

SOUTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH JULY 2010 @ 7.00PM AT SOUTHILL LOWER SCHOOL

Present: Cllrs. Rook(Vice Chairman), Andrews, Gowers, Green, Hankins, Hickman, Hunt, Jones, Central Beds. Cllrs. Maudlin and Turner, the Parish Clerk, and five members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Blackburn, Eggar and Litchfield.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2010 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

3. Declarations of Interest from Members

Declarations were as follows : Cllr.Hickman 7(d)iii.

4. Police Report

In the absence of PC Holbrook, PCSO Ann Jeeves attended and gave a brief report on anti social behaviour and crime in the parish which was minimal in the last two months. PCSO Jeeves emphasised the need to be vigilant in the hot weather with particular regard to open doors and windows.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Parish Partnership Scheme 2009/2010

Cllr. Rook reported that the work outstanding at the 'gated entrance' to Stanford had now been completed. Parish Councillors expressed their concerns that any future works of a like nature were not a similar drain on Council Taxpayers as this scheme had been. The Central Beds. Councillors present advised that when the new highways contract was awarded shortly this issue would be addressed.

b) Young Gardener Award

Cllr. Gowers reported that due to a disappointing response to the scheme, it would not be held at the present time, but could possibly be resurrected in the future. The Council thanked Cllr. Gowers for his efforts in attempting to launch the award.

6. Ennoblement of Samuel Whitbread

The Vice Chairman announced that Mr. Samuel Whitbread had been awarded the Knight of the Royal Victorian Order. This Order was bestowed directly from the Queen and not from the Government. Cllr. Rook went on to outline the work of Mr. Whitbread in the parish and in particular his support of many local charities and organisations. Cllr. Gowers proposed that a letter of congratulation be sent from the Council on his award and also for his good and charitable work for the community of Southill and Bedfordshire. An amendment to this proposal was then accepted by the Council which modified the congratulatory letter to mention the award only. This proposal was duly voted on and accepted by a majority vote.

7. Special Interest Groups' Reports

a) School

Cllr. Gowers reported that the community tree and the Remembrance Day crosses had been gratefully accepted by the school. A new Headteacher had now been appointed.

b) Broom Quarry Liaison

Cllr. Green reported on the recent meeting and informed Councillors that preparatory works on Broom South were likely to commence in the third quarter of 2011 with the main work starting in 2012. All responses to the consultation on the planning application had been forwarded to Tarmac for their consideration. The legal agreement (Section 106) with Central Beds., requires that a new liaison group be set up which will be more formal than the existing one. The draft membership proposal for the group will be forwarded for comment in due course. The existing group will continue to meet to monitor the restoration of the old site. Cllr. Green will forward full details of the meeting to all Councillors. The next meeting is scheduled for 13th October 2010.

c) Grass cutting

Cllr. Green reported that all scheduled cuts had been undertaken to date.

d) Halls and Playing Fields

i) Southill - There was nothing to report.

ii) Broom – There was nothing to report

iii) Stanford – There was nothing specific to report. Usual activities were taking place.

8. Highway Maintenance

There were no specific problems reported.

9. Planning Matters

a)(i) Applications considered

Land at Silver Lake Farm, Stanford Lane, Clifton

Material change of use of land and buildings to form a 20 pitch camping and caravan Park with private roadway, fishing and picnic area, use of existing buildings for washroom and shower block, reception office and ground maintenance.

Objection

West End House, Southill Road, Broom

Single storey extension to south elevation and insertion of new window to east elevation.

No objection

Land to the north of Edworth Road, Langford

Revised scheme for the erection of 10 wind turbines, 2 control buildings and monitoring Mast. Provision of associated hardstanding areas and on-site track accesses.

No objection

b) Central Beds. Council Decisions

These were not available at the meeting and will be forwarded to Councillors in due course.

d) Local Development Framework

Consultation on the preferred gypsy and traveller sites had been undertaken by Central Beds. Council and due to the tight timescales involved it was agreed that Councillors would be consulted via email regarding the proposed increase in the number of pitches at Magpie Farm, Upper Caldecote. As a result of this consultation the Council decided to formally express an objection to the expansion of the site. The Councillors voting to object were : Egar, Gowers, Green, Hall, Hankins, Hunt, Litchfield and Rook. Those Councillors **not** wanting to object were : Blackburn and Hickman.

10. Financial Matters

a) Bank Balances

The Clerk reported bank balances as follows :

	£
Community Account	17,900.19
Business Premium Account	14,807.81

b) Payments

The following accounts have been received and were approved for payment : £

Southill Lower School	Hire of room	25.00
M J Granger Grounds Mtce.	Grass cutting	729.68
M J Granger Grounds Mtce.	Grass cutting	474.70
M J Granger Grounds Mtce.	Grass cutting	722.63
Mole Begone	Internet web hosting charge	74.95
P.D. Knightley	Clerk's duties & expenses May/June 2010	902.78
Playsafety Ltd.	Annual inspection of play equipment	81.08

11. Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the correspondence. :

a) Central Bedfordshire Council -

Mobile Library Routes
Adult Care and Support
Older People Reference Group
2010/11 Highway Works Programme
A greener solution for our waste – the BEaR project

b) General Correspondence

Local Govt. Boundary Commission
Beds. ATPC

Draft Recommendations for Central Beds.
Bedfordshire Bugle – May and July

12. Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th September 2010, 7.00pm at Broom Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.45 pm

At a general meeting before the Parish Council Meeting the following points were raised by the public:

- Concern over speeding on B658 through Stanford where there had been two accidents recently