

SOUTHOE & MIDLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on WEDNESDAY 6 June 2018

In SOUTHOE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm

Present Alan Marnes (**AM**), A Kiley (**AK**) and Sue Brierley (**SB**).
Ms R. Mimiene (**RM**) Clerk
HDC Cllr Hamish Masson, Buckden Ward
CCC Cllr Peter Downes
Angela Ellmer, Chairman of the VH Management Committee
4 members of the public

2018/19

06/560 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non Attendance

06/560.1 Clerk reported that PC Cllrs D Saw, S Mitchel and R Horseman sent apologies for absence.

06/561 Declarations of Interest for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)

06/561.1 There were no declarations of interests.

06/562 To Consider Co-option to fill 1 Vacancy on the Parish Council

06/562.1 Anna Ramplly expressed a wish to join the Council.

06/563 District and County Councillors Reports

06/563.1 HDC Cllr Hamish Masson presented a written report, attached to these minutes.

06/563.2 CCC Cllr Peter Downes presented a written report, attached to these minutes.

Meeting was closed for the members of the public to raise any issues

06/564 Open Forum – For all members of the public and press present

Overgrowth in the middle area of A1 never been as bad as it is now. Email sent to local MP by resident, also by the Chairman to Parish Council AM.

Cllr AK agreed to draft a letter for Highways and local MP. Photographic evidence re: road safety and current visibility/state will be supplied.

PC Meeting was attended by concerned residents who seek direct action.

CCC Cllr PD leaves the meeting

Meeting re- opened

**06/565 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 9 May 18
Only two Cllrs were present who attended the last meeting. Minutes are approved but it was agreed to formally sign them when more Cllrs are present who attended the meeting in May.**

Minutes to be signed by the chairman at Jul PC.

06/566 Matters arising from those Minutes

06/566.1 All covered under the Agenda items.

06/567 A1 Matters

06/567.1 Southoe junction: Coming from Buckden direction and turning into Bell Lane – the junction is obscured by overgrowth and trees. There were many comments about how people are struggling getting in and out in the village.

Cllr AK will draft a letter on behalf of PC, residents who attended the meeting and all Village as discussed under the open forum. AK

Chairman of the council had to dissuade one person present from taking matters into their own hands who said they would sort some of the bushes out between the two junctions.

Note since meeting: Cllr AM took photos of Southoe junctions and made quite a few telephone conversations/emails re: the safety issue at Southoe junctions.

Highways England responded on 7 Jun 18 confirming that email request is already being processed and Kier has been asked to escalate the issue. Chairman copied all the correspondence to Steve Greenhill and Sardia O'Driscoll of H.E. so that they can prompt Kier to ensure the work is carried out as soon as possible.

06/568 Planning

1) Proposal: Retrospective change of use from two agricultural grain stores to mixed use storage for agricultural grain and general storage (caravans and boats). Site Address: Land North West Of 9 Bell Lane Southoe, Reference: 18/00777/FUL, *PC comments by 4*

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Jun 18, extension provided till 7 Jun 18

PC agreed to recommend approval. No reason to object.

Proposal: **Proposed by Councillor SB, seconded by Councillor Cllr AM, all in favour, and it was RESOLVED to be approved.** **Carried**

2) Proposal: Creation of additional recreational facilities on a phased and limited period basis: Installation of Aquapark, Creation of small sand beach area and jetty, Installation of "System 2" Cable Ski, Placing of 3 converted shipping containers for use as Equipment storage / Male and Female changing facilities / Reception, Associated car parking, Placing of Portaloos, Ecological enhancements. PHASE 1 - Limited period for 18 months on Ski Jump lake. PHASE 2 - Cessation of Jet Ski use and limited period for 5 years (commencing after expiration of time limit for Phase 1) on former Jet Ski lake, and relocation of mobile home, Site Address: Dams Watersports Ltd Great North Road Southoe, Reference 18/00827/FUL, *PC comments till 9 Jun 18*

Plans were slightly changed since PC last time discussed it in May. This planning application is in Southoe parish.

PC agreed to Recommend Approval: Use the wording agreed at May's meeting.

Proposal: **Proposed by Councillor AM, seconded by Councillor Cllr SB, all in favour, and it was RESOLVED to recommend approval.** **Carried**

06/569 Consultation

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Preliminary Draft Consultation - 16 May 2018 to 26 June 2018

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/planning-and-development/planning-policy/emerging-minerals-and-waste-local-plan/>

No PC comments.

06/570 Southoe Common Barns Wind Farm, update

Cllr AM reported that road should be finished by the end of Jun. 63 wagons of concrete will be brought for each of the foundations. There might be some lane closures during this time. Turbines being delivered Sep/Oct time. Erected and fully working by the end of the year.

06/571 Finance

06/571.1 To Approve £5,000 transfer letter from Business a/c to Current a/c

Proposal: **Proposed by Councillor AK, seconded by Councillor Cllr SB, all in favour, and it was RESOLVED to approve the money transfer letter to NatWest.** **Carried**

Note since meeting: Letter posted on 7 Jun 18.

06/571.2 To Note current a/c balance as at 30 Apr 18 £2,962.53 and as at 31 May 18 £2,095.53.

06/571.3 To note up to date Cashbook. Noted.

06/571.4 Internet banking, Cllr A Marnes.

PC considered paying clerks tax and N.I. on a 3month basis but the payroll system Clerk's runs do not proceed this way if the employee is paid monthly. Need to find a way. Continue the way we are at the moment.

Cllr AM spoke to Nat West about online banking again.

It seems that in order to do this 3 of the current signatures need to sign to say one person can do the transfers. PC agreed not to go this way for now. Pay by chq till HMRC allows that and reconsider the matter then.

06/571.5 To Consider and Approve ICO membership at a price of £35.00

Clerk clarified that the fee is £40 if PC pays by chq, and £35 if PC pays by DD.

PC agreed to leave it on the Agenda till the next meeting. Cllrs will get more familiar with this.

06/571.6 Expenditure for approval 6 Jun 18

Please note that E-ON Electricity bill for the VH for £68.32 received, the amount deducted (DD) on 10 May 18.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee and Description	Amount
6 Jun 18	1026	R Mimiene, Clerk wages May 18	£197.85
6 Jun 18	1027	R Mimiene, Clerk - expenses on running cost of the Council May 18 (£4.80 mileage, £6.96 stamps)	£11.76
6 Jun 18	1028	HMRC Tax deductions from Clerk wages May 18	£49.40
6 Jun 18	DD	Nest Pensions contribution May 18	£26.02
6 Jun 18	1029	CGM – grass cutting – 1 st cut	£110.40
6 Jun 18	1030	St Neots Museum – Annual donation/grant S137	£50.00
6 Jun 18	1031	Mr Holdaway – grass cutting May 18 x 3 cuts	£375.00
		Total Jun 18 payments:	£820.43

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- Proposed by Cllr SB, seconded by Cllr AK, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that all items listed in 06/571.6 are to be paid.** Carried
- Grass cutting schedule was set every two weeks. Point out that the grass must be cut w/c 6 Aug in time for the village fete.
- 06/572 To Adopt the New Model of Standing Orders issued by NALC (includes the GDPR)** Carried
- Proposed by Cllr AM, seconded by Cllr SB, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that New Model of Standing Orders are approved.**
- Proposal: Proposed by Councillor AM, seconded by Councillor Cllr SB, all in favour, and it was RESOLVED to recommend approval.** Carried
- 06/573 To consider General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) compliance (The Legislative Order came in force 25 May 2018) –**
- In process.
- 06/574 Parish Council Website: updated by Cllr R Horsman**
- There are some issues with the website as it does not come up when you google it. Need to type in exact address for the site to come. Cllr RB is working on this matter. Please note the website address <http://southoe-midloe.btck.co.uk/News>. HDC were informed. Website address is on every Agenda which goes out. RB
- 06/575 To further discuss the Defibrillator for Southoe & Midloe Village**
- No action.
- 06/576 Village Security & Policing Matters**
- 06/577 Highways Matters**
- 06/577.1 A lot of pot holes in Rectory Lane filled.
- 06/578 Village Grass cutting issues and Footpaths issues in the village**
- No issues. Footpaths are walkable.
- 06/579 Play Area & Playing Field**
- 06/579.1 Monthly Risk Assessment – carried.
- 06/579.2 Grass cutting was an issue. Several complaints received. PC agreed that if the grass cutting contractors do not carry grass cutting as per their schedule and agreement signed earlier this year, PC we will have to reconsider this matter. Contractors are not compliant with the schedule as yet. It is a breach of contract. It was agreed to give contractors a chance. Clerk to inform contractors. Clerk
- It was reported that hedges which belong to PC need cutting. Hedges previously were done by HDC (best time early spring or autumn, not to interfere with birds nesting season)
- 06/579.2 Annual Inspection will be carried by Wicksteed (last report was issued in Nov 17) -
- It was reported to PC that the cable ties used to keep pigeons off were removed from the swings. Cllr AK will purchase a bag of 100 (foot long). AK
- 06/579.3 Bins at the PF need emptying. Previously was done by HDC. Cllr AM will investigate which hedge in particular need trimming.
- There is also a lot of bird poo on play equipment.
- 06/580 Village Hall**
- New lights installed in main hall. Working party is going to be formed to paint the room, everyone is welcome to help.
- Future of the VH is being considered by the VH Management committee.
- 06/581 Village Matters**
- 06/581.1 Finger post. Milestone society are interested in renovation of this milestone. Might find the lost fingers when start digging as they may be left where the fell. The finger post dates back to 1920's. AK
- 06/582 Streetlighting**
- None.
- 06/583 Church & Burial Matters**
- 06/583.1 Outstanding repairs of the memorial stones, Cllr A Marnes reported that 1 repaired stone (repaired by the owners of the grave) last year is loose again. Cllr AM will inform the family. AM

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PC need to decide if to lay the loose stones down or pay for them to be fixed professionally. **AM**
To find out the price of professional repairs, Cllr AM

06/584 Correspondence

- 06/584.1 Cllr AM has asked to attend Local Plan hearings and will speak to the inspector. Will report back to PC.
- 06/584.2 Bins on PF were emptied by HDC previously when HDC carried grass cutting. A HDC Operator was approached and will ask this question at HDC offices. These are not HDC bins, HDC donated them to PC.
- 06/584.3 1 member of the public and chairman contacted local MP and one near miss crossing A1. Contacted Highways Agency today. No response from MP received. HDC Cllr HM will email as well for PC.
PC letter will be drafted by Cllr AK to include MP, Highways in the circulation.
- 06/584.4 Cllr AM circulated email re: Cambridgeshire Future Plans.
There are around 30,000 vehicles which pass S&M both ways daily.

06/585 Councillors Questions

None raised.

06/586 Date of the Next Meeting: Wed 4 Jul 18 at 7.30pm

Meeting finished at 10.18pm

These minutes are considered draft until ratified at the Parish Council meeting