

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Tuesday 15^h September, 2009 at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Also present:

Reverend R. Green
Wing Commander S. McCleary
PC J. Blunden
County Councillor F. Allgood
Eighteen Members of the Public.

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

09.99 Apologies for absence: - Major Frost

09.100 The Minutes of the previous meeting:-

Proposed Mrs J. Nainby-Luxmoore seconded Mr B Welch and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10^h August 2009 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

09.101 Matters Arising:-

- i) Mr Cooper
 - a) Is still pursuing a meeting to discuss the Parish boundary so that ownership can be established.
 - b) Will be attending the HALC general meeting
 - c) Has confirmed that the establishing of a 30 mph speed limit for Boulter Lane has been submitted to the County Council and this was confirmed by County Councillor Allgood.
 - d) That he has not yet obtained any costs for the Fly Tipping.

09.102 Public Participation:-

- i) This months Parish Council Meeting was particularly well attended by members of the public who are concerned about road safety throughout the village particularly since the serious accident that had occurred at the junction of High Street, Back Lane and Denmead Road, where the driver of a Ford Focus Car lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a cottage completely destroying the corner wall of the house and injuring the occupant.
- ii) A long discussion took place on what is needed to make the village a safer place including implementing traffic calming measures such as: clearer and better positioned signs, rumble strips, chicane barriers and decreasing the speed limit to 20 miles per hour.
- iii) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council thanked the public for attending and said that they would be consulting with both the County and City Council about road safety and that these discussions this will start with the programmed meeting with Corrine Phillips – Winchester City Council's – Traffic Safety Officer on Wednesday 16th September.

- iv) County Councillor Allgood who had attended the meeting said that he had listened carefully to what had been said and would be talking to traffic experts at the County Council but emphasised that it is important that all traffic incidents are reported so that they get included into the traffic incidents statistics because it is only on these statistics that action can be taken. With regard to the 20 miles per hour speed limit, he explained that with the deregulation of traffic matters from Central to Local Government means that altering speed limits is now a local issue, so as long as the community could present a case that demonstrated a need for the reducing the speed limit and that the residents effected agreed with the reduction then it could be implemented.
- v) Wing Commander McCleary reported:
 - a) That a wall on the base had been accidentally demolished by a contractors vehicle and that this would be rebuilt.
 - b) The cause of the bad smell emanating from Southwick Park, that had been reported at the last meeting, had been found and was no longer causing a problem.

09.103 Community Safety: -

- i) PC J Blunden said that there had been twenty-one reported incidents for Boarhunt and Southwick in the four weeks up to the 15th September, and all was minor incidents with none concerning theft
- ii) Mr Cooper said that youths had been dropping litter on the Playing Field and asked to have either a Police or PCSO presence to try to stop this.

P.C. Blunden said that he would arrange for this to be done.
- iii) Councillor Houghton said that she had been approached by a number of residents of North Drive who are being harassed by cars and scooters being driven at high speed. Wing Commander McCleary said that he had his officers' walk around the area but because it is not part of the Southwick Park so he has no jurisdiction. He did say however, that he is prepared to fit a lockable bollard at the end of North Drive and give the two tenants at the top a key so that they can continue to park their vehicles.

09.104 Proposed Parish Website: Mr Watson reported that he has contacted Mr Aldridge and has been informed by him that he still wishes to proceed with the Parish Web-site.

09.105 Correspondence:

- i) Hampshire County Council
 - a) Agenda for the County Council Meeting 17th September. – Noted.
 - b) Hampshire Now magazines – distributed at the meeting. – Noted
- ii) Hampshire Association of Local Councils – Annual Report 2009. – Noted,
- iii) Letter from Lisa Dale – dated 1st September, requesting permission to use D-day Memorial Hall on the 26th September. – Permission granted subject to the usual provisos.
- iv) Winchester City Council – Richard Moss Reception at Abbey House on Friday 25th September. – Noted.
- v) Letter from Revd Green – dated 28th August, asking if the Parish Council would decorate some part of the Church for the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 27th September and to invite everyone to attend both the service and the supper that followed.

09.106 Playing field matters:

- i) The Clerk was asked to get a quotation for providing and installing a pedestrian wooden gate.
- ii) The question of whether there should be a youth shelter positioned on the playing field was raised.

It was the general view amongst the Councillors that this is not required.
- iii) The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Dunbar Dempsey – Winchester City Council's - Open Space Officer and request that he prepares as report on what is needed to improve the Playing Field and Children's Play area and present it at a Council Meeting.

09.107 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) It was reported that lights numbers 6, 9 and 20 are not working this to be reported to SEC Contracting.
- ii) County Councillor Allgood said that the County Council's lighting initiative to introduce a rolling programme of replacing street lights is getting underway.

09.108 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Road and Highway matters had been comprehensively discussed in the public participation section of the meeting.

09.109 Panning matters:

- i) The current enforcement list was discussed.

09.110 Notice Boards:

- i) Mr Watson suggested that there should be four additional notice boards located: Outside the D-day Memorial Hall, at the Military Children's play area, at the end of North Drive and in Widley Walk.

The Clerk was asked to get the price for the purchase and instillation of four plain notice boards.

09.111 Members business

- i) Mr Welch questioned whether it is worth continuing with our membership of the Winchester District Council Association?
- ii) It was generally felt amongst Councillors that membership did provide value for money.
Mrs Grant requested permission to get the mower maintained.
Permission was granted.
- iii) Revd. Green
 - a) Said that he hosts a meeting between the village and Southwick Park every six months and the next meeting will be held on the 29th September at 6.00 pm in the D-day Memorial Hall.
 - b) Reported that the Church was underwriting the cost of the highly successful Mothers and Toddlers Group headed by Jemma Cleave every Tuesday in the D-day Memorial Hall and asked if the Parish Council if it could help financially.

Mr Cooper said that he would look and see how financial support can be provided.

09.112 Orders for Payment

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

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Gross	VAT	Nett
268	000947	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	1.65	0.00	1.65
266	000947	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
267	000947	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
269	000947	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	173.27	0.00	173.27
270	000948	HM Customs and Inland	clerks Tax	43.40	0.00	43.40
271	000949	Winchester District	Administration	20.00	0.00	20.00
272	000950	Viking Direct	Stationery	180.22	23.51	156.71
273	000951	Bailey Brothers (Hedge	Grounds Maintenance	184.00	24.00	160.00
275	000953	Cannon Horticulture	Grounds Maintenance	126.50	16.50	110.00
276	000954	Mr Dillon (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	114.60	0.00	114.60
Totals Paid				871.72	64.01	807.71

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of the next meetings: 12th October 2009