

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 10th April 2006.

Present:

Mrs. E. J. Bazalgette (Chairman)
Mrs S. A. Grant (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. J. Houghton
Mr. B. Welch
Mrs. J. Luxmoore
Mr. S. Nicholls

Also present:

Reverend Bob Green - Chaplain to Southwick and Boar hunt Parishes. 3 members of the public

In attendance

Stella Leppard - Clerk to the Council.

Apologies for absence

Helen Ripper
John Cooper

The Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes had been circulated and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Mr Steve Nichols and Seconded by Mrs Sheila Grant

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Resignation of Councillor

Helen Ripper had sent a letter to the Chairman tendering her resignation from the Council forthwith as she is leaving the area. The clerk to obtain necessary forms to advertise vacancy. To be displaying in village notice board and at Widley

Public Matters

Roger Bazeley addressed the meeting as he was concerned that with the retirement of the previous clerk there had been no recognition of all the years of service that he had given the Parish. The chairman pointed out that the council had been unable to use more than £100 of public money. The present clerk provided the council with information regarding how to apply an honour such as MBE/OBE. Sheila Grant agreed to take charge of this. It was suggested that there could be a collection for donations in the village shop - Jilly Luxmoore to arrange. The Clerk to make an approach to the Southwick Social & Sports Association with regard to the possibility of some sort of recognition as the village's summer show. Roger Bazeley will look in to some public recognition/function in the hall.

Playing field matters - progress report

The report and invoice for the annual inspection was received - John Houghton to look at points raised about the condition about some of the equipment. The clerk to write to Southwick Estate about the wall between the field and the churchyard. John Houghton the check on a new section of damaged fence between field and Priory Road.

The clerk had only received today information on where to possibly purchase new football posts. To contact Hampshire Playing Field Association ref grants. John Houghton had received a quote from John Skeets for a wooden youth shelter of £300 - The clerk had also sent for information of more contemporary types of shelter - some with solar lighting which are much more expensive - £4-5,000 (this was following information from Colden Common Parish Council regarding problems they had in the past with wooden seats and "insubstantial" shelters with Perspex panels).

Carol Watson reported that the teenagers were to have their first meeting on Tuesday 11th. The council decided that they may need to have a playing field sub-committee meeting before the next full council meeting.

Planning applications - Southwick Park

Council decided on no comment regarding position of the temporary buildings.

Street lighting matters

Despite the clerk having been promised a report on the condition of the lighting units in the village the clerk has not received this information. However the account for the year's street lighting had been received and additionally an account for the replacement of the light at the top of Back Lane. The clerk to write on behalf of the council to point out that they had not authorised this replacement and had received no estimate for this work to be carried out.

Roads & Highway matters

The clerk had received no response to the points about various road matters raised at the council's last meeting other than an e-mail agreeing that the siting of the Brewhouse sign on the B2177 west of the village would altered when the temporary signs for Southwick Park were replaced. PC Blunden has suggested that the sign be re-sited further east on the road side verge. He had also asked that faded signs prohibiting left turns into Priory Road be re-placed.

Correspondence:

1. Invitation to Mayor's Sunday Service 21st May - Winchester Cathedral -Council agreed to offer invitation to previous clerk
2. Southwick Social & Sports Association requesting permission to have small ponies in fancy dress at summer show - agreed providing no adverse weather conditions prior to show.
3. Letter from new booking clerk re terms and requesting meeting dates
4. Information on Safer Community
5. Details of new crime prevention officer based in Winchester
6. Details of Hampshire Fayre events
7. Details of External Funding Fair - information passed on to Carol Watson

Members business No members business

Orders for Payments

M Dillon - Litter Picking	£ 111.00
Clerks Salary	£ 150.13
Clerk's Expenses	£ 21.58
H M Customs & Excise	£ 42.35
Lighting Hampshire C C	£ 899.22
Playing field inspection WCC	£ 39.95

Date of the next meeting

8 May 2006 7.30 pm - Annual General meeting