

SOUTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2010 @ 7.00PM AT SOUTHILL LOWER SCHOOL

Present: Cllrs. Egar(Chairman), Green, Hankins, Hickman, Hunt, Jones, Rodenburg Central Beds. Cllrs. Maudlin and Turner, the Parish Clerk and four members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews, Blackburn, Hall, and Rook

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2010 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

3. Declarations of Interest from Members

Declarations were as follows : Cllr. Egar 9 (b) 11(b), Cllr. Hickman 7 (diii), Cllr. Rodenburg 9 (a)

4. Welcome to New Councillor

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Rodenburg to his first meeting. Cllr. Rodenburg will represent the Southill ward.

5. Police Report

Sergeant Glenister attended the meeting and outlined the recent restructuring of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams within Central Bedfordshire which means the Parish will now come under the jurisdiction of the Sandy and Biggleswade Team. It was his stated intention that one of his four PCs would attend the Parish Council meetings. He went on to report on the latest available crime statistics for the area.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no particular matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

7. Special Interest Groups' Reports

a) School

In Cllr. Andrews absence her report was read to those present by the Clerk. 55 pupils were now on the roll. This term the Friday enrichment club has started which divides the children into mixed age groups, who then participate in a range of activities based on Art, Science, PE and Design and Technology. All the activities have been carefully planned to enrich the curriculum and to develop the children's skills. The Harvest Festival has been celebrated and all donations received passed on to the Christian Family Care Trust in Sandy. Before half term, the Swifts Class went to Milton Keynes Theatre to watch a performance of 'George's Marvellous Medicine', a book they are reading in Literacy at the moment. Towards the end of term, the three classes will be entering the Christmas Tree Festival at Southill Church.

b) Broom Quarry Liaison

A meeting of the Group took place on 17th October and Council representatives requested that email should not be the only form of communication as some important documentation had gone astray. Work on Broom south was not now scheduled to start until early summer 2012. The Section 106 monies would not be available until extracted minerals had been sold. There was no further progress on the make-up of the new quarry liaison group.

c) Grass cutting

Cllr. Green reported that all scheduled cuts for the year had been completed. The Council approved one further cut should Cllr. Green think it necessary.

d) Halls and Playing Fields

i) Southill - There was nothing to report.

ii) Broom - There was nothing to report

iii) Stanford - The PFA held their annual fund raising duck race and raised in excess of £500.

8. Highway Maintenance

- a) New Salt Bin Initiative – The Chairman outlined the new initiative from Central Beds. that passed on responsibility for purchasing and topping up any additional bins a Parish Council may require. A local key holder and monitor would also be necessary. Following discussion the Council decided that a new bin was required outside Southill School but none were required in either Broom or Stanford. Central Beds. Councillors were asked to ensure that existing bins (one is located in Stanford) are kept filled up. The lack of salting on 'rat runs' through the Parish was still an ongoing concern and Central Beds. Councillors were asked to reassess the current situation.
- b) The reflectors on the crash barriers in Gypsy Lane were still missing. There were no other particular problems reported but it was highlighted that work would be taking place to alleviate pooling on the carriageway outside 63/64 High Street, Southill.

9. Planning Matters

a)(i) Applications considered

23 Bancroft Avenue, Broom

Single storey front extension, two storey rear extension, dormer windows to side elevation and Detached garage

No objection

Church of All Saints, Old Warden Road, Southill

Single storey extension to provide meeting room, toilet and store (replacement of planning permission 07/01357)

No objection

A request for support from Cranfield Parish Council regarding a planning application for an incinerator in Marston Vale, had previously been circulated to all Councillors. Following a brief discussion it was decided that this Council's support be given on the matter.

a)(ii) Central Beds. Council Decisions

Approvals :

3 The Maynards, Broom – conversion of garage and creation of accommodation above with 2 dormer windows on front and rear elevation and external alteration.

The Green Man, Broom Road, Stanford – retention of mast supporting CCTV and floodlight, repositioning of mast supporting CCTV and floodlight. Replacement extractor fan unit with dormer housing unit.

Refusals :

None to report

c) Local Development Framework

The Public Inquiry is ongoing.

10. Financial Matters

a) Bank Balances

The Clerk reported bank balances as follows :

	£
Community Account	15,219.58
Business Premium Account	14,809.66

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	474.70
M J Granger Grounds Mtce.	Grass cutting	247.93
M J Granger Grounds Mtce.	Grass cutting	722.63
BDO LLP	External audit	188.00
Cllr. R. Green	Repairs to Broom bus shelter	9.17
P.D. Knightley	Clerk's duties & expenses Sept./Nov. 2010	915.70
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	18.00

c) Review of expenditure to date in 2010/2011

The Clerk's review of expenditure to date and probable out-turn was noted by the Council. The Chairman asked that any suggestions to be included in next year's precept be passed to the Clerk by 1st December 2010.

d) Annual accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010.

The Clerk reported that the accounts had been approved and accepted by the external auditors BDO LLP.

11. Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the correspondence. :

a) Central Bedfordshire Council - Temporary diversion of footpath 28
Dunstable Town Centre Draft Masterplan

b) General Correspondence
Beds RCC

Funding opportunities for rural businesses in the Greensand Ridge

Beds. Police

Changes to structure of Safer Neighbourhood Teams

The Friendship Club, Southill

Concern over changes to Southill Village Stores

It was agreed to acknowledge the letter and sympathise with the comments contained in the letter.

12. Meeting Dates 2011

The following dates were agreed :

Tuesday 11 th January	Broom	Monday 7 th March	Southill
Monday 9 th May	Southill	Tuesday 12 th July	Broom
Monday 5 th September	Southill	Tuesday 1 st November	Broom

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.50 pm

At a general meeting before the Parish Council Meeting there were no points raised by the public: