

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of Southwold, held in the Council Chamber at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th July 2022.

PRESENT:	Councillor	J Windell – Town Mayor
	“	Miss A Betts
	“	I Bradbury
	“	Mrs P Goldsmith
	“	Mrs J Jordan
	“	M Ladd
	“	M Rowan-Robinson
	“	R Temple

Also present; The Town Clerk and the High Steward.

1. **Apologies:**

To note/approve apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Flunder, Cllr Sutton and these were noted. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Jeans and were approved as per policy. Cllr Beavan was not in attendance.

2. **Declarations of interest:**

- a) *To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda.* Nil.
- b) *To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests regarding the agenda.* Nil.
- c) *To note the decision of the Town Clerk regarding requests for dispensations relating to this agenda.* Not applicable.
- d) *Councillors to be reminded of the requirement for them to individually update their Register of Interests as appropriate.* Noted.

3. **Minutes:** (i) *To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 28th June 2022.*

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Betts it was RESOLVED by all to approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th June 2022. All agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

- a) *To receive a report from East Suffolk Ward Councillor D Beavan.*
ESC Cllr Beavan will then take questions from Councillors and electors. Nil.
- b) *To receive report from Suffolk County Councillor M Ladd.*
SCC Cllr Ladd will then take questions from Councillors and electors.
More SCC funding is being given for SEND. SCC Cllr Ladd has attended an appeal for a school place with a resident.
“Reclaim the Rain” is a project to implement sustainable water projects for Kessingland. SCC is creating reservoirs to assist. Pilot scheme around Felixstowe. Norwich – Tilbury pylon proposals - SCC have objected along with Norfolk CC. SCC Cabinet approved a scheme around “Suffolk Design Street Guide”. This is an influencing document around street scene etc – this to be considered by the STC Planning Committee.
There were no questions from Councillors.

- c) *To receive comments from Southwold electors on matters on the agenda (each elector will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes). (10 minutes will be allocated overall for this section- subject to Town Mayor discretion). Nil.*
5. **To receive reports from Committees.**
- a) *To receive the written report of the meetings of the Planning and Development Committee held on 19th July 2022. No recommendations. Nil.*
- b) *To receive a verbal update from Planning and Development Committee on any further planning/development matters. Nil.*
- c) *To receive the written report of the Landlords meeting held 13th July 2022.REP LL 5/2022 No recommendations. Cllr Jordan – see confidential.*
- d) *To receive the written report of the Leisure and Environment meeting held 13th July 2022. REP L and E 3/2022 No recommendations. Thanks were extended to Cllr Rowan-Robinson for being chairman for so many years of Leisure & Environment Committee and for all his work in this respect.*
6. **To receive reports from working groups:**
- a) *Sustainable Travel - To receive the written report of the Sustainable Travel meeting held 4th July 2022. No recommendations. Nil.*
- b) *PROW – no meeting held. Meeting is next Thursday at Town Hall.*
- c) *Employment Working Group – see report attached. Recommendations on training and desk modification. .*
- On the proposal of Cllr Ladd, seconded by Cllr Jordan it was **Approved unanimously to; 1) provide change mgt training for the Town Clerk at a cost of £899 from the training budget, and 2) to purchase rising desk at a cost of £329.95 from the asset purchase budget.**
7. **To receive reports from the Town Council representatives on other bodies/organisations, of meetings attended:**
- Reports to be provided in written format and circulated to members prior to the meeting unless time allows for a verbal report to be given, subject to the Chairs discretion.*
- a) *Community Emergency Group – Cllr Ladd. No meeting.*
- b) *Sizewell/Anglia One and Five Estuaries Offshore wind farm consultation to 12th August 2022 – Cllr Bradbury – planning consent given to the scheme. Cllr Ladd advised that SCC is very disappointed about the lack of concessions re the impact on Suffolk county.*
- c) *Southwold and Walberswick Flood Board – Cllr Windell. Investment plan is held for works required and for the funding implications.*
- d) *HMC Meeting 14th July 2022. Is in August now. Stakeholders Group is 10th August.*
8. **DCMS Consultation/ call for evidence on Short term Holiday lets – to consider and if agreed approve response to call for evidence - open to 21st September 2022, and respond to NALC.** Call for evidence. Individuals can respond and STC Planning Committee will prepare the STC response for NALC. Councillors to feed into the Clerk by the end of August to assist the Planning Committee draft response.
9. **Financial Matters**
- a) *Accounts for Payment - To receive and confirm the Accounts for Payment for July 2022 (circulated to members).*

On the proposal of Cllr Betts, seconded by Cllr Temple it was agreed by all to approve the Accounts for payment for July 2022. All agreed.

b) To receive verbal report and recommendations of Finance and Governance Meeting held on 25th July 2022.

Recommendations include those relating to budget provision for items in Employment working group notes and PROW request.

On the proposal of Cllr Ladd, seconded by Cllr Bradbury it was agreed by all to approve the Employment Working Group recommendations and associated budgets and to provide for a £500 donation from footpaths budget. All agreed.

10. Town Mayor updates/ correspondence including.

Health Centre – meeting invitation – Cllr Bradbury to attend.

Station Rd redevelopment project – works on test bores started this week. All tenants and residents have had comms from STC. Hoardings have been put up at the end of Stanley Cottages. Heads of Terms from ESC received and these are with Mills & Reeve Solicitors for their consideration. £600k to be maximum contribution. Further consideration to be given to any security required.

STC field adjoining existing campsite – to await the business plan from ESC to take forward and consider by STC.

Remote meetings - Letter from Kemi Badenoch MP to Peter Aldous MP – Cllr Ladd noted that the actual letter says nothing and took 3 months to get to Peter Aldous. Cllr Windell suggested that STC send letter of thanks and support to Mr Peter Aldous with cc to Therese Coffey and to ask them to continue to support the request for councils to have the ability to hold remote meetings.

Southwold Arts Centre Open Evening – Monday 18th July 2022 7.30pm – The Town Mayor advised that the evening was very good.

11. Dates for Diary

Southwold Wifi Launch phot shoot– 10th August 2022 2pm

Klondyke Event – 14th August 11 – 3pm – Skatepark Community Group are holding an event for public consultation. £1500 has been allocated from Community Partnership for coaching sessions

Antiques Fayre – There will be no Antiques Fayre this year as it has been cancelled by the organiser. Some stallholders have been reluctant to take out £5m insurance, and some of the stallholders do not want to give their details to ESC. Cllr Goldsmith advised that local councils are being blamed on some of the Facebook sites for the fact that the Fayre is not going ahead.

See Common Trust for all events on the Common

The High Steward left the meeting at 8pm.

12. Date of next Town Council Meeting: Tuesday 30th August 2022 at 7.30pm

13. Exclusion of Public and Press if required during discussions: Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it might need to be resolved, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, for the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following.

If required for legal, staff or tender discussions.

Confid report regarding 25 Market Place – to consider and if agreed approve proposals for lease.

Landlords group – confid Rep 5/2022 for information.

Cllr Jordan referred members to the Confid Landlords report 5/2022. See Full report for decision relating to lease and rental terms.

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

Signed

Dated