

## **Southwick & Widley Parbh Council**

**Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, *D-Day* Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 13 November, 2006 at 7.30pm

### **Present:**

Mrs J. Bazelgette ( Chairman)  
Mr. J. Houghton (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr. B. Wdch  
Mrs J. Luxmore  
Mr. S. Nicholls  
Mrs. S. Grant  
Mr. A Richards  
Mr. J. Copper  
Mr. P. Hill

### **Also present:**

Reverend Bob Green - Chaplain to Southwick and Boarhunt Parishes  
Mr Ian Rigby from Southwick Park  
Two members of the public.

### **In attendance**

Stella Leppard - Clerk to the Council.

### **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **The Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

### **Matters arising:**

Following communication with the Estate regarding insurance for the clock it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Council insurers about insuring for public liability with them and to ask HAPTC if they could clarify the legal responsibility regarding who should insure the clock which is not owned by the Council but who have agreed to carry out repairs in future.

John Cooper had had a meeting with Ken Matthews with regard to the various problems with the roads and road signs in the area. He agreed that the Denmead Road was in a bad state of repair - there has now been some temporary patching done and the whole length of road would be added to the HCC Maintenance Department list. They had discussed the problem of the ditches etc. It was believed that on occasion if the Council had to clear the ditches if the land owner had not done so when requested the County Council would then bill the land owner.

The problem with the traffic at the Rowans was still under consideration/discussion with the Council.

Mrs Grant asked if the request to use the playing field on the 18<sup>th</sup> August should have read 2007 and not 2006 - The clerk agreed that this was the case.

1. HAPTC - Employment Seminar 28<sup>th</sup> November - Brian Welch agreed to attend.
2. Details from Portsmouth Town Council plan for Somerstown and Southsea
3. Letter from Countryside alliance – asking for support at Rural Post Offices.
4. HCC - invitation to Parish Transport Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November - Philip Hill to attend.
5. HCC - letter about the Delegated Fund - Transport for rural communities
  
6. WCC – annual housing forum 24<sup>th</sup> November - no attendance by council
7. WCC - Climate Change Planning event 27<sup>th</sup> November
8. WCC - notes on the parish council training meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November
9. Request from Boarhunt PCC for a grant towards maintaining churchyard. Council agreed £500
10. Boarhunt & Meon Valley Citizens Advice Bureau - Council agreed to donate £200.
11. WCC - Regarding the new refuse and recycling arrangements which will be coming in to effect next year.
12. £200 had been received for maintenance of Widley burial ground from WCC
13. WCC - questionnaire regarding Street services - Chairman to complete
14. WCC - Corporate draft strategy 2007 - 2012.
15. Hampshire Fire & Rescue invitation to meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Playing field matters**

The new goal posts have been erected and the nets are now in place. John Houghton had put the nets up with the help of Alan Crook - since he had been *UNABLE* to get assistance of the youth group. The council were very concerned that since the posts had been erected there had been a great increase in the amount of litter. There were also mattresses in the field - these had come from the skip that remains outside the field after the Estate carried out repairs to the churchyard wall. John Houghton agreed to speak with Mr. Langford with regard to removal. Other rubbish had been placed in the skip. The Council had needed to ask Mr. Dillon to carry out extra clearing duties. Carol Watson will discuss the points raised with the youth group. The fence had again been vandalised. - Clerk to ask Woodlake Garden services and Paul Collins for quotations to repair or replace it completely. There was discussion about why there could not be a gate at this end of the field. The estate had vetoed this in the past. There was discussion about the Open space strategy report that had been received. The new swing seats had been installed. There are repairs required to the new safety surfaces and the roundabout is difficult to use - Clerk to contact GB services for quotation for repairs - or Hampshire Playing Fields Association.

Southwick Park playing fields uses are under review - all weather pitch is not useable. Mr. Nicholls is still interested in exploring the possibility of a youth shelter in the playing field. He has spoken with the Police Authority and there were grants available. But was probably not worth applying before March 2007. The

Chairman said that one of the seat had been damaged. Sheila Grant will asked her husband to repair. The clerk to write to the estate and ask that they level and re-seed the area that was disturbed when the wall was repaired, and that the fence by the gates be repaired

#### Street lighting matters

The clerk had circulated details of Hampshire County Council's Street Lifting Private Finance Project. After discussion the council agreed to ask that they be included in the scheme.

The Defence Estates have repaired two lights in Priory Road. The Plain tree obscuring the light has had a few branches cut back by the Estate - it may be that the tree is the responsibility of Hampshire County Council.

#### **Roads and Highway matters**

Most of the roads issues had been discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Cooper commented that the confusion that had arisen about the closure of Purbrook Heath Road had been resolved - the junction/layout of the road would eventually change but not closed. There is on-going discussion about the parking issues at the Rowans with WCC.

#### Planning matters

#### **Plans for the Army Museum have been approved.**

Mr Nicholls had again spoken to the enforcement officer with regard to the landscaping of the flats in Norton Close - it was felt that the long delay was unacceptable.

#### **Members business**

Mrs. Grant asked the Council if it may be possible to have a new lawn mower for the Burial ground at Widley - she will obtain quotes.

John Houghton said that some of the wire had been cut around the conservation area in the woods at Southwick Park. Defence Estates to be informed.

John Cooper said that there were pros and cons with regard to Community transport.

Mrs. Luxmoore said that she was still having problems in getting the verge outside her house mowed - Mr. Cooper will ask about this again.

Mrs Houghton said that the verge/pavement along West Street was becoming more overgrown.

Mr. Nicholls said that the trees in Castle Road needed attention and that the one outside number 5 was leaning - Mr. Cooper will give the clerk the numbers of who to contact.

Bob Green - Mentioned that the sign discussed at the previous meeting in Belney Lane still needed maintenance.

Ian Rigby from Southwick Park said that they were planning two events to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Falklands War on 3rd May and the other an open day on Thursday 7th June. Both would be ticketed events and villagers would be invited to attend.

#### **Dates of meetings for 2007.**

January 8<sup>th</sup> , February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup> , October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> , and December 10<sup>th</sup>, Annual Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March

Mr Cooper to ask Council Leader or Deputy to speak at the Annual Meeting – on environmental issues.

#### **Orders for Payment**

M Dillon - Litter Picking	£ 85.60 (new minimum wage £5.35)
Clerk's Salary	£152.22
Clerk's Expenses	£ 22.14
H M Customs & Excise	£ 42.93
Cannon Hygiene	£223.48
S Grant Petrol (lawn mower)	£ 15.10
Stadia Sports	£131.72
Multi-Pave (erection goal posts)	£528.75
Olympic Gymnasiums	£447.32

#### **Date of the next meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> December 2006

The meeting closed at 9,30 pm