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Minutes of a General Meeting of Southill Parish Council held at Southill Parish Hall on Tuesday 4th June 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Abbreviations used in the Minutes:

BATPC	Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils
Cllr	Councillor
CBC Cllr	Central Bedfordshire Cllr
OPCC	Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner
SIG	Special Interest Group
Southill PCC	Southill Parochial Church Council
SPC	Southill Parish Council
SPFA	Stanford Playing Field Association
SID	Statement ID
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign

Present: Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Barber-Lomax, Cllr Cakebread, Cllr Dempsey, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hickman, Cllr Hulström, Cllr Jones, Cllr Rodenburg, Cllr Rook, CBC Cllr Daniels, 2 members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

1) Apologies – None

2) Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2024 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

3) Declarations of Interest from Members

Cllr Hickman item 5) a)

4) Matters Arising

- a) Barrier Repair Kings Road / High Road – Anglia Water have contacted CBC Cllr Daniels and have confirmed that the work was not their responsibility. CBC Cllr Daniels will go back to CBC.

The area adjacent to this has trees which need attention. This will require attention by CBC/SPC.

- b) Village Entrance Signs – This will become an agenda item when appropriate grants are available.
- c) Cllr Rook and Cllr Cakebread and Andy Worboys are updating the new maps. Cllr Hulström reported that the area around the electricity sub-station on Southill Road is overgrown and needs adding to the grass cutting map.
- d) Cllr Barber-Lomax reported that the temporary footpath from Broom to Jordans Mill is ongoing.

5) Activity Reports from Special Interest Groups

a) Crime, Police and Speedwatch

Cllr Hall reported that Speedwatch can now be carried out on consecutive days. He suggested that with more volunteers, sessions could be set up on the B658 at Stanford. Cllr Daniels suggested that an e-petition with 100 signatures could be sent to CBC in order that they re-assess the safety of the B658 due to the number of accidents recently on the B658.

b) Halls and Playing Fields

Halls - No report

Cllr Hickman reminded SPC that RoSPA inspections which occur each May, are paid by SPC.

c) School

No report.

6) Safeguarding

There is no change to the Safeguarding Policy other than the name of the Deputy Chair.

7) Councillor Emails

Cllr Hickman reported that the SPC system has not been hacked, but councillors should be aware that if they receive a strange email from another councillor to contact that councillor by another method other than replying to the email.

8) Rural Services Network

An email has been circulated to Cllrs regarding joining this network at a cost of £50 / year. A discussion took place but it was decided that it was offering no more services than should happen anyway. It was proposed by Cllr Rodenburg, seconded by Cllr Barber-Lomax that we do not take up the offer of joining. This was agreed unanimously.

9) Proposed Creation of Langford Public Footpath No 18

Cllr Barber-Lomax reported that this is ongoing although there is no timetable to date.

10) Planning Matters

a) There were no applications to discuss.

Reference and location	Details	SPC Decision
NONE		

b) Status of Applications at Central Beds Council.

Reference and location	Details	CBC Decision
CB/24/01016/FULL Old Warden Park Old Warden	Change use of land for the installation of car parking, a wooden canopy structure and a toilet for education facilities.	Consultation Period
CB/TCA/24/00165 30 High Street Southill	Works to trees within a conservation area: Remove conifers and replace with more common hedge (eg privet). The conifers have not been trimmed and have become overbearing	Not Decided
CB/TCA/24/00195 The Old Vicarage School Lane Southill	Works to trees within a conservation area: T1 and T2 – Silver Maples Crown Reduction – Reducing the height and spread by up to 3m to shape and balance.	Not Decided
CB/24/00400/LB Southill House Southill Park	Repair of Existing stone ha-ha wall on a like for like basis	Granted

11) Financial Details at 31st May 2024

a) Current Account £20,414.91 Deposit Account £15,169.81

b) Budget

	Budget		Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance
Admin	£10,565		£3,772	£7,500	£11,272	-£707
Open Spaces	£5,990		£925	£3,720	£4,645	£1,345
Subscriptions	£310		£0	£310	£310	£0
Contributions	£1,850		£735	£1,380	£2,115	-£265
General Fund	£1,500		£0	£1,300	£1,300	£200
Miscellaneous	£230		£760	£25	£785	-£555
Special Projects	£1,000		£0	£1,000	£1,000	£0
Total	£21,445		£6,193	£15,235	£21,428	£17

c) The following accounts have been received

	Payee	Item	Amount
OS	A R Worboys	Grass Cutting April	£466.80
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C	HDML	Outlook Dec 2023	£160.00
C	HDML	Outlook Jan 2024	£189.69
C	HDML	Outlook Feb 2024	£189.69
C	HDML	Outlook Mar 2024	£196.00
A	M Strutt	Staff, Expenses & Admin May 2024	£730.44
A	BATPC	Affiliation Fees	£266.00
A	AP A Rutt	2023-2024 Accounts	£100.00
A	BVHMC	Hire of Hall for May Meeting	£21.00

12)Correspondence

Items listed below have already been passed on to Councillors except where noted as *not forwarded*:

a) Central Beds Council

- Proposed Creation of Langford Public Footpath No.18

b) BATPC

- Vacancy – Clerk - Tempsford Parish Council (*not forwarded*)

c) Police

- None

d) General Correspondence

- Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue
- Biggleswade Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- Safety of Lithium Ion Batteries
- Rural Services Network

13) Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

The next meeting will be Monday 15th July 2024 at Broom Village Hall at 7.30pm