

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 10th September, 2007 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mrs. J. Bazalgette (Chairman)
Mr. P. Hill
Mr. B. Welch
Mrs. S. Grant
Mr. A Richards
Mrs. J. Nainby-Luxmoore
Mr. J. Houghton
Mr. S. Nicholls
Mr. J. Cooper

Also present:

Rev. R Green
County Councillor Allgood
5 members of the public

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

49/07 – Apologies for absence:- None

50/07 – The Minutes of the previous meeting:-

After correcting the following: Minutes to read:

- i) 39/07i) Tanker should read Truck.
- ii) 39/07v) Mr. Walch should read Mr. Welch.
- iii) 41/07iv) That the line 'Mrs. Grant said that the land is owned by the William IV Foundation.' Should be deleted.
- iv) 43/07i) The second paragraph which reads 'The Clerk to contact Cannon Horticulture...' should read 'The Clerk said he would contact Cannon Horticulture...'

51/07 – Mrs Bazalgette – reported that Max Kenyon had died he rarely missed a meeting and condolences were offered to his widow who was present.

52/07 – Public Participation:-

- i) Miss S. Leppard –
 - a) Said that it is disappointing that the goal nets have been taken down and not put back up.

Mrs Bazalgette said that the nets had been removed for the flower show!

Mr Houghton reported that when the nets had been taken down they were found to be in a poor state of repair and were not worth putting back up. The Parish Council however does have a spare set of nets.

- b) The rubbish bin on the playing field has not been emptied.

Mrs Bazalgette said that the bin had been reported to Winchester City Council two weeks ago when it first became a problem, and asked the Clerk to re-report it tomorrow morning.

- c) The light on lamp number 3 in Back Lane is burning, at times, when it is light.

Mrs Bazalgette said that the decision to appoint a street lighting contractor would be resolved later in the meeting.

- d) A light on Southwick Park has some wires showing and could be dangerous.

- Mrs Bazalgette asked the Clerk to report this to Southwick Park.
- e) Miss Leppard has seen the plans for Castle Farm and she is concerned about where the entrance/exit will be located and that she will be writing to Winchester City Council expressing her concerns.

Mrs Bazalgette said that the Planning Application for Castle Farm would be discussed in planning matters later in the meeting.

- ii) Mrs M. Coppin
 - a) Asked if the footpath that goes from Castle Road to the Police House is a footpath or a cycle track?

Mrs Bazalgette confirmed that it is a footpath

Mr Houghton suggested that sign be put up at either end of the footpath prohibiting cycling and said that Hampshire County Council could probably provide these.

53/07 – Matters arising from minutes:

- i) Mr Nicholls reported that the Truck that was being parked at night and week-ends in Castle Road is no longer a problem.
- ii) Mr Nicholls reported that the trees in Castle Road have still not been cut back and that they are getting dangerous.

The Clerk to re-report the trees to Hampshire County Council.

- iii) Mrs Grant reported that the wall which had been removed at Widley Burial Ground for health and safety reasons has been replaced.
- iv) Mrs Bazalgette said the village has been given three new signs.
- v) Mrs Bazalgette reported that the Southwick Estate planning application number W20748, which was discussed at the last meeting with the decision delegated to Mrs Bazalgette who would seek advice from Mr Banes-Walker.

Mrs Bazalgette said that after discussing the application with Mr Banes-Walker had asked the Clerk to inform Winchester City Council that the Parish Council would like to put the following comments: -

- a) Because a precedence has already been set with the last allowed developments being restricted to bungalows that these two dwellings should also be restricted to being bungalows.
- b) That because the road is un-adopted it should be a condition of the application that the road should be repaired after the completion of the development.

54/07 – Youth Shelter

- i) Mr Nicholls gave a talk on the youth shelter, describing the consultation process, leading to a behaviour contract with the local youths. He said that the average cost of a youth shelter is between £6,000 and £7,000 which can be funded by grants.
- ii) Mrs Bazalgette said that on a personal basis, she would be happier if it was constructed that it should be given a twelve months probationary period.
- iii) Both Mr Houghton and Mrs Nainby-Luxmoore believed that the proposed site is in the wrong place.
- iv) Proposed Mrs Bazalgette seconded Mr Nicholls and unanimously agreed that there should be a Sub-committee; set up to discuss putting a youth shelter on the playing field. The Sub-committee to consist of Mr Nicholls, Mrs Nainby-Luxmoore and Mr Cooper, with other interested members of the community being co-opted onto the committee. The Sub-committee were asked to prepare a preliminary report in time for the next Full Council Meeting.

55/07 – Correspondence:

- i) Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils:

- a) Hampshire Calor Gas Village of the Year Competition. Mrs Bazalgette and Mr Cooper to attend representing the Village at the presentation.
- b) Agenda 60th Annual General Meeting. This is a continuation of the Village of the year competition presentation. Mrs Bazalgette and Mr Cooper to attend representing the Village, although Mrs Bazalgette may not be able to stay until the end of the meeting.
- c) Public Participation and Paragraph 12 (2) of the revised Code of Conduct – noted
- ii) Letter from Samantha White requesting the use of the Playing Field on the 6th October – a letter be sent permitting the use of the playing field but stating the usual provisos.
- iii) Winchester District Association of Parish Council – Meeting 29th November – Mr B Welch to attend
- iv) Government Office for the South East – South East Plan CD Format – to be passed around the Councillors.
- v) Letter from Southwick Social & Sports Association – requesting the use of the Playing field for a hog roast – a letter be sent permitting the use of the playing field but stating the usual provisos.

56/07 – County Councillor Allgood.

- i) Reported that it is proposed that all Counties in England and Wales should lose 20 % of their Post Offices through closure and this equates to approximately 50 out of the 290 Post Offices, being closed in Hampshire. A general rule of thumb is that half of the closures will be rural and half of the closure will be urban.

The list showing which Post Offices are to close will be issued during the first week in October after which there will be a 6 week consultation period .

He said that other options being looked at are the introduction of Post Offices within W H Smiths, the use of Village Halls one day a week and the use of Mobile Libraries.

- ii) With regards to the South East Plan he said that it is good news for this area. Although we still have to build 80,000 houses when they increase the South's quota there will be no increase for the Winchester area. He emphasised that one of the problems with the increasing the housing is ensuring that there is a corresponding increase in the infrastructure.

He said that it is up to the Secretary of State who will determine in January or February 2008 whether the quota of houses should be increased or decreased after which interested parties have a 6 week consultation period.

- iii) Mrs Bazalgette thanked Councillor Allgood for coming to the meeting.

57/07 – Playing field matters

- i) Mr Houghton said that he is not very happy with the standard of cutting undertaken on the Playing Field by Cannon Horticulture.
- ii) Two quotations have been received from Playsafe and Abacus for repairing the safety surfaces on the Childrens Play Area.

Proposed Mrs Bazalgette, seconded Mr Nicholls and unanimously agreed that Playsafe's quotation should be accepted and that the work should commence at the earliest opportunity. It was accepted that because of the length of time since the quotation has been made that there may be a small increase in Playsafes quotation.

58/07 – Street Lighting Matters –

- i) Two quotations have been received from Hampshire County Council and SEC Contracting for the street lighting maintenance and repair contract.

It was unanimously accepted that SEC Contracting should be awarded the contract with immediate effect.

- ii) The light number 6 the High Street is working intermittently.
- iv) The light on the car park is not working.

59/07 – Roads & Highway matters –

- i) Mr Nicholls reported that part of the Denmead Road by Castle Road will be resurfaced.
- ii) Mr Nicholls reported that on the Denmead Road 20 metres from Castle Road that there is a leaking water main belonging to Portsmouth Water. The Clerk to inform Portsmouth Water
- iii) Mrs Bazalgette reported that there are bad potholes halfway up Crooked Walk on the left hand side.

60/07 – Planning matters:-

- i) Planning Applications:
 - a) 2007/06 – W14156/02 – 07/01998jFUL
Applicant: J R and M E Thistlewayte
Location: Castle Farm Denmead Road Southwick Hants PO17 6HU.
Proposal: Change of use of former agricultural building into B1 use

Decision: Object

Reasons: The Parish Council has serious concerns about the entrance/exit to the car park which will be in close proximity to a very dangerous bend.

61/07 – Members business

- i) Mrs Grant:
 - a) Reported that the bridge parapet on Widley Walk is made of wood and has been damaged and is dangerous.
- ii) Mrs Bazalgette –
 - a) Reported on Lea Hall Playgroup had closed and is a loss to the community. She said that Wing Commander Jim Erskine had contacted the Parish Council and said that the reason the Playgroup had closed was lack of support.

It was reported that if not used Lea Hall would revert to Allington Homes.

Mr Richards suggested that the area should be used for the Youth Shelter. This suggestion will be taken up by the Sub-committee.

- b) Reported that there had been some vandalism in the village with rubbish from the un-emptied litter bin being scattered on the playing field and the fence and windows on the empty police house being broken.

She said that Mr Dillon had collected up the rubbish and that the Police Authority had said that they would repair the police house. She gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Mr Dillon.

- c) Sunday 30th September is the date for the harvest festival which will be followed a supper.
- d) She asked if the Parish Council should have a Christmas Dinner for Councillors. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

62/07 – Orders for Payment

- i) Proposed Mrs Grant, seconded Mr Nicholls and unanimously agreed that the Council should pay its bills:

Expenditure

Trans.	Cheque No	Supplier	For	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
41	000807	E Mason	Salary Parish Clerk - August 2007	168.93	0.00	168.93
42	000807	E Mason	Clerks Expenses - Office September	20.00	0.00	20.00
43	000807	E Mason	Clerks Expenses - Milleage	13.64	0.00	13.64
44	000807	E Mason	Clerks Expenses - Stamps	3.00	0.00	3.00
45	000808	Inland Revenue	Clerks Tax - June	47.74	0.00	47.74
46	000809	D-Day Memorial Hall	Hire of room	125.00	0.00	125.00
47	000810	Mr Dillon	Litter Collection	110.40	0.00	110.40
48	000812	Cannon Horticulture	Grounds Maintenance - April	229.08	34.12	194.96
49	000813	R G Warwick & Partners	Paid to Mrs Bazalgette	7.34	1.09	6.25
			Total Expenditure	725.13	35.21	689.92

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Date of the next meeting 8th October 2007