

SOUTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017 @ 7.00PM AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOUTHILL

Present: Cllrs. Egar (Chairman), Bolland, Mrs Bolland, Cakebread, Grant, Green, Hickman, Jones, Parkhouse, Rodenberg, Rook, Central Beds. Cllr. Firth, the Parish Clerk. There were two members of the public present.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

3 Welcome to New Councillors

The Chairman welcomed Mr Bolland and Mrs Bolland who have been co-opted onto the Council. They will represent the ward of Broom.

4. Declarations of Interest from Members

Declarations were as follows : Cllr. Egar Item 9(b), Cllr. Hickman Item 6(d)(iii)

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Community Speed Watch

The Speedwatch Co-ordinator, Mrs J.Hickman, reported to the Council on activities since the last Council meeting. There had been no sessions held in Broom or Southill, but two had taken place in Stanford on 13th July and 16th August. On both occasions a significant number of vehicles were travelling in excess of 35mph. Sadly an offensive phone call had been made to a speedwatch operator and this has been reported to the police.

b) High Street, Broom – ditch clearance

There has been little progress since the last meeting. Central Beds. have been made aware that the area has become untidy and overgrown.

c) 40 mph 'buffer zone' on approach to Stanford from Clifton

No exact date as yet has been forthcoming from Central Beds. but it has been promised for this financial year.

d) Broom Bus Shelter

The repairs have been completed satisfactorily. Cllr. Jones has arranged for a note of thanks to Tarmac to be placed in 'Outlook' magazine.

6. Special Interest Groups' Reports

a) School

Cllr. Jones reported that unfortunately she had not received a report from the school.

b) Broom Quarry Liaison

There had not been a recent meeting and nothing to report.

c) Grass Cutting

Cllr. Green reported that grass was growing rapidly and that it would be advisable to authorise an additional cut. Councillors were in full agreement and the Special Interest Group was given authority to decide if any further additional cuts were necessary.

d) Halls and Playing Fields

i) Southill -Cllr. Egar reported that minor issues with the fencing and gate which was the responsibility of the school were still outstanding.

ii) Broom - There was nothing to report.

iii) Stanford – Cllr. Hickman reported that the annual duck race and fund raising event will take place on 17th September. He also reported that more vandalism had taken place which had been reported to the police.

e) Ivel Parish Forum

The next meeting will take place on 23rd October at Ickwell Village Hall and will feature planning and police issues. Central Beds. Cllr. Firth advised those present that reported crimes can be found on the website www.police.uk.

f) Council Website

Cllr. Hickman reported that the new website was fully operative and requested authority to decommission the old site. Authority was unanimously given.

7. Southill Notice Board

Cllr Grant reported that the notice board was extremely difficult to operate and needed urgent repair or preferably replaced. Following discussion it was decided that Broom notice board should ideally be replaced as well as Southill, but that the Stanford notice board was still in good condition and should remain. It was agreed that quotes be obtained from suppliers and also a local joiner. Following receipt of quotes the matter will be progressed at the next meeting or possibly earlier.

8. Highway Maintenance

Central Beds. Cllr Firth reported that the velocity patcher would be operative in the area during September and October and it was hoped that all reported pot holes would be repaired satisfactorily. He also reported that the clearance of drains takes place periodically throughout the district and hopefully the flooding problems in Broom due to clogged drains would therefore be resolved.

The street name sign in Old School Lane, Stanford has fallen down and needs replacing.

There are a number of dead trees on Southill Road, Broom close to Gypsy Lane, which could be dangerous in bad weather. It was thought that Wheatley Homes might own the land and the Clerk was asked to contact them if possible.

9. Planning Matters

a) Applications considered

24 Southill Road, Broom

Construction of a car park to provide off-road parking for the neighbouring residential units.

No objection

Old Inn Cottage Broom Road, Stanford

Conversion of existing outbuilding into workshop with two new roof lights and glazed doors.

No objection

b) Central Beds. Council Decisions – Approvals

There are no approvals currently to report.

c) Refusals

Land adjacent to 106 Broom Road, Stanford

Construction of a three bed cottage, with alterations to access arrangements to existing bungalow.

d) Local Development Framework

There was nothing to report.

10. Financial Matters

a) Bank Balances

The Clerk reported bank balances as follows :

	£
Community Account	24,025.80
Business Premium Account	14,881.05

b) Payments

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

		£
Southill PCC	Hire of room	25.00
A R Worboys Ltd	Grass cutting 23/06/17	158.21
	Grass cutting 11/07/17	395.52
	Grass cutting 01/08/17	395.52
P.D. Knightley	Clerk's duties & expenses August 2017	448.32
HM Revenues & Customs	Tax deductions August 2017	83.20
P.D. Knightley	Clerk's duties & expenses September 2017	443.12
HM Revenues & Customs	Tax deductions September 2017	83.20
Peter Gent	Broom bus shelter refurbishment	600.00

c) Request for financial assistance – Stanford playing Field Association

Cllr. Hickman reported that following vandalism at the playing field, new posts and fencing were required and requested a grant of £35 to cover the cost. Unanimous approval was given.

11. Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the correspondence. :

a) Central Beds. Council

Leisure Strategy Update
Community Plans

b) General Correspondence

Beds. Police

Community Newsletter
Annual Parish Council Forum – 20/09/2017

Beds.ATPC

Beds Bugle – July, September 2017
Annual General Meeting – 19/10/2017
General Data Protection Regulations

12. Next Meeting – Tuesday 14th November 2017 – 7.00pm at Broom Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.40pm

At a general meeting before the Parish Council, Central Beds Cllr. Firth advised Councillors and members of the public that the gypsy encampment in Southill had been served with a section 77 notice which required them to leave within 48 hours.