

SOUTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7TH JULY 2014 @ 7.00PM AT SOUTHILL LOWER SCHOOL

Present: Cllrs. Rook (Vice Chairman), Andrews, Cakebread, Grant, Green, Hickman, Hunt, Jones, Macan-Lind, Rodenberg, Central Beds. Cllr. Turner and the Parish Clerk. There were six member of the public present.

1. Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Eggar

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2014 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

3. Declarations of Interest from Members

Declarations were as follows : Cllr. Hickman Item 6(d)(iii), Cllr. Jones Item 6d(ii), Cllrs. Grant, Macan-Lind and Rodenberg Item 7(a)

4. Police Report

There was no police presence and crime figures had not been received.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Community Speed Watch

The Vice Chairman thanked Mrs Hickman for organising 'speed watches' in Stanford where many vehicles were found to exceed the speed limit. Cllr. Hunt will be organising a watch in Broom and Cllr. Rodenberg likewise in Southill.

b) Proposed footpath from Broom to Jordan's Mill

The Vice Chairman reported that matters are progressing slowly and Central Bedfordshire Council and Lefarge Tarmac are considering the best way forward.

c) 'No parking' sign – Broom Green

Cllr. Jones had consulted many residents and it was agreed that no further action should be taken.

d) Southill Phone Box

Councillors had previously agreed to seek legal advice on the documentation required and Woodfines solicitors had been appointed on the Council's behalf. The relevant documentation was currently under review.

6. Special Interest Groups' Reports

a) School

Cllr Andrews reported that there were currently 60 pupils attending the school. Fourteen new children will commence in September. The usual summer activities were currently taking place including the popular sports day. Cllr. Andrews has collated the various comments regarding the recent consultation document and will be forwarding those to the Chair of Governors.

b) Broom Quarry Liaison

Cllr. Hickman reported that Cllr. Hunt was now a member of the Special Interest Group delegated to attend these meetings. He advised Councillors of the type of grants already approved out of the Community Fund and that approximately £40,000 remained for further grants. The deadline for the next round of applications was 31st July and any local bids needed to be approved by the Parish Council. He also reported that complaints had been received from residents about the restoration works east of Gypsy Lane which were not progressing as they should and were currently an eyesore. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Lefarge Tarmac outlining the problems and concerns.

c) Grass Cutting

Cllr. Green reported the cuts were on schedule. There was a problem in Stanford on a bend in Mill Lane where the grass had not been cut frequently enough and was giving sighting problems. Cllr. Green was asked to contact the contractor.

d) Halls and Playing Fields

i) Southill -The annual ROSPA inspection had taken place and there were a few problems none of which were major. The usual contractor had been asked to provide a quote to undertake the necessary work.

- ii) Broom – There was nothing to report.
- iii) Stanford – Cllr. Hickman reported that the annual ROSPA inspection had taken place and a clean bill of health received. The annual fund raising event, the duck race, will take place on 21st September. A lottery bid for the third phase of the adventure trail had been successful and quotes for the work will now be sought which hopefully will commence in September.
- e) lvel Parish Forum
There had not been a meeting since the last Parish Council and the date for the next meeting was still to be arranged.

7. Grant Application to Broom South Quarry Local Development Fund

- a) All Saints Church, Southill – Tower repair
Councillors had previously seen the detail of this application and given their views. Following a brief discussion the Council gave unanimous approval to the grant application.
- b) Broom Almshouses – new windows
Full details of this application were not yet available and it was deferred to the next meeting.

8. Highway Maintenance

Attention required to : directional bollards B658/The Crescent, Stanford ; overgrown footpaths at rear of White Horse PH, Broom and at rear of Green Man PH, Stanford where there are also dog fouling problems ; grass growing over and into drains at Broom Green.

9. Planning Matters

- a) Applications considered
Broom Farm, Southill Road, Broom
Change of use of land from agriculture to dog training facility (retrospective) **No objection**
- Blewitts Hall, Stanford Road, Shefford
Erection of attached orangery to rear elevation **No objection**

b) Central Beds. Council Decisions – Approvals

Oak Cottage, 1 High Road, Broom

First floor side extension, insertion of two dormer windows to front and insertion of two velux windows to rear.

Shooting Range, Ireland

Variation of condition 6 to planning permission CB/13/00220/FULL change from “120m to the west” to “to the peak of the roadway of the disused rail bridge to the west”

c) Refusals

Nothing to report

d) Applications withdrawn

Rowan Lodge, 71b High Street, Broom

Two storey front extension and single story car port

e) Local Development Framework

Nothing to report

10. Financial Matters

a) Bank Balances

The Clerk reported bank balances as follows :	£
Community Account	19,022.89
Business Premium Account	14,837.41

b) Payments

The following accounts have been received and were approved for payment :	£	
Southill Lower School	Hire of room	35.00
MJ Granger Grounds Mtce.	Grass cutting 16/05/14	523.03
	Grass cutting 28/05/14	274.80
	Grass cutting 06/06/14	523.03
	Grass cutting 27/06/14	523.03
Playsafety Ltd.	Annual inspection – Southill Playing Field	85.20

P.D. Knightley	Clerk's duties & expenses June 2014	425.69
HM Revenues & Customs	Tax deductions June 2014	76.60
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11. Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the correspondence. :

a) Central Beds. Council

Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan – submission to Sec. of State
Summer edition of 'Together Ezine'
Superfast broadband – new cabinet installed in Stanford to improve communication activity in area

b) General Correspondence

Beds. ATPC	June edition – Bedfordshire Bugle
Beds. Clinical Commissioning	Healthcare Review newsletter
Beds. Fire & Rescue	Community Risk Management Plan
Parish online	Newsletter
Bedford College	July edition of 'Park Life'

12. Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th September 2014 – 7.00pm Broom Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.35pm

At a general meeting before the Parish Council meeting the following issue was raised by a member of the public : Concern was expressed over the forthcoming Broom Stock Music Festival on 26/27th July at which potential large crowds could adversely affect local residents.