

## Southwick & Widley Parish Council

### Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 at 7.30pm

#### Present:

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

#### Also present:

Reverend R. Green  
Wing Commander S McCleary  
PC J.Blunden

#### In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

**09.72 Apologies for absence:** - Mrs P. Hayward, Major Frost and County Councillor F. Allgood

#### 09.73 The Minutes of the previous meeting:-

Proposed Mrs S Grant seconded Mr A Richards and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

#### 09.74 Matters Arising:-

- i) Mr Cooper
  - a) With regard to there being no definitive map of Southwick. He is trying to arrange a meeting to be chaired by Winchester City Council's Solicitor with representatives from all interested parties including; Southwick Estate, Southwick Park, Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council and the Parish Council so that all ownerships can be legally established and agreed.
  - b) Mr Cooper said that although he had asked the Community Safety Officer be around when the school bus arrives at around 3.00 pm she has so far not made an appearance.  
  
PC J Blunden said that he would have a word with the Community Safety Officer.
  - c) Mrs Houghton reported that there had been incidents of fly tipping around the village and that this had been reported to Winchester City Council.

#### 09.75 Public Participation:-

- i) Wing Commander Mcleary
  - a) Extended an invitation to attend an open evening at the camp on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, which will commence at 7.00pm this is to be an informal outdoor barbecue event with entertainment from a military band.
  - b) Said that Major Frost sent her apologies for not attending but pressure of work was keeping her away and said that she asked to be given information about the Village's summer fete.

Mr Watson said that he would Email the information to Major Frost.

#### 09.76 Community Safety: -

- i) PC J Blunden:-
  - a) Jerry apologised for not being able to give a comprehensive report to this meeting but he had been away for three weeks and was now trying to catch-up.
  - b) Said that there had been no reported criminal incidents locally but around the area there had been incidents of distraction burglaries and warned everyone to be on their guard.

- c) There had been some incidents of anti-social behaviour caused by a travellers encampment that had been set up in Denmead,
  - ii) Mr Cooper:-
    - a) Said that the Police Authority had commenced a new initiative by setting up a high visibility Police presence over the summer months focused on deterring anti-social behaviour particularly amongst the young.
    - b) Asked if PC Blunden could request that the Village's restricted speed limit could be extended to include the Boulter Lane junction.
    - c) Mr Cooper said that there had been some incidents of fly tipping around the village.
  - iii) In response to an enquiry from a resident, Mr Watson asked for the accident statistics concerning the unrestricted part of the Southwick to Denmead Road.
- Mr Cooper said that he would provide these statistics.
- iv) The Revd Green reported that there had been fly tipping on Ham Lane.

**09.77 Proposed Parish Website:** Mr Watson said that all of his attempts to contact Alan had failed. So he is unsure whether he still intends to proceed with the village web site!

Mr Cooper asked Mr Watson to continue with his efforts to contact Alan.

**09.78 Correspondence:**

- i) Hampshire County Council –
- ii) Hampshire County Council – 15<sup>th</sup> June Council Meeting - Noted
- iii) Hampshire County Council – 16<sup>th</sup> July Council Meeting - Noted
- iv) Hampshire County Council – Hampshire Mineral and Waste Development Framework. - Noted
- v) Portsmouth City Council – Draft Somerstown and North Southsea Area Action Plan including CD – To stay on file
- vi) Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Report – Councillors to read starting with Mrs Nainby-Luxmoore
- vii) CPRE – Request for a subscription – Noted
- viii) Fareham Borough Council – Local Development Framework Public Notice - Noted

**09.79 Playing field matters:**

- i) Proposed that Bailey Brothers Ltd be asked to undertake the annual cutting of the Hedge.

**09.80 Street Lighting Matters:**

- i) Mrs Houghton reported that vegetation growing around street light number 5 is obscuring its light.
- ii) Mr Welch reported that lights numbers 1 and 10 are burning continuously.

**09.81 Roads & Highway matters:**

- i) Mr Cooper:-
  - a) Reported that in general the village roads are in a good state of repair.
  - b) The footpath outside of number 22 at the junction of West Street and High Street is very uneven and could cause an accident.
- ii) Mr Welch reported that the footpaths on Castle Road are very uneven caused by damage from the trees roots.
- iii) Mrs Grant reported that the road surface is breaking up on Widley Walk from between the Domestic Residences to the Sewage Works caused by contractors' heavy vehicles.
- iv) Mr Richards reported that the hedges along Crooked Walk badly need cutting back.

Mr Cooper said that this is the responsibility of the Southwick Estate and asked the Clerk to notify Mr C Langford.

**09.82 Planning matters:**

- i) One planning application has been received.

01) 09/10 – 09/01018/FUL – W08809/01

Applicant: The Southwick Estate

Proposal: Change of use of barns from agricultural to commercial (class B1), construction of new vehicular access and car parking, closure of existing access, demolition of dilapidated cartshed

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

Decision: Because the closing date for comments had passed no decision could be made, however Mr Cooper said that he would attend the Planning Meeting and express the Parish Council's concerns over the location of the access and its close proximity to the bend.

- ii) A letter had been received from Winchester City Council informing the Parish Council that the next meeting of the West of Waterlooville Forum would be at 2.00pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August in the Deverall Hall, London Road, Waterlooville.
- iii) Mrs Houghton informed the Council that the Police House has been put up for sale.

**09.83 Members business**

- i) Mrs Grant said that heavy lorries are still using the road up to the Sub-station on Widley Walk contrary to the planning application conditions.

Mr Cooper said that he would raise this with Winchester City Council's Enforcement Section.

- ii) A river flowing between Purbrook and Southwick has not been cleaned which is now impeding its flow.

Mr Cooper said that the river is the responsibility of the Environment Agency and that he would raise it with them.

- iii) Mr Richards suggested that the Parish Council should be spending some of the money accumulated in Open Space Fund.

Mr Cooper said that all Parish Council's must prepare proposals on how it intends to spend its Open Space Fund or lose the money and suggested that the Parish Council makes the preparation of these proposals a priority.

Mr Welch suggested that there should be an agenda item for the Council to discuss how it intends to make improvements to the Playing Field in the next financial year.

- iv) Mrs Nainby-Luxmoore asked if Mr Cooper could find out what Winchester City Council's grass cutting responsibility in the Village is.

- v) Mr Cooper

- a) Said that he believed that he could get funding for the Parish Council to have its own mini bus and asked the Council to consider the implication of running its own transport scheme.

Mr Watson said that the problem with having a transport scheme is getting the volunteers to run it and that he believed rather than purchasing a mini bus the money would be better spent on providing subsidised rides.

Mr Cooper said that he would go away and think about it and report back to the next meeting.

**09.84 Orders for Payment**

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

**Cheque List June 2009**

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Gross	VAT	Nett
240	000933	Cannon Horticulture	Grounds Maintenance	126.50	16.50	110.00
241	000934	J Murray (Auditor)	Internal Audit	150.00	0.00	150.00
245	000935	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	2.70	0.00	2.70
242	000935	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	19.70	0.00	19.70
246	000935	PC World (Paid to Clerk)	Stationery	16.30	2.13	14.17
244	000935	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
243	000935	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	221.16	0.00	221.16
<b>Totals Paid</b>				<i>556.36</i>	<i>18.63</i>	<i>537.73</i>

**Cheque List July 2009**

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Gross	VAT	Nett
247	000936	Cannon Horticulture	Grounds Maintenance	63.25	8.25	55.00
248	000937	Preece Jim	Grounds Maintenance	85.00	0.00	85.00
250	000938	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	12.06	0.00	12.06
249	000938	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	24.24	0.00	24.24
251	000938	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
252	000938	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	173.47	0.00	173.47
254	000939	Mr Dillon (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	229.20	0.00	229.20
253	000940	HM Customs and Inland	clerks Tax	43.20	0.00	43.20
<b>Totals Paid</b>				<i>650.42</i>	<i>8.25</i>	<i>642.17</i>

**09.85 Approval of Accounts:**

- i) Statement of Accounts: - Proposed Mr Cooper, seconded Mr Watson and unanimously agreed that the Accounts for 2008/09 be approved and signed.
- ii) Statement of Assurance - Proposed Mr Cooper, seconded Mr Watson and unanimously agreed that the Statement of Assurance for 2008/09 be approved and signed.
- iii) Proposed Mr Watson seconded Mr Cooper and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should record a vote of thanks to the Parish Clerk for the work he has done on getting the Parish's accounts ready for Audit.

**The meeting closed at 9.25pm**

**Date of the next meetings: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009**