

## OLD SOMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church on the 10 January 2018

Present: Cllr N Ord – Chair, Cllr T Pearson, Cllr Skelton, Cllr Lowndes, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Skelton and Adrian Illingworth - Clerk  
County Cllr B Adams also in attendance

Two members of the public were present public forum opened at 6.57pm.

An apology was given by the Clerk to Mr Welsh.

Mr Welsh asked in what capacity Cllr B Adams was attending as he does not cover Old Somerby. The Chair pointed out Cllr Adams is a County Cllr and as such a standing invite is sent to both County and Dist Cllrs.

Mr Welsh pointed out the minutes for November were still incorrect as they made no mention to the points raised by Mr D Holmes. The Chair pointed out this had already been brought to the Councils attention by Cllr Skelton and will be included in the January minutes.

Mr Welsh had several other comments to make. The Clerk asked if a copy could be sent so Mr Welsh would not be misrepresented.

The Clerk pointed out to Mr Welsh how minutes should be produced as Mr Welsh deemed them to be threadbare. Mr Welsh stated people need to know what was decided and who said what.

Cllr Pearson asked Mr Welsh if he would like the minutes to be verbatim or at level of discussion taken. Mr Welsh replied he wanted to see balanced minutes. He also went on to say Cllr Pearson had said things on contentious decisions which were accepted by Council. At this point Mr Welsh was asked to stop speaking as he had taken up all the time allowed for the public forum.

The Chair asked Mr Welsh to send his comments to the Clerk by post, not email, so as the Council had a clear record of his concerns. Mr Welsh was also asked to include what vested interests, he thought, Cllr members had. Mr Welsh stated he would not supply such information.

It was agreed by all Cllrs to hold back publication of the minutes for one week to allow Mr Welsh to submit his concerns. Proposed by Cllr Ord and seconded by Cllr Pearson.

Appendix; Notes produced by Mr D Holmes on the 4 November not included in minutes for November.

Council meeting started at 7.17pm

**1. Welcome**

Cllr Ord welcomed all present.

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**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest & Dispensations**

None

**4. Signing of the minutes (17/94)**

Cllr Skelton pointed out the omission of comments made by Mr D Holmes. This has now been rectified. See appendix.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda(17/95)**

At the time of writing the minutes no correspondence had been received from Mr Welsh regarding his concerns.

Cllr Skelton expressed concerns that for the last meeting residents were incorrectly told this would be held in the Church. However, due to an administrative error the meeting actually took place in the Hare and Hounds Public House.

The Clerk informed the agenda for the meeting should be placed on the notice boards at least three clear days before a meeting. This does not include the date posted.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

See comments made under public forum

**7. Finance (17/96)**

**7.1 To note income received and payments made since last meeting**

None

**7.2 Payments made since last meeting**

7.2.1 HMRC – PAYE	204.00
7.2.2 A Illingworth – Salary	278.19
7.2.3 Autela Payroll	24.00

**7.3 To approve the following payments**

7.3.1 Consultancy Fee for Neighbourhood Plan	1680.06
7.3.2 R Webster – Grass cutting	252.00

It was resolved to approve all payments. Proposed by Cllr Pearson, seconded by Cllr Lowndes. All in favour

7.4 It was resolved to accept and approve the Income and Expenditure Account and Bank Reconciliation. Proposed by Cllr Ord and seconded by Cllr Pearson. All in favour.

7.5 A discussion took place regarding the Parish Precept for 2018/2019. Cllr Ord asked Cllr Adams if it was possible to join with another village, which did not have a Parish Council. Cllr Adams stated this was possible. Cllr Skelton asked why this should be considered and was informed by the Chair it could lead to an increase in the precept in meeting the needs of two different villages. Cllr Pearson expressed his concerns in trying to meet the requirements of two parishes and that it may not be appropriate.

A proposal was put forward by Cllr Lowndes for a working party to be set up to explore the viability of a partnership with Boothby Pagnall. This was seconded by Cllr Wilson. All members in favour.

Following on from this discussion the Responsible Finance Officer informed members it would be appropriate to increase the precept by at least inflation (3%), to keep pace with increasing expenses. He went on to say the precept could be increased by a further 7% to cover any unforeseen expenditure during the next financial year.

The Chair asked the members to approve the recommendations. All in favour. Proposed by Cllr Ord, seconded by Cllr Skelton.

The Chair is to contact Mr D Holmes regarding the legacy left to the village and what this can be used for?

#### **8. Planning Application**

None

#### **9. Highways (17/97)**

9.1 No other matters arising other than those already on the agenda

9.2 Cllr Pearson informed members flooding had occurred on Grantham Road over the New Year. Photographic evidence to be sent to Cllr Adams by Cllr Lowndes for him to take up with Highways. Highways have been asked on several occasions to come out and investigate and have also been asked for a site meeting. As of yet nothing has been done. Clerk to contact Rowan Smith with a copy to Cllr Adams.

9.3 A letter was read out by the Clerk, from a resident on School Lane. The resident is to be contacted and informed to report the matter of fly tipping to SKDC. Item to be placed on website.

9.4 This has been reported to highways twelve months ago asking for them to stop lorries parking. A follow up letter to be sent to Highways.  
Any vehicles found to be parked on pavements to be reported to the Police. Item to be placed on website.

#### **10. Abusive, Persistent & Vexatious Complaints(17/98)**

All members had been issued with a copy prior to the meeting. The Chair proposed the council should adopt the procedure. A vote was taken and all in favour. Proposal seconded by Cllr Pearson. Clerk to post on website under Policies and Procedures

#### **11. Neighbourhood Plan (17/99)**

Update given by Cllr Ord. A meeting had taken place between the steering group and the Consultant. Minutes to be placed on website.

The Consultant has emailed a copy of the first draft to all steering group members. Next stage is to discuss the report and then for a further meeting to be held with the Consultant if required. Cllr Wilson asked if a copy of the report could be made available to residents. The Chair informed members there was no requirement until the public consultation, which will be after the Inspectorate have viewed.

Cllr Skelton could not comment on the information sent out by the Chair as she had not been Present at the last meeting. Cllr Pearson sated he had difficulty in attending meetings as these were being held during the day. Chair to address and ask if meetings can be held on an evening

**12 New GDPR & Data Protection Officer (17/100)**

Clerk explained the changes which are to be introduced on May. NALC have indicated the Clerk would not be in an appropriate position to take on the role of Data Protection Officer as there could be a conflict of interest. When more details are known these to be discussed

**13 Speeding (17/101)**

Speed cameras have been in place on Grantham Road during which there have been 92 incidents of speed limits being exceeded. Members asked what steps could be taken to alleviate the problem. It was agreed to ask for an assessment which will be backed by Cllr Adams.

Chair explained the Community Speed Initiative. This involves residents taking speed readings and passing these on to the police. Anyone found speeding would be sent a letter. Persistent offenders would be prosecuted. All members were not in favour of the scheme as the responsibility lies with the Police

**14 Village Newsletter (17/102)**

This topic has been raised in the past but no action has been taken. The question raised was do the Parish Council take ownership or let residents manage the project? All members in favour of carrying forward. Proposed by Cllr Lowndes and seconded by Cllr Ord. Flyers to be produced asking for volunteers. Cllr Ord to draft flyer. Clerk to place item on website once the flyers have been distributed.

**15 Correspondance (17/103)**

15.1 Details of training given

15.2 Clerk explained the website for claiming VAT was being improved. Further details to be given out when more details received.

**16 Notice Boards (17/104)**

Cllr Skelton to source and bring costings to the next meeting

**17 Date of next meeting (17/105)**

The Clerk requested future meetings be held on the third Wednesday of alternate months. All members in favour. Proposed by Cllr Ord and seconded by Cllr Wilson. Next meeting 21 March 2018

Signed:  
Cllr N Ord

Date: 21 March 2018

To Adrian Illingworth, Parish Clerk Old Somerby PC

Planning Application S17/1836

Mr. D Goodridge

I would be grateful if the Parish Council would take into account the following when considering their representations to the Planning Authority regarding this application:

1. The Old Quarry is part of an Open Space within the village and leads on to prominent Green Spaces including the field behind and beyond to the Wellfield. The Right of Way enjoyed by the owner of that field to enable him to gain access to his land, I gather, is currently alongside Beaver House. In order to accommodate a 6<sup>th</sup> bungalow on plot 4 I understand the Developer may be prepared to exchange that Right of Way for access through the proposed entrance to the 5 proposed bungalows which appear to form a cul-de-sac. That entrance leads to the field behind the proposed development. It is worrying to consider that future building development could be proposed in that field by the developer or another through that access. It would be unthinkable for all of that Green Space to be lost forever. I request that the PC consider putting down a marker to that effect at this stage.

2. There is no play area within the village. It is a much needed facility. The NP Steering Group has given much thought to this issue and had considered this location. We understood Mr. Goodridge had previously indicated his willingness to work with the village with regard to any development. This is an opportunity for the PC to consider pursuing it.

3. There is no footpath along that part of School Lane and it does not appear on the Outline Plan. The LCC were considering extending a portion of it around the corner from the Main Road. This would be a good opportunity to enable the footpath to be completed and I urge the PC to include it in their representations.

4. The proposed 6 bungalows may appear to fit into the building environment better than possible other more obtrusive developments, however, the above issues need to be seriously addressed.

5. The Old Quarry did flood some years ago. Photographs are available to show it.

*Footnote: As a matter of history there was considerable local interest in 2004/5 in buying the Old Quarry for use by the village. I corresponded on behalf of the PC with the then owner, Harvey Hutchinson, who lived in New Zealand. Eventually Mr Hutchinson wrote to me to decline all offers. Subsequently he instructed a local Estate Agent to canvass the idea of building affordable houses thereon. No planning applications were made. I have all the correspondence. The area has laid derelict since and the hedge on the School Lane boundary has grown very considerably obscuring any views for some years.*

David J Holmes

4 November 2017

**RATIFICATION OF MINUTES OF OLD SOMERBY PARISH COUNCIL DATED 10 JANUARY 2018  
AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21 MARCH. 2023**

It became clear in March 2023 that the above minutes had not been ratified by signature at a subsequent meeting. The next meeting at which the minutes would be considered for ratification was 21 March 2018. That meeting was inquorate due to multiple resignations. However, at a subsequent meeting of the council held on 3 May 2018 (with differently constituted councillors) there is a minute to “... accept the Clerk’s notes of the parish council meetings held on 8 November 2017 and 10 January 2018”.

Whilst today, it is not feasible to belatedly ratify all of the decisions referred to in the minutes of 10 January, 2018 it is agreed that Item no.10 in the minutes which refers to the Policy Relating to Abusive, Persistent, & Vexatious Complaints is current and a copy of the Policy was posted on the Council’s website subsequent to the 10 January 2018. Accordingly, it is proposed on the above basis to sign off those minutes today and post them on the Council’s website together with this note. None of the current Councillors or clerk were in post on 10 January 2018.

**At the above meeting the above proposal was accepted unanimously and it was agreed on that basis that item no. 10 of these minutes be ratified by the Chairman.**



**Chairman, Old Somerby Parish Council  
21 March 2023.**