

# SOUTHOE & MIDLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AGM MEETING  
HELD ON WED 9TH MAY IN SOUTHOE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Councillor's Chair Mr A Marnes vice chair Mr R Saw Mr A Parsons Mrs H Ramply Mrs M Farmery Mrs S Gadsby and Mr M Rawson, District Councillor Mr T Clough, County Councillor Mr R West and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Clerk Mrs L Barnicoat Sent apologies were received and accepted

TO ELECT A CHAIRPERSON. Alan Marnes and Richard Saw retired as present chair/vice chair. District councillor Mr T. Clough was asked to call for nominations for chairman. Councillor Helen Ramply proposed Alan Marnes as Chair and was seconded by Councillor Mike Rawson, there were no other nominations The meeting received verbal acceptance by Alan Marnes to become Chairperson for 2012/13. Chairman asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson, Councillor Allan Parsons proposed Richard Saw to be elected and was seconded by Councillor Sandra Gadsby there were no other nominations, Richard Saw gave verbal acceptance. It was agreed all written declarations and declaration of personal interest forms to be completed by the next Council Meeting. Chairman asked for a volunteer to take the minutes, Sandra Gadsby offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meetings held on the 2nd March and 6th April. These had been circulated to all Councillors. It was proposed by Allan Parsons that the minutes were correct seconded by Sandra Gadsby and unanimously agreed by those present. Chair signed the minutes

MATTERS ARISING Risk assessment's. Standing orders to be confirmed and signed by Alan Marnes and Richard Saw. A new list of Councillors to go in the Parish Council notice board. all Councillors have been asked if we have their permission to add their email addresses and phone numbers all present agreed

CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING FOR THE NEXT ITEM AND OUTLINED THE PROCEDURES RELATING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. District Cllr T Clough opened with items from local elections. Poor turnout to vote only 30%. UKIP gained 3 seats Labour gained 1 seat. Invitation for a workshop on local planning ongoing. Resident enquired was it correct that the 66 bus was going to be taken off in June and not replaced. Sandra Gadsby answered as she had telephoned Cambs. Council to ask the same question of Daniel Clarke who confirmed this was true, however the councillors concerned were having a meeting to try and provide transport for Southoe and he would let us know the results. This yet again takes Southoe off of the map. County Cllr R West said that Stagecoach must have ignored their contract with the Council and he would make enquiries. Resident said would anyone object if he repaired the gate into the play area. All agreed that it was okay. The gate to the playing field from Rectory Lane is missing its padlock Richard Saw had secured it with his own padlock. Resident said padlocks are being stolen and sold for scrap. Resident is concerned about security issues IE burglaries and had believed Carol Corn would be at the meeting. Alan Marnes said she had worked a morning shift and was not allowed to attend in her own time. M Rawson did say anyone could contact him if they required advice on types of burglar alarms as he was ex police. Resident asked if the speed limit in the village could be reduced to 20mph Alan Marnes said the Police had been asked they had said they could not enforce it. Councillor R. West spoke on this. Resident wanted CCTV to be installed for car recognition and was told it could be against civil liberties Councillor R West said he would find out more information on the issue. Resident asked when would church grass be cut. Chairman replied Mr Holdaway would start as soon as weather permits. Resident asked about path in playing field unsafe needs attention. Resident stated there is a need for a dog litter bin and a rubbish bin in the field

ALLOTMENT PROVISION There has been no communication from the Oxford University Chest regarding the change of use of the field. Allan Parsons has written to see if the Council can go for a Compulsory Purchase order, chairman had contacted DEFRA and our MP said this could be the only option. Cost could

possibly be £30,000 Councilors West and Clough will speak to HDC legal team. Luminus Homes have written to the Council to ask if we have any allotments for their tenants chairman will reply and ask for help with this issue.

**POLICING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.** There have been no reports received

**A1 MATTERS** The A1 Safety Group have met earlier today and had been told by the Highways Agency that bid for speed cameras on the A1 are not successful and there is no spare money. also the situation is much worse elsewhere. The A1 north bound will be closed in the evening from June 6th to June the 9th 2012. ( It could be one night only). All residents will be warned in writing and issued with a pass to be escorted in/out of the village. the Parish Council have sent a letter to voice their concerns regarding TCI Renewable having a lane closed on the north bound carriageway of the A1 to move equipment in to the village. They have been told if this is too expensive the scheme will be shelved. All local Parish Councils are writing to the Highways Agency with their concerns about the speed limits on the A1. The new signs on the A1 are being reviewed as they are blocking visibility. The HA have been contacted by TCI regarding the proposed entrance to the wind farm, the HA manager was of the opinion that the traffic management scheme cost could make the scheme unviable, but TCI will evaluate before any application is put in.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS** Last years accounts were presented and were unanimously accepted. Last interest payments are correct. The accounts appear to balance. Bank reconciliation balances were unanimously accepted. Annual audit is due, chairman and Cllr. A Parsons will help the clerk if needed, Chairman will post notice. Receipt for Cremation plot to be raised by Alan Marnes and sent to Mrs. G. Smith  
Clerk fees Barnicoat Ltd cheque to be raised for the contract.£???.??  
Cheque raised to pay for the food from Days Butchers at Buckden for all the Jubilee celebration £900.

**PLAYING FIELD** Dog fouling reported to Dog Warden. Chairman to contact contractors for grass cutting to ask if they removed padlocks from playing field gate. Rubbish bin to be moved. Path into field from Town Orchard needs attention chairman and Cllr Rawson to look at.

**VILLAGE HALL** Request to Parish Council to reimburse village hall committee £180 which was paid for a Duty of Care asbestos check. Parish Council all agreed and raised a cheque for Southoe Village hall. Most purchases have been organised for the Jubilee. Food, paper disposables, banners, bunting, mugs, medals and cups. Donation received for sale of shed £20 and paving slabs £10. As we wish to purchase a village sign in the near future, we are going to display in the village hall the types of sign we can get and how much money we have to raise. Money that was left from the Millennium fund has not been donated to the Jubilee as one of the trustees objects and would rather the money went to a village sign, This is ongoing

**CHURCH MATTERS,** Mr Holdaway is to carry on this year with his contract for grass cutting. No grass cutting on June the 16th as there is a Wedding taking place. Church clock restoration to go ahead when planning is complete. All the wood from the felled trees has now gone.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

To be read through at a later date. Any queries about emails contact Alan Marnes. 2 people are invited to Armed Forces Day. Alan Marnes may attend. Annual accounting to be filled in

**WIND FARM.** No correspondence

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** S.P.A.C.E Reports there is £3,000 left from money that was raised for the Playing Field. It was suggested this money could be used for a path or fencing. Mary Farmery and Allan Parsons are looking at options for a Parish website.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WED 6TH JUNE 2012** meeting closed 9:15