

SOUTH HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a council meeting held via zoom on Thursday 22nd April 2021.

Present: The Chairman and Councillors Black, Whitehead, Huntington, Marsello, Burgess, Vickers, Walker, Vallis and Coveley. Two members of the public were also in attendance and the Clerk kept the minutes.

In respect to Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, the meeting paid respects on his sad passing.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Councillors Bonnett and Mitchell.
- 2. Disclosure of Interests** – Councillors Thomason and Marsello declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 6a.
- 3. Public Participation** – One resident came to express his deep concern regarding the retrospective planning application at the Fox & Hounds Public House.
- 4. Approval of Minutes dated the 11th and 25th March 2021** – The Clerk reported that she has included that Councillor Bonnett declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 4a on 25th March 2021. Proposed as a true record by Cllr Walker, Seconded Cllr Burgess.
- 5. Clerk & Councillors Report -**
 - 11th March**
 - a) 3-Cllr Walker reported that she had met with Luke Harlow of SHTS who advised her that the sycamore tree on the corner of Willowmead is dying.
 - b) 4b-The Clerk reported that planning permission has been granted for the agricultural storage at Hilltop Nursery.
 - 25th March**
 - a) 5b-The Clerk reported the cost per square meter for insurance purposes at the Sports Pavilion will average between £1500-£1600. Cllrs Marsello and Vickers have offered to measure this area.
- 6. Planning –**
 - a) 21/00538/Ful - 71 School Road, Downham – Construction of part single, part two storey extension including creation of roof terrace at first floor level to rear – No Objection.
 - b) 21/05096/TPO – 64 Park Lane, Ramsden Heath – W1, 3 x Oaks 2m reduction. Reason – remove deadwood and improve light, encouraging regrowth of grass; T4 – Oak Reason – Subsided I recent years, heavily encroaches on garden – No Objection.

- c) 21/00482/Ful – The Fox & Hounds, Church Road, Ramsden Heath – Retrospective planning application for garden structures comprising of 2 No. marquees, timber storage area/occasional stage and timber toilet structures comprising male urinal enclosure and 13 No. unisex cubicles and hand wash facilities – Object, there does not appear to be any disabled access. Health & Safety is a serious concern for members of the public and those attending the venue. Traffic needs to be taken into consideration. Due to excess vehicles being parked in Church Road, sometimes the road can only be used one way! We fully support that this application goes to full committee.
- d) 21/00449/Ful – Barn South West of Dowsett Farm, Dowsett Lane, Ramsden Heath – Conversion of a rural building to use a residential dwelling (Class Use C3). Demolition of existing lean-to structures, construction of a separate cycle store, parking and bin store area and the creation of a surfaced private footpath/cycleway – Strongly Object, this should not even be considered until all the necessary enforcement works have been complied with.
- e) 21/00568/Cleud – Hollow Farm, 54 Heath Road, Ramsden Heath – Occupation of dwelling in breach of occupancy condition – No comment.
- f) 21/00502/Ful – Land East of A130 South of Canon Barns Road, East Hanningfield – Installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) park generating up to 8 MW of electricity, comprising of ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays, substation, internal access tracks, transformers/inverters, fencing and gates, CCTV cameras, temporary construction compound, underground cable and connection to end user and other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements – We recognise the need for solar energy, but would prefer a suitable brown site be used which has a lower grade of agricultural soil.
- g) 21/00534/Ful – Fairlight, Hawkswood Road, Downham – Retrospective change of use of existing buildings from education uses (D1) to storage and workshop uses (Class use B2 & B8) – Object, we agreed with the previous application as this was an exceptional circumstance within the Greenbelt, to assist special needs children with educational facilities. We strongly object to the change of use for industrial purposes.

7. Finance –

- a) **Ratification of Cheques** – Proposed by Cllr Vallis, Seconded Cllr Burgess: Cllr Thomason* declared an interest -

105189	M Holt	Re-imb materials	£ 45.05
105190	Sadler Associates*	Fertilise Pitches	£ 1050.00
105191	Kompan Ltd	Play Inspections	£ 324.00

105192	Ealc	Annual Subscription	£ 603.22
105193	Environment Agency	Drainage Charge S/F	£ 15.56
105194	Barclaycard	Microsoft Annual Fee	£ 79.99
105195	Ernest Doe & Sons	P3 & Fuel	£ 585.84
105196	Cash	Petty Cash	£ 107.85
105197	M Holt	Maintenance	£
105198	R Thomason*	Salary	£
105199	J Moule	Salary	£
105200	HMRC	Tax & NI	£
105201	HMRC	NI	£
105202	Essex Pension Fund	Pension	£
105203	Essex Pension Fund	Pension	£
105204	Tim Moya Associates	Tree Report	£ 594.00
105205	Viking Direct	Stationery	£ 47.86
105206	CCC	Refuse S/F	£ 101.42
105207	Viking Direct	Stationery	£ 12.11
105208	EPFA	Subs & Competition fee	£ 40.00

b) **31st March 2021 Month End Accounts** – There were no questions.

8. Discuss whether there is a need for an Affordable Housing Survey – After lengthy discussion, members agreed to include this in the Spring Newsletter.

9. Parish Council Meeting Dates – The Clerk reported that the High Court decision will not be known until next week, therefore the proposed zoom meeting dates are: Annual Parish Meeting 29th April 8pm, 13th May Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting 7pm, 10th June Council Meeting 7pm. Our meeting on the 8th and 29th July 2021 will resume in the village halls.

10. South Hanningfield Village Hall – The Clerk reported she had received a letter from Val Ray, Chairperson to South Hanningfield Village Hall, advising she will be standing down at this year's AGM. She wished to thank the Parish Council for the support she has received. Cllr Marsello asked the Clerk to request an up-to-date set of accounts and Cllr Vallis advised Cllr Vickers that his details will need to be removed from the Charity Commission's website.

11. Matters for Information –

a) Cllr Black reported a window had been smashed at the Sports Pavilion. The Clerk confirmed this will be repaired next week.

b) Cllr Black reported Essex Police were outside the Sports Field this week with speed cameras.

- c) Cllr Vallis asked whether the SHVH committee vacancies could be published in the Newsletter?
- d) Cllr Vickers advised members the round seat in memory of Reg & Lily Samms should hopefully be re-instated next weekend.
- e) The Clerk asked members if they had any contributions to the Newsletter.
- f) The Chairman reported a 26-year-old man, and 21-year-old female was arrested in Heath Road last week, growing cannabis plants.

12. Date of Next Meeting - The Clerk reported this will be our Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 29th April 2021 commencing 8pm

Approved as a true record.

Signed.....Dated.....

