

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 14th July, 2008 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr. J. Cooper (Chairman)
Mrs. S. Grant (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. B. Welch
Mr. A. Richards
Mrs. J. Nainby-Luxmoore
Mr. J. Watson
Mrs D. Beswick

Also present:

Major F Frost
3 members of the public

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

65/08 – Apologies for absence: - Mr S. Nicholls and Rev R. Green

66/08 – Co-option of Councillors: –

- i) The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Nicholls tendering his resignation from the Parish Council because of personal reasons.

The Council Chairman proposed that a vote of thanks be formally recorded for Mr Nicholls' four years dedicated commitment as a Parish Councillor and his service to the community. Mr Nicholls input will be very much missed. This was agreed unanimously and the Parish Council wishes him well.

- ii) There had been two applications for Parrish Councillors from Mrs Deborah Beswick, who had attended the meeting and Mrs Paula Hayward.

Proposed Mr Cooper, seconded Mr Watson and unanimously agreed that Mrs Beswick and Mrs Hayward be co-opted to the Parish Council.

Having signed her declaration Mrs Beswick was invited to join the other Councillors.

67/08 – The Minutes of the previous meeting:-

Proposed Mrs Grant seconded Mr Watson and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th May 2008 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

68/08 – Matters Arising:

- i) Major Frost reported:
 - a) That there will be an 'Open Day' at Southwick Park on Saturday 27th September between 10.30 am and 5.00 pm which will include access to the Museums and band entertainment. Major Frost reported that local residents will be welcome.
 - b) That because there had been a new Quarter Master at the Southwick Park she had been unable to determine the ownership of the Playing Field fence which has fallen down.

She said that she would try to establish the ownership and report to the next Council Meeting.

69/08 – Public Participation – Nothing

70/08 – Correspondence:

- i) Hampshire County Council
 - a) County Transport Review. – Noted
 - b) Hantsweb Awards- Noted

- c) Hampshire County Council Commission of Inquiry to help shape future services for people needing support and care – flyers – Noted
- d) Round letter to stakeholders – Noted.
- e) County Council Minutes – 10th July 2008. – Noted.
- ii) South East England:
 - a) Review of sub-regional allocation of Primary Land-won Aggregates in the South East.
- iii) Campaign to Protect Rural England
 - a) Requesting the Parish Council to renew its membership. – Noted
- iv) Hampshire Countryside Access Forum
 - a) Invitation to Paths Partnership – Noted
- v) Winchester District Association of Local Councils – Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting on the 24th July. – Mr Cooper to attend.
- vi) Winchester City Council.
 - a) Invitation to attend the West of Waterlooville Forum.- Mr Cooper to attend.
 - b) Agenda for the meeting of the Development Control Committee. – Noted
- vii) NALC – Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – A Practitioner’s Guide 2008 (England) – To be kept on file.
- viii) South East England Regional Assembly – The South East Regional Sustainability Framework. – Noted.
- ix) Cannon Horticulture – Letter dated 16th June informing the Parish Council of a proposed increase in charge for gang mowing of £2.00 to cover for the increased charges in fuel. - Noted
- x) Letter from Miss N Foden and Mr Dayward requesting permission to use of the Playing field on the 16th August 2008.- Approved subject to the usual provisos.
- xi) Letter from Ms R. van Buuren requesting permission to use of the Playing field on the 19th July 2008.- Approved subject to the usual provisos.
- xii) Letter from Miss A Crowther requesting permission to use of the Playing field on the 22nd November 2008.- Approved subject to the usual provisos.
- xiii) Email from County Highways – asking the Parish to submit problem roads to be entered into a programme of repairs.

The Parish put forward the following:

- a) Denmead Road from Castle Road to beyond the entrance to Creech Farm.
- b) Widley Walk
- c) Comthouse Lane.

71/08 – Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Welch asked what was being done about unauthorised vehicles parking on the Playing Field?

Mr Cooper said that Boarhunt Parish Council had fitted a lift up barrier and asked the Clerk to get the details about the supplier and costs from their Clerk and report them for the next meeting.

- ii) Mr Cooper:

- a) Said that the fence is now completely down around the Playing Field.

Mr Richards said that he would talk to the Squire about this.

- b) Reported that the Open Space Fund has £3,935 in the Sports Pot and £0.00 in the Play Pot.

He suggested the Parish Council should undertake a review of the Children’s Play Area with the purpose of developing an improvement plan. It was agreed that any group appointed to carry out this task should consult with local parents and seek professional advice from HCC & WCC staff.

- iii) Mr Richards reported that he had picked up a lot of bottles and beer glasses that had been left on the Playing Field last Sunday, and that he had repaired one of the swings.

72/08 – Street Lighting Matters:

- i) It was reported that light number 20 does not come on and light number 8 is working intermittently. The Clerk to report this to the SEC.
- ii) Mr Cooper said that he had investigated the claim for over £2,000 being made by Hampshire County Council for repairing/maintaining the Parishes Street Lights between April 2007 to March

2008, and had concluded that the claim was a legitimate one and on consideration the Parish Council should accept its responsibility and pay this debt.

73/08 – Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Cooper reported
 - a) That the High Visibility Chevron on the Denmead Road by Creech Farm has been hit by a vehicle and is now facing the wrong direction.

The Clerk to report this to County Highways.
 - b) The new road signs are on order and will be put up as soon as they arrive, whilst the signs are being put up the existing signs that have their visibility obscured by vegetation will have the vegetation cut back.
 - c) Mr Watson reported that he had delivered the high visibility jackets, supplied by Mr Cooper, to Mr Dillon.
- ii) The Clerk was asked to report the following to Hampshire Highways:
 - a) That Common Lane is flooding between Southwick and Mitchelland Farm.
 - b) The drains in Castle Road are blocked
 - c) The drains in Bridge Street at the junction with West Street are blocked.
- iii) Major Frost reported that a lamp post had been hit by a vehicle and was now leaning.

Mr Cooper said that he would investigate.

74/08 – Planning matters:

- i) a) Planning applications received 9th June 2008
2008/14 – W20227/05 – 08/01226/FUL
Applicant: Mr Tony Mortiboys
Proposal: Alterations to previous planning permission-W20227 for single storey screening building.
Location: DSTL Portsdown West Portsdown Hill Road South Boarhunt Fareham Hampshire PO17 6AD

Decision: No Comments
- b) Planning applications received 9th June 2008

2008/15 - W18491/02 - 08/01617/FUL
Applicant; Fort Southwick Company Ltd
Proposal: Change of use of redundant gymnasium to office use, including addition of mezzanine floor and associated alterations to external appearance (WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF A LISTED BUILDING)
Location: MOD Fort Southwick Portsdown Hill Road South Boarhunt Hampshire

Decision: No Comments
- c) 2008/16 – W01469/22 – 08/01627/FUL
Applicant: Miss Lynda Harding
Proposal: Chang of use of existing hall and link building from nursery school (D1) to in-door adventure play area.
Location: Woodside House Purbrook Heath Road Purbrook Waterlooville PO7 5RT

Mr Cooper declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

Decision: No Comments
- ii) The Enforcement Case List for the Parish as at the 2nd July 2008 showed that there are 3 outstanding investigations.
- iii) Mr Cooper gave a progress report on the Development a Waterlooville.

75/08 – Members business

- i) Mrs Grant reported
 - a) That the Widley Walk road sign is obscured by vegetation. The Clerk to report this to County Highways.
 - b) A tree in Widley Cemetery is half dead and would like advice about what needs to be done. The clerk to contact Winchester's Arboricultural Officer.
 - c) That she is getting a price for post and rail fence for Widley Cemetery and will report to the next meeting.
- ii) Mr Watson gave a report on the proposed Parish Web Site and asked if Alan from the Village could be invited to give a talk to the next Parish Council meeting

Permission was given for Alan to attend the next Parish Council Meeting and this item was deferred until then.
- iii) Mr Cooper reported:
 - a) There was litter in the corner of Southwick Park Car Park – Major Frost said she would look into this
 - b) Motor bike scrambling and raves are still continuing on a regular basis and that this is being investigated by the Police who have asked for assistance from Portsmouth City Council's Noise Enforcement Officers.
 - c) The mobile police van will be in the village on Thursday 28th July.
- iv) Mr Richards reported that the caravan that had been parked in the lay-by has been removed.
- v) Mrs Nainby-Luxmoore suggested that a copy of the Council Minutes should be placed in the Post Office so that they would be available to members of the public.

This was agreed.

76/08 – Orders for Payment

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

Expenditure

Trans.	Cheque No	Supplier	For	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
127	000864	E Mason	Salary Parish Clerk - June 2008	168.93	0.00	168.93
128	000864	E Mason	Salary Parish Clerk - July 2008	216.38	0.00	216.38
129	000864	E Mason	Clerks Expenses - Office June 2008	20.00	0.00	20.00
130	000864	E Mason	Clerks Expenses - Office July 2008	20.00	0.00	20.00
131	000864	E Mason	Clerks Expenses - Stamps	2.16	0.00	2.16
132	000864	E Mason	Clerks Expenses - Mileage	9.09	0.00	9.09
133	000865	PC World - Stationery	Paid to Clerk	8.38	1.25	7.13
134	000866	Inland Revenue	Clerks Tax - June 2008	47.74	0.00	47.74
135	000866	Inland Revenue	Clerks Tax - July 2008	0.29	0.00	0.29
136	000867	Mr Dillon	Litter Collection - May/June	176.64	0.00	176.64
137	000868	Cannon	Grounds Maintenance - April	117.97	17.57	100.40
138	000868	Cannon	Grounds Maintenance - may	117.97	17.57	100.40
139	000869	HALC	Governance & Accountability	2.00	0.00	2.00
140	000870	Southern Electric Contracting	Bulk Lamp change and clean	574.61	85.58	489.03
141	000871	Winchester City Council	Election	83.25	0.00	83.25
116	000856	Hampshire County Council	Street Lighting	1242.80	185.10	1057.70
142	000872	Fox Ltd - Paid to Mrs Grant	Fan belt for mower	24.28	3.62	20.66
143	000872	Portsmouth SS Paid to Mrs Grant	Petrol for mower	22.24	3.31	18.93
Total Expenditure				2854.73	314.00	2540.73

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of the next meetings: 11th August 2008