

# **SOUTHOE & MIDLOE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES of MEETING**

**Held on WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**In SOUTHOE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors, Mr. A. Marnes (Chair), Mr. D. Felce, Mr. D. Saw, Mrs H. Ramply, Mrs. S. Gadsby, Mrs. M. Farmery, the Clerk and three members of the public.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. D. Saw had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

These had been circulated to all Councillors, it was proposed by Mrs. S. Gadsby that the minutes were correct, seconded by Mrs. H. Ramply and unanimously agreed by those present, the Chair signed the minutes.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

The Parish Council had received a copy of the activities that would taking place at the fayre.

Following the feedback at the last meeting in regards to the request for support from CAB the Clerk had enquired and CAB will be sending all parishes a specific breakdown of the data in the local area.

The Clerk had sent documents to Mrs. M. Farmery for uploading to the website, there are still some outstanding documents to be forwarded by the Clerk.

Mrs. H. Ramply reported that the previously reported overgrown brambles between 16 and 18 Lees Lane are not at the point of an entrance, there was recollection that this was a former entrance to the field so Mrs. H. Ramply to check again.

Mr. D. Felce reiterated the poor condition of Rectory Lane, it is a very dangerous stretch of road which is in need of maintenance, it was agreed that this to followed up again with Brian Murdoch.

Councillors raised their disappointment at the continued lack of attendance from the new County Councillor, so Mr. A. Marnes to invite her to attend.

Other Items to be discussed from the last meeting to be covered during the agenda.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received for this meeting.

### **Chairman closed the meeting for the next item**

### **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was an update given on the fayre, and it was reported that there had been an incident on the High Street whilst a mobility scooter was being delivered. A driver of a farm baler had spoken rudely to a resident; this had been fed back to the farm who had detailed that the particular driver was a contractor. It was agreed that the Clerk to write to ask the farm to remind their drivers and contractors to drive and safely through the village and act in a courteous manner.

### **Chairman reopened the meeting**

### **15. WIND FARM UPDATE**

The Clerk had sent a letter to TCI, the response received was read out.

A letter had also recently been sent to the District Council as discussed at the last meeting; Cllr. T. Clough had not responded regarding the appropriate individual, the Clerk had addressed the letter to the Head of Planning Services, Mr Steve Ingram.

### **6. ALLOTMENT PROVISION**

The Clerk updated that had a further communication had been made to Savills enquiring about the outcome of their current discussions, with no feedback received.

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The Clerk reported that application form still to be completed regarding trying to get the identified land for future allotment use being placed on the community asset register. The Clerk had been unable to locate information regarding open meetings held by Oxford University Chest.

**7. POLICING ISSUES/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

It was noted that PCSO Corn is due to retire in March, it was reported that some cars continue to park dangerously on pavements so Mr. A. Marnes agreed to follow this up with the police.

**8. A1 MATTERS**

The next A1 Safety Group meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> September, where it is hoped an average speed camera update will be given.

**9. FINANCE**

There had been a bank transfer between accounts of £5,000 made.

The following invoices were presented:

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service £159.05

Mr R Holdaway grass cutting and hedge work totalling £427.50

Broker Network Ltd insurance renewal £705.17

It was unanimously agreed that the above cheques be paid and the Eon direct debit payment it was noted to be £52.25 for the Village Hall electricity bill.

There was still no feedback from the external auditor it was noted.

Mr. D. Saw had been into branch to take identification as a new signatory, the Clerk had signed the form, now to be returned to branch for processing.

**10. PLAYING FIELD**

The measurements for the gateway to be checked by Mr. M. Rawson and fed back to the Clerk. It was asked that Mr Holdaway be asked to include some grass within Lees Lane that the County Council do not cut and advice to be sought from him regarding the hedge in the Playing Field that is in need of cutting back. It was noted the light sensor is not working and so the light is coming on all the time, so Mr. A. Marnes agreed to look at this. It was also reported that the dyke along Rectory Lane needs clearing, Mr. M. Rawson agreed to look at the ditch and feedback to the next meeting.

**11. VILLAGE HALL**

Mrs. S. Gadsby reported that a smart meter is being fitted later this month.

**12. CHURCH MATTERS & BURIAL GROUND**

No items received.

**13. PLANNING**

An application had been received, 1301296S73, due to Mr. D. Felce's interest he left the room during the discussion of this item while it was considered by the Council. The application was for the removal of an agricultural workers restriction at Midloe Cottage, it was agreed to recommend for approval.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE / EMAILS**

A copy of the items received between meetings was circulated; Mr. A. Marnes will attend the ACRE AGM.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. A. Marnes had attended the recent Clinical Commissioning Group meeting were it was outlined changes to potentially outsource some services.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was agreed to be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

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