

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON 29th February 2024

Present:

Nick Oakhill (NO) CHAIR
Neal Ship (NS)
Heidi Dennison (HD)
Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK

Members of the Public:

02.24.01 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr John Hoodless

02.24.02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

02.24.03 To receive the minutes of the last parish council meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 25th January 2024 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meetings and signed by the chair.

02.24.04 Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

02.24.05 Clerks Report and Actions from previous meeting

NO	ACTION	OWNER	
Jan24.01	Clerk to chase Sanctuary Housing re 4 Bovewell	CF	Emailed 26.1.24
Jan24.02	20 mph - HD to progress with survey	HD	Agenda Item
	Playground barrier to be agenda item for next meeting		Agenda item
	Clerk to obtain details of PCSO	CF	Details circulated

02.24.06 Co-option of councillors

There had been 3 names put forward with 1 who may be suitable. NO has contacted him and will make further contact. **Clerk to send info to NO**

02.24.07 Playground update

Playground insurance – NS to find out from the Insurance company if an upper age limit should be put on the signage for the playground.
On Easter Sunday there will be at 10.30 a playground opening and Eater Egg hunt.

02.24.08 Village Post Office
The post office times have been moved to 1.15-13.15. There is some doubt that the post office is cost effective with the PC paying £600 per annum. A message is to be sent out to the village requesting that more use is made of the post office or it will be closed. **NO to speak to Wrightons in Fritwell to find out how much use their post office gets.**

02.24.09 Car Park Barrier
Richard Kyte has agreed to make a barrier and has all the materials. He will measure up and report back with a view to proceeding with the work as soon as possible.

02.24.10 Grasscutting
Nigel Prickett has informed the PC that his price will increase to £368 + VAT per cut (6% increase). **NS to respond to Nigel** indicating 6 or 7 cuts per year will be needed.

02.24.11 Village upkeep
Spring Clean – Details of CDC’s spring clean had been circulated. CDC will provide the equipment and remove the debris. It was agreed that the weekend of 13 April should be pencilled in. **NO to respond to CDC. HD to create poster**

02.24.12 20mph limit
HD has spoken to OCC and it has been agreed to extend the limit to include Wharf Cottage. Over 50% of households responded, with 90% of residents who responded in favour of 20mph, 10% wanted the speed limit to remain at 30mph. The consultation is underway.

02.24.13 Planning –The following planning documents had been circulated and were discussed:

24/00344/F	Stonehaven High Street Souldern Bicester OX27 7JL	Two storey side extension with internal re-modelling works. NO OBJECTION
24/00367/F	3 Turnpike Cottages The Hill Souldern Oxfordshire OX27 7Jne	Single storey rear extension to form additional bedroom and enlarged living room. NO OBJECTION
23/03183/F	Stone Croft, Back Lane	Amendments to original application. Comment to be made – NO to draft

Decisions

23/03219/LB	Pond Cottage	APPROVED
23/03600/F	Manor Farm Barn, High Street	WITHDRAWN

02.24.14 Finance

Paid by standing order

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Cathy Fleet	Clerk Salary	132.69	0.0	
HMRC	(re above)	26.67	0.0	

Invoices approved

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Paul James	Playground Fencing erection	350.00	0.0	Paid from Playground account (£500 paid in cash)
Banbury Turf	Playground	491.00	81.83	Paid from Playground Account

Receipts

	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Playground	Village Hall Contribution for Playground Fence	602.75		

Other matters

Defibrillator – There is a rota of 6 people currently checking the defib – it has been requested that training be provided. **NO to contact SCAS**

Date of next meetings :

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

Date of APM and AMPC to be 23rd May

Signed

Chair, Souldern Parish Council

Date

ACTION LIST SUMMARY

NO	ACTION	OWNER	Update
Feb24.01	Village Post office – NO to contact Wrightons of Fritwell regarding use of their post office	NO	
Feb24.02	PCSO to be invited to Annual Parish meeting	CF	
Feb24.03	Clerk to send information re prospective councillors to NO	CF	Completed
Feb24.04	Spring Clean – NO to respond to CDC with dates HD to create posters	NO HD	
Feb24.05	Grasscutting – No to respond to Nigel Prickett agreeing his price increase	NO	
Feb24.06	Planning – NO to draft response to 23/03183/F	NO	
Feb24.07	Defibrillator – NO to contact SCAS re Defib training	NO	