

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held in Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Tuesday 14th February, 2012 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr J Watson (Chairman)
Mr B. Welch
Mr A. Richards
Mrs J. Houghton
Mrs S. West
Mrs C. Hatcher

Also present:

Mr Steve Lincoln – Winchester City Council's Community Planning Manager

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

12.024 Apologies for absence: - Mr J Cooper, Mrs D Beswick and Reverend R Green.

12.025 Presentation by Mr Steve Lincoln

Mr Watson introduced Mr Lincoln who is Winchester City Council's Community Planning Manager.

Mr Lincoln gave a power point presentation which has been saved in a pdf format and is shown in full in Appendix A

12.026 Question Session: After Mr Lincoln presentation the session was opened for questions:

- i) Mr Welch asked why the emphasis had been placed on younger people.

Mr Lincoln explained that this is because younger people tend to be underrepresented whereas older people are more likely to voice their opinions.

- ii) Mr Watson said that key to success will be to get the community galvanised and that this will be hard to do but if we are to proceed it will be necessary to get a mandate.

Mr Lincoln suggested that there should be a working party consisting of interested representatives of the community led by one or two Councillors.

- iii) Mr Watson said that an ideal opportunity to get the views of the community would be at the Parish Assembly which is scheduled for the 27th March and asked Mr Lincoln if he could attend as guest speaker.

Mr Lincoln said that he would check his diary and let us know if he was free to attend.

12.27 Summing Up:

- i) Mr Watson summed by saying that the Parish Plan will be useful to empower the Council to discuss the village's requirements with the County Council.

He said that the only way that this can be done with authority is to have total commitment.

- ii) Mr Watson asked the clerk to put Mr Lincolns 'Power Point' presentation onto the web-site along with links to Winchester City Council Sites.
- iii) Finally Mr Watson thanked Mr Lincoln for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm