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Minutes of a General Meeting of Southill Parish Council held at Southill Parish Hall on Monday 3rd September 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
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SIG	Special Interest Group
Southill PCC	Southill Parochial Church Council
SPC	Southill Parish Council
SPFA	Stanford Playing Field Association
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign

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

- 1) Apologies – Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Cakebread, Cllr Jones,
- 2) Minutes of the Last Meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2024 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.
- 3) Declarations of Interest from Members
None
- 4) Matters Arising
 - a) Barrier Repair Kings Road / High Road – Cllr Rook, on behalf of SPC gave a big thank you to CBC Cllr Daniels in getting the railings replaced. The overgrowing trees and vegetation on the opposite side need attention, Cllr Rook will speak to the grass cutting contractor.
 - b) Cllr Rook, Cllr Cakebread and the grass cutting contractor are updating the new maps.
 - c) Langford Public Footpath No 18 – Cllr Rook and Cllr Barber-Lomax met with Chris Dorrow, CBC Rights of Way Officer, who thought SPC were objecting to the creation of new footpaths in Langford. SPC have no objection to this but are objecting to the proposed new bridge mainly on its cost but also increased footfall, dog fouling, walking on crops and anti-social behaviour.
Langford PC own the cemetery and are the main stumbling block of the project proceeding as they will not permit a public footpath or permissive path through their ground.

5) Special Interest Groups

- a) Communications & Data Protection
- b) Crime, Police and Speed Watch
- c) Finance and Governance
- d) Hall and Playing Fields
- e) Grass Cutting & Trees
- f) Highways, Rights of Way & Public Transport
- g) Major Developments
- h) Quarry
- i) School

A general discussion took place on the above SIGs and the outcome was:

Keep a), b), c) e) f) and h).

Remove d) as they are registered charities in their own right. This does not prevent them from applying for grants.

Remove g) as major developments would involve the whole council.

Remove i).

This was proposed by Cllr Hulström, seconded by Cllr Hall and agreed unanimously.

6) Ward System.

This system was discussed. There seems to be no advantage to keeping it but should there be an SPC election it would be costly. It was proposed by Cllr Rodenburg, seconded by Cllr Barber-Lomax that we speak to CBC about the change.

7) Planning Matters

- a) There were no applications to discuss.
- b) There were no applications at CBC.

8) Financial Details at 31st August 2024

a) Current Account £16,295.00 Deposit Account £15,226.54

b) Budget

	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance
Admin	£10,565	£5,300	£5,114	£10,414	£151
Open Spaces	£5,990	£2,475	£2,143	£4,618	£1,372
Outlook	£600	£735	£1,260	£1,995	-£1,395
Subscriptions	£310	£266	£40	£306	£4
Contributions	£1,250	£0	£1,250	£1,250	£0
General Fund	£1,500	£0	£1,500	£1,500	£0
Miscellaneous	£230	£760	£25	£785	-£555
Special Projects	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£1,000	£0
	£21,445	£9,537	£12,332	£21,869	-£424

c) The following accounts have been received

	Payee	Item	Amount
OS	A R Worboys	Grass Cutting July	£466.80
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A	Ico	GPDR	£35
OS	SPFA	RoSPA Inspection Stanford	£112.80
OS	RoSPA	RoSPA Inspection Southill	£108.00
A	M Strutt	Staff, Expenses & Admin August 2024	£730.44
A	Southill Parish Hall	Hire of Hall for September Meeting	£16.00

9) Correspondence

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

a) Central Beds Council

- None

b) BATPC

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

c) Police

- None

d) General Correspondence

- Shuttleworth Festival of Flight 28th - 30th June
- Mayor's Charity Green Wheel Walk
- Shuttleworth Family Air Show 11th August
- Rural LCWIP - Meeting recording and slides
- Shuttleworth Proms 31/08/24

10) Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

The next meeting will be Monday 7th October 2024 at Broom Village Hall at 7.30pm