

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 11th November, 2008 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr. J. Cooper (Chairman)
Mrs S Grant
Mr. B. Welch
Mr. A. Richards
Mrs J. Nainby-luxmoore
Mrs. J. Houghton
Mr. J. Watson
Mrs P. Hayward
Mrs D. Beswick

Also present:

Reverend R. Green
Squadron Leader C. Patterson-Deacon
PC J. Blunden
9 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

118/08 – Apologies for absence: - Major F. Frost.

119/08 – The Minutes of the previous meeting:-

Proposed Mr Welch seconded Mr Richards and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th October 2008 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

120/08 – Matters Arising:

- i) Mr Cooper
 - a) Mr Cooper reported that he had arranged a Mini bus to transport older residents from the village to the over 55's information day held in Winchester which he was pleased to report had been a big success.
 - b) The proposed footpath to the Naval Cottages has been taken up with the County Council with a request that this be put as a priority into the Roads and Highways budget.

121/08 – Public Participation:-

- i) Mr R. Bazeley enquired about what action is being taken to replace the stolen road signs?

Mr. Cooper said that this had been taken up with Cathy Hobbs – County Highways, who had said that she is getting them replaced.

- ii) It was reported that there is still problems with flooding in Common Lane.

Mr. Cooper said that this is the responsibility of County Highways and that he would contact Cathy Hobbs and ask her if she would liaise with Mr. H. Cook, who would show her exactly where and what the problems are.

- iii) A request was made for positive action to be taken from the Police to do some speed checks on the by-pass where speeding especially from motor cycles is becoming a danger.

PC Blunden said that he would pass it on to the appropriate Police Department.

- iv) The remainder of Public Participation session was taken up discussing anti social behaviour issues.

This focused predominantly on the actions of a few young people whose loutish behaviour and thoughtless acts of vandalism are having a detrimental impact on village life. Discussions took place as to what could be done to eliminate this including as to whether CCTV cameras should be employed as a deterrent

Mr Cooper said that the Parish Councillors were unanimous in their determination to tackle these issues and that advice from the Police and Winchester City Council on how best to eradicate this problem has already been taken and measures have already started to deal with it. He emphasised the importance for every member of the community to immediately report any incidents of anti-social behaviour to the Police so that the true extent of the problem can be determined and direct action taken to tackle the perpetrators.

He said that whilst it is not clear if all the anti social behaviour issues can be blamed on youths living in the Community there is no doubt that some are involved and where this is the case better parental control needs to be exercised.

PC Blunden said that if perpetrators of the anti social behaviour are named then the Police will prosecute them.

- v) Squadron Leader Patterson-Deacon reported on the progress of the Maintenance and Building projects at Southwick Park and said that the new stores building will be completed in March 2009.

122/08 – Community Safety

- i) The priority listing for this month are:
 - a) Antisocial behaviour in the village
 - b) Speeding on the by-pas
 - c) Occasional burglaries

PC Blunden said that he would take these away and report back to the next Parish Council Meeting..

123/08 – Proposed Parish Website:-

- i) Mr Watson said the Web site had now got its own domain name and that there would be a public meeting held the first week in December to determine how best the Web site can serve the community.

Mr Cooper said that there may be a possibility of a grant from the County Council and that he would raise this with County Councillor J Allgood.

124/08 – Correspondence:

- i) Winchester City Council:
 - a) Tenants Satisfaction Survey 2008. - Noted
 - b) Reminder Winchester Annual Housing Forum 21st November 2008 – Mr Cooper to attend.
 - ii) Community Action Hampshire
 - a) Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power : Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees – Noted.
 - iii) Hampshire County Council – The Older Driver Skills from Hampshire Council's road safety team – Mr Watson
 - iv) Winchester District Association of Local Council's – General Meeting 4th December 2008 – Mr Welch to attend.
 - v) Section 137
 - a) Citizens Advice Bureau)
 - b) Home Start)
 - c) St. Nicholas Church)
- Deferred until the next meeting.

125/08 – Playing field matters:

- i) Mrs Beswick
 - a) Asked if the Contractor could clear up the pathways after cutting the hedge?

The Clerk to instruct the contractor.

- b) That Motor Cycles are being ridden on the playing field.

The Clerk to arrange for the sign prohibiting unauthorised vehicles from using the playing field be fastened onto the existing post which should be either painted or replaced.

- ii) Mr Watson asked whether the Squire had agreed meet with the Parish Council about its request to have a gate onto the playing field.

The Clerk reported that he had emailed the Estate requesting the meeting but had not received a reply.

112/08 – Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Welch said that he is still not satisfied that lights No 8 and 29 were working properly, and that until these lights are satisfactorily repaired asked that SEC invoice should not be paid.

It was decided that this bill would not be paid until Mr Welch confirmed that the lights had been repaired..

126/08 – Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Cooper asked that all problems with the roads be Emailed to him so that he can liaise directly with Hampshire County Council and co-ordinate the villages approach with regard to its highways problems
- ii) Mrs Grant reported that there is a large pot-hole by the sewage plant in Widley Walk.

127/08 – Planning matters – Nothing.

128/08 – Members business

- i) Mrs Grant reported:
 - a) that the fence around Widley Cemetery had been put back up by Mr Weir.
 - b) That the wooden parapet on bridge at Widley Walk has now been repaired by Hampshire County Council.
- ii) Mr Welch reported that someone is parking a vehicle onto the pathway behind the old people's bungalows.

Mr Cooper said that before taking action he would have a word with the occupant.

129/08 – Setting the Precept for 2009/10 - Deferred until the next Parish Council Meeting.

130/08 – Setting the Council's Diary for 2009:

The following dates were agreed:

- i) **Annual Parish Assembly**
Monday 30 March 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
- ii) **Full Council**
Monday 08 December 2008 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 12 January 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 09 February 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Tuesday 10 March 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Tuesday 14 April 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 11 May 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 13 July 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 10 August 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 14 September 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 12 October 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 09 November 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 14 December 2009 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall
Monday 11 January 2010 07:30 PM D-Day Memorial Hall

131/08 – Orders for Payment

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

Cheque List November 2008

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Gross	VAT	Nett
174	000889	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
173	000889	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	7.56	0.00	7.56
172	000889	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
171	000889	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	173.27	0.00	173.27
175	000890	HM Customs and Inland	clerks Tax	43.40	0.00	43.40
176	000891	Cannon Horticulture	Grounds Maintenance	122.67	18.27	104.40
177	000892	D-Day Memorial Hall-Hall	Hire of Room	125.00	0.00	125.00
<i>Summary for 'DatePaid' = 11/11/08 (7 detail records)</i>						
Totals Paid				499.98	18.27	481.71

132/08 – Confidential Business – Proposed Mr Cooper, seconded Mr Watson and unanimously agreed that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Date of the next meetings: 8th December 2008