2023 were checked for accuracy and content and agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

03.23.04. Public Participation –Mrs Norma Jones spoke of the trees in the playground which had been cut but debris remained. and was assured that the debris is due to be removed soon.

03.23.05. Clerks Report and Actions from previous meeting

NO	ACTION	OWNER	UPDATE
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Dec22.04	AS to chase NO re sleepers in playground	AS	George Stephenson and Nick will remove sleepers and posts on Nicks return in early February. Orange netting will also be removed. Feb 23 - In hand . Sleepers have now been removed . Action closed.

Action closed Dec 22.05	AS to confirm date of working party for the pipe in the pond with NO	AS	To be confirmed on Nick's return. Feb 23 NO to organise working party. Organised for Saturday 1/4/23
Jan 23.03	Dogs in the Pond – HD to create a sign	HD	On-going. 30/3/23 in hand
Feb 23.02	NO to continue recruiting councillor	NO	ACTION CLOSED
Feb 23.03	AS to action 20mph limit	AS	ON GOING – AS to action
Feb 23.04	NO to action barrier for carpark	NO	Being done 31/3/23
Feb 23.05	AS to order replacement signs	AS	In hand

03.23.06 Election

The election will be held on 4th May and nomination forms need to be submitted to CDC by 4th April at 4pm.

03.23.07 Playground

First fundraising event raised £331 – thanks to John at The Fox. Total pledges £17,700. Grant application will be re-submitted tomorrow. 3 quotes have been received. The village hall committee has agreed that they will provide any assistance required, including arranging Gift Aid for donations

03.23.08 Village Upkeep

Walked round village and identified tasks required. Will be tasked to individuals. HD to update the document and put on G-drive as a live document

03.23.09 Planning

23/00804/LB - Timber Cottage - AS to draft objection to be sent by CF

03.23.10 Finance – The following accounts were approved for payment:

Paid by standing order in Mar

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Cathy Fleet	Clerk Salary	126.29	0.0	
HMRC	(re above)	25.07	0.0	
Unity	Bank Charges	18.00	0.0	

Invoices to be approved for 23/24

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
OALC	23/24 membership	156.00	26.00	APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Receipts received in Mar

	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
SPC	Tree maintenance charge	225.00		

Cash – Playground	Pub Quiz	331.00		
	TOTAL:			

Other Matters

SSE are asking that a smart meter is installed in the changing rooms – they will be coming to install it in July.

Nigel Prickett has increased his grass cutting fees by 5%. NO to respond agreeing to the increase and asking for 7 cuts @ £350 per cut. Also ask him to trim hedges and ditches and Church Lane

Next agenda item – possible purchase of mower

The silver birch tree has been planted by OCC with no financial implication to the PC

Dates for 2023 – last Thursday of the month

- 27th April
- 25th May
- 29th June
- 27th July
- 31st August
- 28th September
- 26th October
- 23rd November
- 28th December

APM and AMPC to be on 25th May

Signed

Chair, Souldern Parish Council

Date

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Mar23.01	Planning - As to draft objection to Timber Cottage application for CF to submit to CDC	AS	
Mar23.02	NO to respond to Nigel Prickett agreeing price increase and requesting that he strims hedges and ditches in Church Lane.	NO	