

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 10th March, 2008 at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Also present:

Rev. R Green
Squadron Leader C. Paterson-Deacon
4 members of the public

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

26/08 – Apologies for absence: - Mr Hill, Mr Nicholls and Major Frost

27/08 – The Minutes of the previous meeting:-

The following corrections to the minutes were made:

- i) 16/08 i) Major Frost reported that the tenants of the Riding School are not continuing and the MOD has not made a decision as to its future.
16/08 vi) Paragraph 2: Mrs Nainby-Luxmoore asked about how aerosols should be disposed of safely from people's homes who have no transport?
- ii) 19/08 ii) Proposed Mrs Grant seconded Mr Nicholls and unanimously agreed that the Norwich Unions quotation through Came and Company be accepted for a one year period.
- iii) 22/08 iii) Mr Nicholls reported that he has had a promise from County Highways that resurfacing work will commence on Castle Road, Boulter Lane and Creaches Bend.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 2008 as amended, were signed as a true and accurate record

28/08 – Youth Shelter

- i) Mr Cooper said that he felt that interest in the Shelter is waning but he will be contacting youths in the near future.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

29/08 – Matters Arising:

- i) Mrs Bazalgette said that the caravan that was parked in the lay-by has been moved.
- ii) Mr Cooper reported that work on the West of Waterlooville had commenced.
- iii) Mrs Bazalgette said that she is concerned about the lack of communication regarding when the mobile police station will visit Southwick.

Mr Cooper said that he would get copies of their programme and put it up on the village notice board, and added that the policemen manning the mobile police station are the ones who work locally.

- iv) Further to public complaints about the dog fouling, Mr Cooper has contacted the Dog Warden and providing him with times that he had been informed that the fouling occurs. The Dog Warden has visited the village but seen nothing.
- v) Mr Cooper reported that the village sign which had been stolen for its scrap value has been re-ordered, including a spare sign.

- vi) Mrs Nainby-Luxmoore raised the point with Squadron Leader Paterson-Deacon that mourners for a funeral had incorrectly turned up at the Parish Church instead of the Camp Church, and asked if better directions could be provided.

Squadron Leader Paterson-Deacon said that she would take this on board.

30/08 – Public Participation:-

- i) Mr J.Watson asked if members of the public who attended Parish Council Meetings could be given a copy of the agenda and minutes of the last meeting, before the meeting starts, so that they could keep up with events more easily.

It was unanimously agreed that copies of the agenda and previous month's meetings should be provided for members of the public attending the meeting.

- ii) Mrs R Keynon asked if the Parish Council would grant permission for the Southwick Social & Sports Association, to use the Playing Field for a BBQ later in the year.

Mrs Bazalgette asked that a letter be sent to the Clerk, requesting the use of the Playing Field and providing details of when it is required.

- iii) Mrs Carol Watson said that light number 10 does not throw out very much light. The Clerk to report to SEC.

31/08 – Correspondence:

- i) Letter from Mrs Gwen Burrell dated 18th February 2008, has been received, requesting the use of the Playing Field during a private party function they have booked in the D-day Memorial Hall on the 31st May 2008.

The Council granted permission subject to the usual provisos.

- ii) Letter from Mr Andrew Carter dated 14th January 2008, has been received, requesting the use of the Playing Field and permission to erect a small marquee, during a function they have booked in the D-day Memorial Hall on the 13th September 2008.

The Council granted permission subject to the usual provisos.

- iii) Letter from Hampshire County Council inviting the Council to attend a meeting of the Winchester Transport Forum on Monday the 19th May. – Letter sent to Mr P Hill.
- iv) Letter from Hampshire County Council dated 6th March 2008, requesting a payment of £1,242.80 for street light maintenance and power.

Mrs Bazalgette explained that last year HCC street lighting had offered the Council the opportunity to renew its contract for street light maintenance which had not been accepted. As a consequence the Parish Council had asked for quotations from several contractors and had chosen Southern Electric Contractors as their preferred provider, and accordingly the contract has been placed with them. Southern Electric Contracting has since been charging for the repair and maintenance of the Council's street lights. Mrs Bazalgette also said that because of the high cost of power for the lights that the Parish Council had moved its electrical provider to Scottish Power who are now charging for the electricity.

The Parish Clerk and Mr John Cooper were asked to sort out the confusion.

- v) Letter from Hampshire County Council dated 15th February 2008 – Consultation by Hampshire County Council on the proposed changes to the planning and related application registration requirements – noted.
- vi) Minutes of Hampshire County Council Meeting of the 21st February 2008 – noted.
- vii) Letter from Havant Borough Council dated 12th February 2008 – Town and country planning act 1990 – noted.

32/08 – Playing field matters:

- i) It was reported that the barriers which are the property of Southwick Park have been pulled down. – Squadron Leader C. Paterson-Deacon said she would look into this.
- ii) The quotation for the Quick Thorn hedge to be planted in the gaps in the hedging around the Playing Field (Council Minute 20/08 iii) had been delayed because of Mr Nicholls concern over Health & Safety issues.

The Clerk has conferred with Southampton City Council's Health and Safety Section (Capita HR & Payroll Services) who have confirmed that it is satisfactory in these circumstances to use Quick Thorn.

- iii) It was unanimously agreed that Quick Thorn should be planted at the earliest opportunity. Mr Houghton reported that the Playing Field sign has been pulled down. It was unanimously decided to leave it where it is.
- iv) The Parish Council has now received the Annual Playing Field Inspectors Report – This year it has been particular good with only one item being reported as a medium risk, the two flat rubber seats in Bay 2. – Mr Houghton to investigate and report back to the next Council Meeting.

33/08 – Street Lighting Matters:

- i) The Clerk was asked to report to the SEC that light (6) is working intermittently.
- ii) The Clerk to report to the Police Authority that the Holly Bush in the rear garden of the Police House is growing into the street lamp and obscuring its light.

34/08 – Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mrs Bazalgette reported that pony racing has commenced along the By-pass on some Sunday mornings. – The Clerk to report this to the Police.

Mr Cooper said that he would also contact Hampshire County Council's Enforcement Section.

35/08 – Planning matters:

- i) Planning Application received 18th February 2008

1) 4/2008 – W14156/03 – 08/00427/FUL

Applicant: J R And M E Thistlethwayte

Proposal: Change of use of former agricultural buildings into B1 use including relocation of existing barn, new access and formation of a car park (RESUBMISSION)

Location: Castle Farm Denmead Road Southwick Fareham Hampshire PO17 6HJ

Decision: Object

- a) The entrance/exit is in a highly dangerous part of the road, because where it enters is within 60 metres of a dangerous junction.
- b) If the application is approved it will be extremely hazardous for road users,
- c) A site visit is strongly recommended.

Planning applications received 25th February 2008

1) 5/2008 – W19499/04 – 08/00351/DIC

Applicant: Grainger Plc

Proposal: Design code submission relating to condition no. 6 on Outline planning permission; 06/02538/OUT

Location: Grainger Development Site (part Of West Of Waterlooville MDA) Land West Of London Road Purbrook Hampshire

Decision: No Comment

2) 6/2008 – W20227/02 – 08/00487/FUL

Applicant: Anthony Mortiboys

Proposal: Cycle shelter

Location: DSTL Portsdown West Portsdown Hill Road South Boarhunt Fareham Hampshire PO17 6AD

Decision: No Comment

- ii) The Enforcement Case List for March 2008 was circulated to all Councillors – Noted.

36/08 – Members business

- i) Mrs Bazalgette asked about the proposed footpath to the Royal Naval Cottages which is needed because of changes in the traffic flow to and from Southwick Park.(see Council Minute 73/07 vi c)).

Mr Cooper said that this is an extremely difficult problem to resolve because of the question of who owns the land that the pavement would be built on. He went on to say that what would help whilst the ownership of land is being sorted out is a speed restriction signs.

Squadron Leader C. Paterson-Deacon said that she would issue a notice drawing motorists' attention to their responsibility with regard to speeding and that she would ask the guards on the gate to keep a watchful eye.

- ii) Mrs Grant said that rather than sending all the correspondence to all Councillors, that the Clerk should filter them thus reducing the amount of irrelevant reading that Councillors have to do.

It was unanimously agreed that delegated powers should be given to the Clerk to determine what correspondence is received by Councillors

- iii) Mr Houghton asked that Cannon Horticulture be reminded that the first cut on the Playing Field is now urgently required.

- iv) Mr Cooper:

- a) Reported that Winchester City Council's share of the Council Tax has been set at an increase of 3.9%.
- b) Reported on a new initiative sponsored jointly by Hampshire County Council and the Forestry Commission intended to promote educational and adventurous interests for the young at Creech Wood and West Walk.
- c) Reported that he is obtaining a high visibility jacket for the litter picker Mr Dillon to replace the one that was lost.

- v) Mr Welch reported that the fence to the Police House has been vandalised – The Clerk to report this to the Police Authority.

37/08 – Orders for Payment

- i) It was unanimously agreed that the Council should pay its bills:

Cheque List March 2008

<i>Transaction</i>	<i>Cheque No</i>	<i>Creditors Name</i>	<i>Payment For</i>	<i>Gross</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Nett</i>
101	000845	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	9.09	0.00	9.09
100	000845	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	168.93	0.00	168.93
99	000845	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	10.68	0.00	10.68
98	000845	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
102	000846	Eddie Mason	clerks Tax	47.74	0.00	47.74
103	000847	Winchester City Council	Annual Play Equipment	42.30	6.30	36.00
104	000848	Mr Dillon (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	198.75	0.00	198.75
Totals Paid				497.49	6.30	491.19

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Date of the next meetings: 31st March 2008 Parish Assembly
14th April 2008**