

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 8th March, 2010 at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Also present:

Reverend R. Green
Major T. Winchcombe
County Councillor F. Allgood
One Member of the Public.

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

10.014 Apologies for absence: - Mr Cooper, Mrs J. Nainby-Luxmoore, and P.C. J. Blunder

10.015 The Minutes of the previous meeting:-

Proposed Mr A Richards seconded Mrs S Grant and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th February 2010 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

10.016 Matters Arising:-

- i) Armed Forces Day- Mr Watson said that he was arranging with Major Winchcombe to have a march through the village by the Armed Forces from Southwick Park, this is to be followed by a Church Service and ending with refreshments in the D-day Memorial Hall.

County Councillor Allgood said that the County Council is arranging a large march through Winchester represented by all three Armed Forces.

- ii) The parapet on the bridge at Widley Walk has still not been repaired.
iii) Mr Watson said that because there had been no committee meeting he had been unable to determine whether grant funding is needed for the D-day Memorial Hall.

10.017 Public Participation:-

- i) Reverend Green - reported that although the rubbish left in plastic bags on the lay-by had been removed more rubbish had been left in its place and that this is now an ongoing problem.

The Clerk was asked to report this to Winchester City Council's contractor responsible for the collection of rubbish.

- ii) County Councillor Allgood:
- Reported that the budget meeting had resulted in the County Council's share of the Council Tax being increased by only 1.9%.
 - The County Council is putting seven million pounds into adult social care and is going to provide additional support for education of children in care.
 - Because of the damage to the highways caused by the unusually bad weather the County Council is increasing its highways expenditure and part of this increase will be used to pay for fifty more gangs to work on pot-hole repairing.
 - Councillor Allgood's final point was that following the extreme weather conditions of this winter the County Council is implementing a new initiative to improve its winter service to the community. Part of this initiative is that they are going to make provision within next year's budget to enable 4,000 additional salt bins to be located where they can be used by the community.

- e) Major Winchcombe reported that Colonel Boyd has now left Southwick Park and that his replacement will be Group Captain Sexton who will take up the post of Commanding Officer of Southwick Park on the 29th March. Colonel Boyd sent his thanks to the Parish Council.

10.018 Community Safety: -

- i) PC J Blunden could not attend tonight's meeting and asked that if anything needed reporting to let the Parish Clerk know and that he would forward it for PC Blunden's attention.

10.019 Proposed Parish Website:

- i) Mr Watson reported that because Mr Aldridge had not come forward with any proposals about a community website, that he would be discussing with the Clerk about the possibility of having the Parish's own website, and that he would report on this to the next meeting.

10.020 Correspondence:

- i) Hampshire County Council :-
 - a) County Council Meeting 18th February 2010 - Noted
- ii) Boarhunt Parish Church Committee sent it's thanks to the Parish Council for its donation. – Noted.
- iii) Bishops Waltham and the Meon Valley Citizens Advice Bureau sent it's thanks to the Parish Council for its donation. – Noted.

10.021 Playing field matters:

- i) Annual Play Inspection Report – Mr Watson asked the Clerk to send all Councillors a copy of the report so that it could be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- ii) Mr Watson asked that Mr Dumbar-Dempsey's report on what action was needed to improve the Playing Field and Children's Play Equipment to be resent to all Parish Councillors and asked for volunteers to form a sub-committee to formulate proposals based on this report.

The sub-committee to consist of Mr Watson, Mrs Houghton and Mr Welch.

10.022 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Street light number 8 is not working properly and light number 15 has a broken glass. The Clerk to report this to Southern Electric Contracting.

10.023 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson has sent several reports on the state of the villages roads to the Highways Section of Hampshire County Council
- ii) The grass verges have still not been cut properly. Mr Watson said that he would contact Winchester City Council.
- iii) Mr Welch said that consideration should be given to how many of the salt bins the village needed and where they should be located, he said that the Estate should be included in the consultation as permission may be required for the siting of the bins.

10.024 Planning Matters:

- i) The following planning application has been received:

10/01 WTPO/0538/06 – Case No: 10/00596/TPO

Applicant: Mr Roderick Brown

Proposal: Fell 2no. Sycamores

Location: Land At Marrelsmoor Coppice Purbrook Heath Road Purbrook Hampshire

Decision: No comment.

10.025 Members business:

- i) Mr Richards:
 - a) Submitted a quotation for the notice boards. After discussion it was decided that another quotation needs to be obtained for comparison purposes.

b) Reported that vehicles are being driven over the centre reservation of the lay-by and asked if anything could be done to stop this?

Mr Watson said that he would talk to the County Council.

ii) Mr Welch reported that the sewage system from the camps married quarters is getting blocked because baby wipes are being flushed down the toilets.

Major Winchcombe said that he would look into it.

iii) Mr Watson on behalf of the Parish Council asked that a vote of thanks be recorded for Colonel Boyd, for all the work he has done for the community and wished him all the best for his retirement.

10.026 Orders for Payment

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

Cheque List March 2010

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Gross	VAT	Nett
323	000981	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	21.72	0.00	21.72
322	000981	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	173.27	0.00	173.27
321	000981	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	8.80	0.00	8.80
320	000981	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
324	000982	HM Customs and Inland	clerks Tax	43.40	0.00	43.40
325	000983	Mr Dillon (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	116.00	0.00	116.00
326	000984	George Cann Garden	Mower Maintenance/Repair	125.57	18.70	106.87
327	000985	Winchester City Council	Play Equipment	43.48	6.48	37.00
Totals Paid				552.24	25.18	527.06

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of the next meetings: 12th April 2010