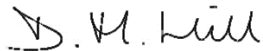


**TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
SEVERN HAM COMMITTEE  
10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

To: Councillors P Aldridge (Chairman), C Danter, J Raywood, C Cody, V Smith  
Mr A Purkiss, Mr J Lucas, Mr T Perry, Ms C Corsie, Ms A Swanson, Mr M Cluley, Mr  
M McKenna

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Severn Ham Committee to be held  
remotely via Zoom, on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00 am**

Zoom meeting ID: 950 7178 9783 Password: 179 598



Debbie Hill  
Town Clerk  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of interests
3. Dispensations
4. To approve the minutes of the Severn Ham committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020
5. Matters arising from the previous minutes – for information only
6. Public Participation *(to provide members of the public/press with the opportunity to comment on items on the agenda or raise items for future consideration. In accordance with Standing Orders this will not exceed 12 minutes in total and 3 minutes per person.)*
7. To receive an update from the Chair
8. To receive an update from Severn Trent Water
9. To receive an update from Caroline Corsie, Environmental Adviser
10. To receive an update from Mike Cluley, Carver Knowles
11. To receive the committee budget report
12. To examine the delinking of BPS and the future financial impact for Tewkesbury Town Council and to agree the first steps in preparing for the introduction of ELMS
13. To approve the refurbishment of the bench at the southern end of the Ham
14. To discuss and agree any actions regarding improving the floristic diversity along the bund

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- 15.** To discuss the current arrangements regarding hay cutting and grazing and agree any future changes
- 16.** To consider the draft budget for 2021-2022 for Severn Ham
- 17.** To consider and agree the virement of £4,000 from Ancillary Management to Salaries
- 18.** To approve payments list
- 19.** Correspondence



**TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**Severn Ham Committee meeting**  
**Remotely via Zoom on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Present:** Cllrs P Aldridge (Chair), J Raywood, C Cody, S Raywood, K Brennan, S Raywood, C Danter, Ms C Corsie, Mr J Lucas, Mr A Purkiss

**In attendance:** J King (Assistant Town Clerk)

**SH 20/001 To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Mr Perry, Mr Cluley & Mr McKenna

**SH 20/002 To record declarations of interest**  
Mr Purkiss – Clerk to the Commoners

**SH 20/003 To consider requests for dispensations**  
None received.

**SH 20/004 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020.  
Proposed by Cllr J Raywood, seconded by Cllr Cody.

**SH 20/005 Matters arising from the minutes – for information only**  
SH19/009 HLS options – HLS Extension applied for – complete.  
SH19/051 Additional Trough – ST investigating – ongoing.  
SH19/056 Land ownership issue – Solicitor appointed – ongoing.  
SH19/082 Environmental Watching Brief – with Severn Trent – ongoing.  
SH19/084 Boost for Diversity funding – ongoing.  
SH19/110 Dogs on leads – reminder on Facebook – complete.  
SH19/111 Fix trough – complete.  
SH19/112 Registration of Severn Ham – information sent to solicitors – complete.  
Thanks were given to Cllrs S Raywood, J Raywood and Brennan for searching the archives for this information.

**SH 20/006 Public Participation**  
There was no public participation.

**SH 20/007 To receive an update from the Chair**

The Chair reported that Severn Trent have postponed the pipeline work until 2021, the boreholes remain in order to continue monitoring the pipe.



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Poster request regarding keeping the Severn Ham clean has received a great response and is keeping the issue visible on Facebook / Tewkesbury Noticeboard.

Town Council Caretaking team did a big clear of the Severn Ham - removing two fridges, pallets and seven bags of rubbish.

Trough has been cleaned and the bushes around it are being pruned back to avoid further debris falling in it.

### **SH 20/008**

#### **To receive an update from Caroline Corsie, Environmental Advisor**

There are at least two pairs of curlew still nesting on the Severn Ham.

**Action:** Ms Corsie to liaise with Mr Cluley to ensure that those cutting the hay respect the contract terms, particularly regarding the early / late cut, to give the curlew the best chance.

The EA have extended the Severn salmon byelaw and posters have been distributed.

Cross compliance meeting took place between Ms Corsie, Jen King & CXCS to ensure all documentation up to date should there be an inspection.

Greater Dodder is prolific on the Severn Ham this year. It can be found on the banks of the Avon, Swilgate and has reached as far as the mouth of the Severn. It has an interesting effect on the nettles and is good for attracting wasps and insects.

Wildlife snippets are being shared to the Severn Ham Facebook page, receiving a really positive response. Opportunity to use the increased interest in nature to educate and protect the Ham. It is useful to records species that are seen with Gloucestershire Records. Please contact Ms Corsie for more information if interested.

Ms Corsie has been in contact with a soil specialist who has experience of remedial works following damage by water company activities. It was felt that up to date drone footage would be useful to be able to see the current damage.

**Action:** Cllr Aldridge to contact drone operator who took footage previously.

### **SH 20/009**

#### **To receive an update from Mike Cluley, Carver Knowles**

The hay auction brought in £2000, net of costs. This is significantly more than last year due to a shortage of fodder this year.

### **SH 20/010**

#### **To receive the committee budget report for April 2020**

The committee budget report was received.

### **SH 20/011**

#### **To approve expenditure relating to the hay restoration work**

Unfortunately, due to flooding, the proposed hay restoration work was unable to go ahead. It is hoped that this year may be more successful. Plots 1 & 3 are due to be



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restored using hay from Marshlands. The hay continues to suffer from a lack of diversity, primarily due to weedkillers in flood water.

The cost for the hay project (harrowing of patch ready for donner hay, collection and spreading of hay, ring rolling and flail topping of weed patches) will cost £1775.

In addition to the 100 bales in storage, there are another 50 bales available at a cost of £250.

It was RESOLVED approve the expenditure of £1775 to Mr B Perry for the hay restoration works and £250 for 50 hay bales to Mr Jackson.

Proposed by Cllr J Raywood, seconded by Mr Purkiss.

**SH 20/012 To agree to Caroline Corsie being Environmental Adviser to Tewkesbury Town Council for the forthcoming year**

It was RESOLVED to appoint Caroline Corsie as the Environmental Adviser to Tewkesbury Town Council for the forthcoming year.

Proposed by Cllr Cody, seconded by Mr Purkiss.

**SH 20/013 To agree to Carver Knowles representing Tewkesbury Town Council for the forthcoming year**

It was RESOLVED that Carver Knowles should represent Tewkesbury Town Council for the forthcoming year.

Proposed by Cllr J Raywood, seconded by Cllr Aldridge.

**SH 20/014 To approve the payments list**

There was no payments list

**SH 20/015 Correspondence**

The Committee discussed having bees on the Severn Ham. It was felt that there was no suitable protected location and that it is important to increase the wild bees on the Ham, rather than 'domesticated' bees.

Issues were raised regarding bikes on the Severn Ham and the increasing use of barbeques. **Action:** Assistant Town Clerk to put out reminders on Facebook and signs in noticeboards.

Riparian responsibilities were discussed regarding the blockages on the Lower Avon.

**Action:** Assistant Town Clerk to investigate; including contacting other riparian owners and obtain costings to clear.

The meeting closed at 9.55 am.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes .....25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Detailed Income &amp; Expenditure by Budget Heading 02/09/2020

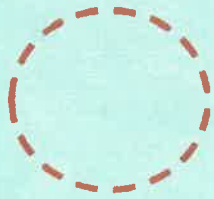
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## Cost Centre Report

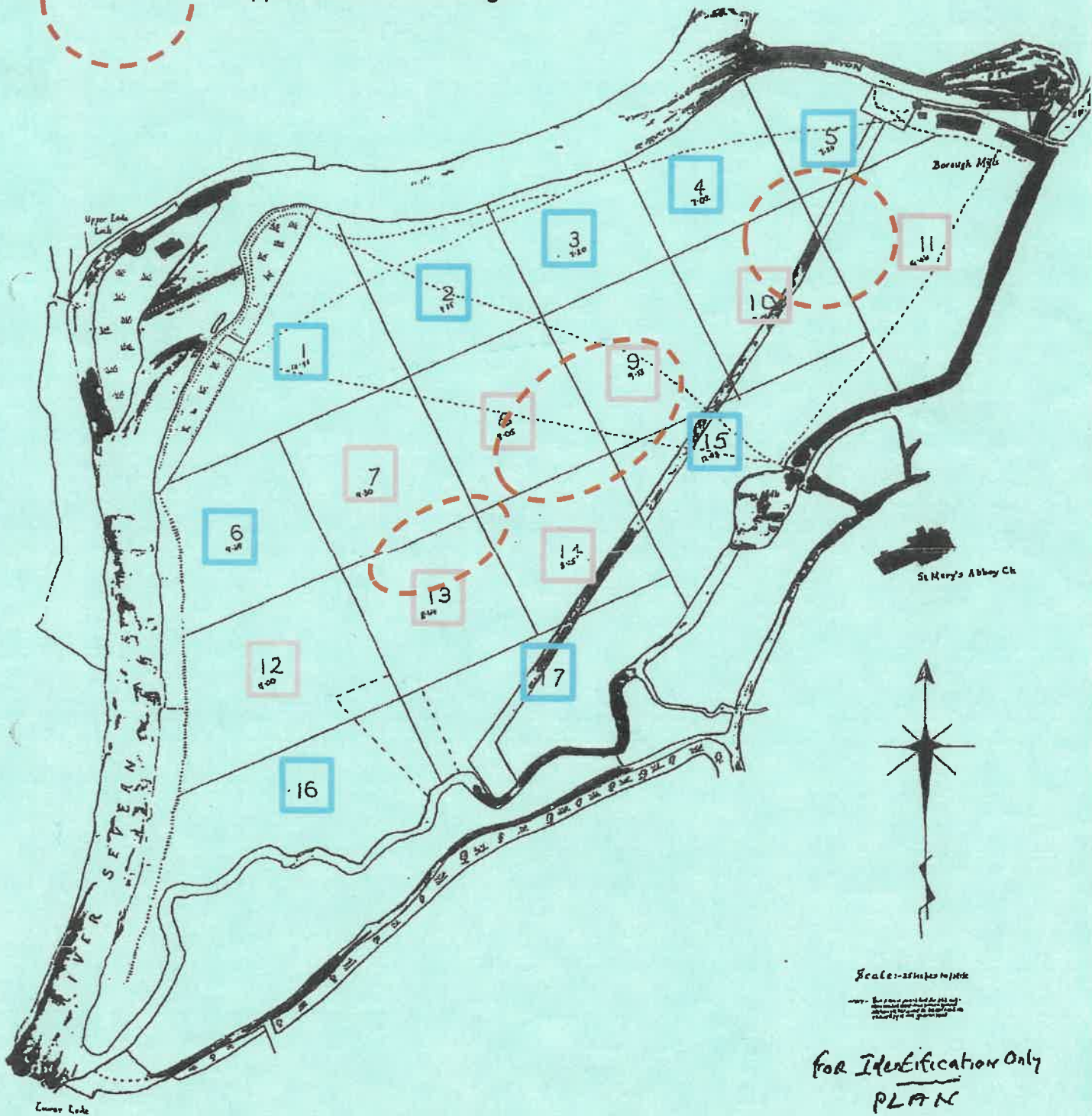
	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
<u>500 Severn Ham</u>					
1620 Hay Auction	2,158	190	(1,968)		
1630 Single Payment	177	13,000	12,823		
1640 Wayleaves	0	390	390		
1700 Fishing Rights	0	1,500	1,500		
1710 Natural England (HLS Payment)	0	22,248	22,248		
<b>Severn Ham :- Income</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>37,328</b>	<b>34,993</b>		
4450 Maintenance	82	500	418		418
4550 Water	0	250	250		250
4850 Commoners Grazing Compensation	0	5,500	5,500		5,500
4855 Hay Sowing Project	0	5,000	5,000		5,000
4860 Volunteers (Rec & Prom)	0	2,000	2,000		2,000
4865 Auction Fees	400	459	59		59
4870 Weeding	0	1,000	1,000		1,000
4875 Tree Conservation	0	3,000	3,000		3,000
4880 Ancillary Management	0	4,000	4,000		4,000
4885 Nesting Project	0	2,000	2,000		2,000
4890 Carver Knowles	200	2,295	2,095		2,095
4895 Cross Compliance Consultant	0	510	510		510
4900 Conservation Advisor	1,250	5,355	4,105		4,105
<b>Severn Ham :- Indirect Expenditure</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>31,869</b>	<b>29,937</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,937</b>
<b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>5,459</b>	<b>5,056</b>		
<b>Grand Totals:- Income</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>37,328</b>	<b>34,993</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>31,869</b>	<b>29,937</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,937</b>
<b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>5,459</b>	<b>5,056</b>		
<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<b>403</b>				

## Impact of delinking on 67ha Severn Ham re: Basic Payment Scheme

Current BPS (2020)	£14,491	5% reduction pa	Actual loss of income
2021	£13,767	£724	£724
2022	£13,079	£688	£1,412
2023	£12,426	£653	£2,065
2024	£11,805	£621	£2,686
2025	£11,215	£590	£3,276
			<b>£10,163</b>



Approximate Curlew Range



No Cutting prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July (Condition 11)

No cutting prior to 10<sup>th</sup> July (Condition 12)



## Forward Budget Detail - By Centre

Note :- (-) Net Expenditure means INCOME is greater than EXPENDITURE

	Current Year Budget	Next Year Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Year 4 Budget	Year 5 Budget
500 Severn Ham						
4450 Maintenance	500	500	500	500	0	0
4550 Water	250	255	260	265	0	0
4850 Commoners Grazing	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
4855 Hay Sowing Project	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
4860 Volunteers (Rec & Prom)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
4865 Auction Fees	459	468	477	487	0	0
4870 Weeding	1,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
4875 Tree Conservation	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
4880 Ancillary Management	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
4885 Nesting Project	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
4890 Carver Knowles	2,295	2,341	2,388	2,436	0	0
4895 Cross Compliance Consultant	510	520	530	541	0	0
4900 Conservation Advisor	5,355	5,462	5,571	5,682	0	0
4905 Footpath Repairs	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	31,869	36,546	36,726	36,911	0	0
1620 Hay Auction	190	190	190	190	0	0
1630 Single Payment	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	0
1640 Wayleaves	390	390	390	390	0	0
1700 Fishing Rights	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
1710 Natural England (HLS Payment)	22,248	22,248	22,248	22,248	0	0
Total Income	37,328	37,328	37,328	37,328	0	0
Severn Ham - Net Expenditure	-5,459	-782	-602	-417	0	0
Total Budget	31,869	36,546	36,726	36,911	0	0
Income :	37,328	37,328	37,328	37,328	0	0
Net Expenditure	-5,459	-782	-602	-417	0	0