



Southam Parish Council



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 8.30pm

Councillors Present: Joyce Calam, Karen Fish, Rebecca Prince (Jt. Chair), Steve Lennon (Jt. Chair), Pam Sissons, Rob Torrington

Also Present: 10 members of the public, Borough Councillor Chery Agg, Clerk/RFO

300. To receive apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Harris

301. To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation

There were no declarations or requests

302. To receive and agree the minutes of the meetings held on 11th March 2025

The minutes were agreed as a true record

303. Planning Consultations

25/00121/120/119/TPO Sycamore trees to have garden side reduction (North side) of up to 8m into natural growth points. This is to rebalance the tree. Additionally, removal of deadwood to maintain tree health. Land Between Noverton Lane And Mill Lane, Noverton Lane **No objection**

25/00203/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to two secure dog walking paddocks with associated fencing, gates and parking Haymes Farm, New Road, Southam – **Councillors to consider and report back to the Clerk by the 15th**

304. Planning Decisions by Tewkesbury Borough Council / Others

None advised

305. Finance & Governance

1. To approve the year end bank reconciliations

Bank statements and vouchers were checked by Cllr Torrington **and agreed as follows:**

Year End Account Balances

Deposit A/C	11953.6	928.88	Current A/C
Current A/C	1169.25	20193.76	Deposit A/C
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Balance as at 31st March 24	13122.85	3499.67	Donations
minus payments.	-17678.3	10000	Deposit A/C
plus receipts	39177.8	34622.31	
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The Donations A/C would be closed and the balance transferred to the main account.

2. Receive the Year End draft accounts for submission to GAPTC for first audit

The accounts were agreed by unanimous vote:

Receipts & Payments Account	Bank		Bank
Balance forward	13945		13122
add receipts		23/24	24/25
Precept		12500	13810
Other receipts		1583	1678
Donations (planning costs)			3484
Donations (village hall survey/registration)			950
Bank Interest			193
CIL		717	19063
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		14800	39178
less payments			
General costs		9722	6465
Planning advice			4920
staff		5901	6293
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		15623	17678
Balances at year end	13122		34622

Figures for AGAR Form

	23/24	24/25
Bal B/F	13945	13122
Precept	12500	13810
Other receipts	2300	25368
Staff Costs	5901	6293
Loan Repayments	0	0
Other payments	9722	11385
Bal C/F	13122	34622
Total Cash & Investments	13122	34622
Assets	26500	26500

Reserves B/F

CIL (infrastructure)	717.6
Planning Specialist	3500
Projects	1200
General Reserve	7704.4
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	13122

Reserves 24/25

CIL	19063.16
General Reserve	8000
War Memorial Fund	7559.15
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	34622.31

Councillor Lennon suggested that the war memorial fund might have to be used in match funding for a project together with CIL. This was noted.

3. Agree renewal of Council’s insurance with Zurich at £498.79, there being no changes to Council’s assets at this time and the policy provides adequate cover – **The Council agreed to renew at this cost**

4. Agree renewal of subscriptions to CPRE (£35) **The Council agreed to renew**

5. Agree payments for April

Washington Printing (newsletter)	130	130	0
PATA (payroll services)	112.15	112.15	0
HMRC	104.8	104.8	0
Postage	7.3	7.3	0
Zurich Insurance	498.79	498.79	0
Administration	419.66	419.66	0
Office Expenses	51.3	51.3	0
GAPTC subscription	284.53	284.53	0
	<u>1608.53</u>	<u>1608.53</u>	<u>0</u>

6. Launch of new website – Content not yet complete but up and running.
<https://southam-pc.gov.uk/>

306. Reports from Parish Councillors

- Wychwood Festival hearing Cllr Lennon gave a report on the hearing. The outcome had now been communicated in that the level of amplified music sound energy emitted from the site shall not exceed a target of 85dB LCeq(15 minutes) with an upper limit of 90dB LCeq (15 minutes) at any time when measured at locations specified in an approved Noise Management Plan. The premises licence holder’s acoustic consultants must monitor sound levels during sound checks and throughout the duration of the event.

A resident queried this condition in that it exceeded noise levels in industrial settings.

Q Would the Council see the noise management plan prior to the event?

A Will ask for this
- Meeting with Prestbury & Woodmancote re: B4632 speed limit – Cllr. Sissons reported on attending a meeting with other parishes to discuss the perceived speeding issues on this road. The changes in speed limit are not helping. It was agreed that a camera would be deployed on this road to monitor speed and that the Council will consider paying for speed data checks.

307. Date of Next Meeting 13th May 2025 AGM 7.30pm