

MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

6.30pm Wednesday 20th March 2019

Bramley Centre, Southwell Library, Southwell

Minutes

Present : Cllrs D Martin (Chairman), B Prentice, K Ashworth, P Handley, P Brooker, M Jeffrey, S Rodgers, P Rainbow, P Scorer

In Attendance : T Broughton (Clerk to the Town Council) , K Green(Assistant Clerk to the Council), County Councillor Jackson, District Councillor B Laughton
Jacky Huson, Dave Sheard, Tim Farr, Rob Jordon, Andrew Chadwick, John Cook (Flood Forum)

Members of the Public: 40 members of the public and one member of the press
Chairman welcomed all in attendance. –

Presentation by the Flood Forum

Emergency Planning and Flood Resilience – update on road closure scheme, role of flood wardens, household preparedness and community hub.

Road Closure scheme was explained and the process of identification to ongoing training. 70 volunteers are on the books.

Josh Wells – natural flood management in the upper end of the Potwell area.

Jacky Huson – FRAMES project update.

Tim Farr – update on mitigation scheme progress. Procurement is going well for the project but is a long process. Potwell storage area has had much work already completed with regard to Harveys Field. This will need planning permission so work will not be completed until 2020.

Design work at Lowes Wong is nearly complete and work will commence in the Summer 2019.

Questions – concerned that work respect to pond on Starkey Land. Capacity is not sufficient and it was suggested years ago that another pipe down Hopkiln lane left down Kirklington road would relieve high impact of water in the future. This alleviation is not being considered and it was felt that this was a crime. It was felt that a pipe down Hopkiln lane was too expensive for the benefits it would achieve.

It was stated that future CIL money gained from new developments should be put in place for further phases of flood mitigation.

It was stated that from 1975 not enough flood mitigation was installed with new developments. It was stated that it was illegal for top water to go into sewage. It was stated to read the Pitt report. Badly designed systems remain in situ.

Plan is to make it easier for the water to get into the balancing pond and a bund is being built.

It was stated that new developments are not having sufficient mitigation schemes being built in to the plans.

Potwell dyke running around Millers Field development is in a state. Land around Becketts field is unregistered and is not owned.

One member felt that the system of Management Companies that manage open spaces on new development is not the best thing for the community as large profits are being made from residents.

One resident stated that work will not be completed on the trail as it is too expensive. An update to all these questions will be obtained after the next Project Board Meeting.

One resident felt that Southwell on the whole does not get any work done. Roads and pavements are bad. Other areas have had mitigation schemes much quicker than Southwell.

County Councillor Jackson stated that works are on time and a lot should be completed this calendar year. More information will be available after the next Project Board Meeting on Thursday 28th March 2019.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Harris (no reason given), Cllr L Harris (Personal), Cllr A Gregory (Personal), Cllr Reynolds (Work Commitments), Cllr Brock (Personal)

Minutes of previous meetings.

2.1 Minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 20th February 2019

AGREED

Proposed Cllr Jeffrey, Seconded Cllr Brooker

To accept the minutes dated 20th February 2019 and amend one 'rotten' on page one to be removed.

Unanimous of those present at the meeting

1.2 Clerk to report on matters arising –

It was reported that the Liberal Democrat newsletter reported on information received by Cllr Jackson on the Southwell Racecourse path.

Cllr Handley and Town Clerk have conducted the research on the ownership of the ACV application. The form requires the knowledge of the subject of the application. Town Clerk has asked for the information to be re-sent to her.

3 To receive any declarations of interest

Members are hereby reminded that, under the provisions of sections 26-34 and Schedule 4 of the Localism Act 2011, a member with a Disclosable pecuniary interest of which they are aware in a matter who attends a meeting of the council at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

None.

4 Opportunity to hear questions from the members of the public –

None.

5 **Police Report** – Town Clerk gave a verbal report. There is a pub watch meeting this week to monitor issues.

6 **County Councillor's Report** – answered questions during the Flood Forum presentation.

7 **District Councillor Loughton Report** – No report.

District Councillor Rainbow – District Council has had the last full council meeting and it was a budget meeting.

District Councillor Handley – Within the District Council budget there is a Community Fund for parishes for small grants or match funding. Homes and Community committee and Leisure and Environment and there is a host of initiatives coming through the committees. It is worth looking on the website to look at the work being done. There is a sum of money budgeted for the extension of Southwell Leisure Centre.

8 Recommendation from Operations Committee to accept the least expensive quotation received for the renovation of the wash room facilities in the staff area of the Old Courthouse.

£1780 Plumtree Plumbing – have had three quotations that were very close and Plumtree Plumbing which is the lowest with the budget coming out of Court House Reserve.

AGREED **Cllr Prentice, Seconded Cllr Ashworth**
To accept the quotation from Plumtree and the fund to come out of Courthouse Reserves
Unanimous

9 To receive and note committee meeting minutes from the following statutory committees that have taken place since the last Full Council meeting.

9.1	Planning Committee	9 th January & 6 th February 2019
9.2	Finance & Scrutiny Committee	13 th February 2019
9.3	Operations Committee	23 rd January & 27 th February 2019
9.4	Highways Sub-Committee	11 th January 2019

AGREED **Cllr Handley, Seconded Cllr Prentice**
Noted
Unanimous

10 Chairman’s Report and Announcements

Southwell Community Safety Group met with Highways Officer and County Councillor Jackson had a meeting to discuss Highways Signage in the town.

11 Town Councillor’s and Working Group Reports –

None to report.

12 Finance Matters

- 12.1** Draft Income & Expenditure Summary/ Reserves Position to end February 2019
- 12.2** Financial Statement and Bills for payment - previously circulated
- 12.3** Late bills for payment- to be tabled

There were questions about the income for Parks & Open Spaces emailed. It was explained that the I&E in the Parks and Open Spaces was distorted due to invoices for football and payments being received that relate to the previous financial year. A meeting of Finance & Scrutiny members with the Clerk will take place tomorrow at 10am. To check the CIL reserves figures and the flood mitigation figures.

AGREED **Proposed Cllr Handley seconded Cllr Prentice**
To approve the Summary Report.
Unanimous

AGREED **Proposed Cllr Handley seconded Cllr Jeffrey**
To approve Bills for Payment and note the finance reports.
Unanimous

AGREED **Proposed Cllr Handley seconded Cllr Brooker**
To approve Late Bills for Payment
Unanimous

13. Planning Matters - 18/1363/FULM – Land off Lower Kirklington Road, Southwell proposed residential development for 80 dwellings – revised drawings and supporting information

AGREED

Proposed Cllr Handley seconded Cllr Jeffrey

To move this item to prior to item 9

Unanimous

Deputy Chairman of Planning committee explained the changes in the planning application which is the addition of a footpath next to the balancing pond on the north west access road.

Summary of comments from consultees – Civic Society do not believe the Flood Report is correct.

Police have noted concerns about blind gable ends and ability to overlook open spaces and concerns over the parking court.

There are concerns from Conservation over the numbers of houses.

Highways are still requesting traffic lights instead of a roundabout.

Concerns over the mix of affordable housing and location of affordable housing. There does not appear to be a solution put forward and this is against District Planning policy and Southwell Neighbourhood Planning policy and affordable housing should be spread amongst the development in line with Southwell Neighbourhood Plan policy.

Mini roundabout design has been put forward and has been identified that it is acceptable if traffic flow is less than 500 per hour. Police prefer traffic lights. It was stated that there is a need to just slow the traffic down.

It was stated that if affordable housing is objected to the town then gets less and this could lead to a disservice to the younger people in the town who need affordable housing.

There is not a decent flood resilience programme in place.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr Jeffrey, Seconded Cllr Prentice

Object and call into the next District Planning Committee

Density of housing is too high as against allocation

Flood mitigation scheme is not adequate

Affordable housing is not distributed throughout the site.

Object to traffic lights and strongly recommend traffic calming on the approach to the town.

Traffic lights are inappropriate in the area of the gateway to Southwell and historic town and also inappropriate in a rural setting.

Unanimous of the planning committee members present

14. Correspondence Received

None.

15 To Resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following confidential item relating to, Personnel Matters and legal matters.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr Jeffrey, Seconded Cllr Prentice

To enter closed session

11 For 1 abstention

16 Personnel Matters – None

17 **Legal Matters** – Moorfield Court – Clerk updated members on the progress.

18 **Date of next meeting.** Wednesday 17th April 2019

Meeting closed at 20.40

Signed Date:.....
Chairman, Southwell Town Council