

SOUTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2014 @ 7.00PM AT BROOM VILLAGE HALL

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Cakebread, Hickman and Hunt

2. Election of Chairman

Cllr. Egar was proposed as Chairman by Cllr. Rodenberg and seconded by Cllr. Grant. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Egar was unanimously elected Chairman.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr. Egar proposed and Cllr. Jones seconded Cllr. Rook. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Rook was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2014 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

5. Declarations of Interest from Members

Declarations were as follows : Cllr. Egar Item 8(b),11(b), Cllr. Jones Item 8d(ii).

6. Police Report

There was no police presence or any crime reports. The Clerk has relevant figures for up to 7th April 2014.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Community Speed Watch

The required training has now been completed and groups set up of Councillors and volunteers for each village. Dates have now been agreed for the 'speed watch' to take place in Stanford and Southill. Dates for Broom will be agreed in due course.

b) Proposed footpath from Broom to Jordan's Mill

The Chairman reported that matters are progressing slowly and that a meeting has taken place between Central Beds. and Tarmac. However, it is still to be determined as to the preferred route for the footpath to take. The Chairman will write to the relevant officer at Central Beds. to try and resolve some of the problem areas.

c) 'No parking' sign – Broom Green

There has been no progress on this matter. Cllr. Jones will canvass opinion from local residents as to whether a sign is actually necessary.

d) Southill Phone Box

Although support in principle was given at the last meeting to adopting the phone box and allowing a defibrillator to be located there, there was some concern over the legal documentation that required agreement. The Chairman reminded members that to go ahead would commit the Council in perpetuity to responsibility for the phone box. Following discussion it was generally felt that taking legal advice would be sensible but a received quote for those services was probably too high. Consequently the Clerk was asked to contact Central Beds. to see if free legal advice was available on this matter and also to contact the Parish Clerks from Old Warden and Tempsford Parish Council who it was understood had already adopted a phone box in their area.

8. Special Interest Groups' Reports

a) School

Cllr Andrews reported that there were currently 63 pupils attending the school and that the reception class was now full with a waiting list in operation. The Arts and Crafts club and 'out of school' clubs were extremely popular.

b) Broom Quarry Liaison

Cllr. Green reported that a meeting of the Broom Quarry Liaison Group was scheduled for 7th May with

the Broom South Liaison Group meeting on 15th May 2014. Cllr. Macan- Lind will be available to attend these meetings as a member of the Council's Special Interest Group.

c) Grass Cutting

Cllr. Green reported that two cuts had now taken place. He also reported he was still waiting for this year's schedule of cuts from the contractor. The Clerk was asked to remind the contractor. Cllr. Rook commented on sighting problems due to long grass on the corner of Mill Lane, Stanford. This area was only cut four times a year and the Clerk was asked to contact the contractor for a quote for an extra cut. Other sighting problems were being experienced at Broom crossroads and at the junction opposite the White Horse in Southill. These areas were the responsibility of Central Beds. and Cllr. Turner agreed to pursue the matter.

d) Halls and Playing Fields

i) Southill - There was nothing to report

ii) Broom – There was nothing to report.

iii) Stanford – There was nothing to report.

e) Ivel Parish Forum

Central Beds. Cllr. Turner reported on the last meeting which focussed on 'speed watch' and plans for speed cameras. There was also a question and answer session with the leader of Central Beds. Cllr. Jamieson.

9. Broom Bottle Bank

It was reported that residents in Broom were unhappy there was no longer a bottle bank in the village. Previously it had been located in the car park of The Cock PH but the new owners no longer want to accommodate the facility. To date a suitable location has not been found and Councillors present could not agree as to any potential site. If there were any sites that Councillors thought of could they contact the Clerk.

10. Highway Maintenance

There were no issues raised. The Highways Special Interest Group had been forwarded details of the prioritised highways programme for 2014/15.

11. Planning Matters

a) Applications considered

Broom Quarry, Gypsy Lane, Broom

Variation of condition 27 of planning permission CB/11/02498/MW for a revised restoration concept to incorporate the retention of a water pipeline

No objection

Oak Cottage, 1 High Road, Broom

First floor side extension, insertion of 2 dormer windows to front & insertion of 2 velux windows to the rear

No objection

Shooting Range, Ireland

Variation of condition 6 of 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"

No objection

Rowan Lodge, 71b High Street, Broom

Two storey front extension and single storey car port

Objection

b) Central Beds. Council Decisions – Approvals

The White House, School Lane, Southill

Single storey rear extension

Church of All Saints, Old Warden Road, Southill

Renewal of planning permission, siting of temporary portakabin unit to provide toilet and storage facilities. Construction of new footpath through the churchyard .

Blewitts Hall, Stanford Road, Shefford

Create a porch to rear elevation.

Foxglove, 1a High Street, Broom

Porch to front elevation, re-planning of existing layout to form cloakroom and utility.

c) Refusals

Nothing to report

d) Applications withdrawn

Rowan Lodge, 71b High Street, Broom

Two storey extension to front incorporating existing garage

e) Local Development Framework

Nothing to report

12. Financial Matters

a) Bank Balances

The Clerk reported bank balances as follows :

	£
Community Account	21,245.53
Business Premium Account	14,833.71

b) Payments

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

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Broom Village Hall	Hire of room	50.00
M J Granger Grounds Mtce.	Grass cutting	523.03
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Aon UK Ltd.	Insurance premium 2014/2015	1419.06
P.D. Knightley	Clerk's duties & expenses April 2014	450.03
HM Revenues & Customs	Tax deductions April 2014	76.60
P.D.Knightley	Clerk's duties & expenses May 2014	425.39
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c) Annual Report and Statement of Assurance for the year ended 31st March 2014

Following receipt of a 'clean report' from the internal auditor, the Council approved the accounts and their release for external audit. The Statement of Assurance for the year ended 31st March 2014 was duly approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

13. Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the correspondence. :

a) Central Beds. Council

Solar Farm Development, Guidance note 2 – consultation
Good neighbour scheme
Recycling of textiles
Safety cameras
Prioritised Highways Programme
Dog control order – consultation
Ezine Magazine – Spring 2014

b) General Correspondence

Beds. ATPC	Bedfordshire Bugle – May edition
Beds. Clinical Commissioning	Healthcare Review newsletter
Parish online	Newsletter

14. Next Meeting – Monday 7th July 2014 - 7.00pm Southill Lower School

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.40pm

At a general meeting before the Parish Council meeting there were no issues raised by members of the public.