

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Tuesday 12th October, 2010 at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Also present:

Reverend R. Green
Mr A Martin – Southwick Park

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

10.085 Apologies for absence: - Major T. Winchcombe and County Councillor F. Allgood

10.086 The Minutes of the previous meeting:- Proposed Mr J Cooper, seconded Mrs J Houghton and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th September 2010 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

10.087 Matters Arising: -

- i) Mr Martin – said that the Southwick Park Bonfire night celebration will be held on the 3rd November. The event will commence at 6.00pm, the fire will be lit at 7.00pm a fire work display at 7.30pm, and the will close at 8.30pm. The event is open to the public with access via the Boulter Lane gate. The event is free of charge however anyone wishing to do so will be able to make a donation the proceeds of which will be given to charity.
- ii) Mr Cooper:
 - a) Gave a report on the development at the West of Waterlooville and said that the Conservatives on the district council are pushing for the whole of the review to be based on community needs, although this is contrary to the Coalition Government's recommendations.
 - b) Next January there is going to be a review of the Southwick Parish Boundary where the likely outcome will be to recommend the moving of a few properties into the Denmead area.
 - c) When the West of Waterlooville Development is completed it is likely that it will be moved from Winchester City Council into Havant District Council.
 - d) With regard to obtaining a grant towards a new mower for use on the Widley Burial Ground he has not yet been able to speak to anyone at Winchester City Council. However, he has meeting arranged for tomorrow morning at which he will be requesting the funding. He will report back to the next Council Meeting.
- iii) Mr Watson said that he has concerns that when West of Waterlooville is completed that it will have a disproportionate say over the running of the village leaving Southwick and Widley with little or no independence in controlling its everyday affairs.

Mr Cooper said that it would be a two edged sword and although there would be losses in power there would be gains in amenities such as: doctor's surgeries, sports area, play areas etc.

- iv) It was reported that street light number 8 has now been repaired and is working properly.

10.088 Public Participation:

- i) Mr Martin said that Major Winchcombe had arranged for 15 personnel to attend the remembrance service.

10.089 Community Safety: - Mr Cooper reported that due to the proposed cutbacks, community safety was under review with Hampshire Constabulary expected to lose approximately 1,400 personnel. One of the proposed changes is that Community Police Officers be replaced by unpaid Special Constables. With these cutbacks everyone will need to be more diligent and report all incidents that they witness.

Whilst appreciating that the new Police Officers responsible for policing the Village are at present extremely busy establishing themselves in their new positions, Mr Cooper hoped that once settled they will be able to attend the Parish Council meetings.

10.090 Proposed Parish Website: Mr Watson and the Clerk suggested that a form be placed onto the website that allowed anyone to report a highway defects, this would allow the Parish Council to promptly report highway defects to the County Council and to build a database of reported faults.

It was unanimously agreed that a form for reporting highway defects be added to the web site and that hard copies of the form should be available from the post office for those who have not got access to the internet.

10.091 Correspondence:

- i) Winchester City Council :-
 - a) Blueprint – Mr Welch to read through the communication.
- ii) OCS Horticulture
 - a) Gang Mowing and Ancillary Works Contract 2011. – looked at in minute 10.092 i) c)
- iii) Fareham Borough Council -
 - a) Community Consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement. – Noted
- iv) Hampshire County Council :-
 - a) Council Meeting 16th September 2010. – Noted
 - b) Annual Meeting of the Parish Transport Representatives 6th November 2010. Mr Cooper to attend.
- v) Winchester Area Community Action – Invitation to attend its AGM on the 18th October 2010. Mr Cooper to attend.
- vi) Winchester Churches Nightshelter – Annual Report. - Noted
- vii) Meon Valley Carers Group – Invitation to attend its AGM on the 26th October 2010. - Noted
- viii) Hampshire and IOW Crimestoppers – Annual Report 2010. - Noted
- ix) Society of Local Clerks – Membership of your professional body.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should join the Society of Local Clerks.

10.092 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Watson
 - a) Said that the preparation of the Sub-committee's report on how to improve the playing field and children's playing area was still proceeding.
 - b) He is in the process of getting quotations for cutting the hedge around the playing field; he has already received a quotation from Bailey Brothers Ltd and is awaiting a second quotation from OCS.

It was agreed that once the quotations have been received that Mr Watson, Mrs Hayward and Mr Welch be given delegated authority to select and authorise a contractor to undertake the work.

- c) Has received the ground maintenance contract for next year from OCS and queried that if this contract is accepted whether the Parish Council will be getting best value for money.

It was agreed that other quotations should be obtained and once received that Mr Watson, Mrs Hayward and Mr Welch be given delegated authority to select the contractor and place next year's ground maintenance contract.

- ii) Mr Welch said that the trees on the Playing Field need to be pruned. Mr Watson said that he would ask Bailey Brothers for a quotation however, some of the trees may be protected by tree preservation orders.

Mr Cooper said that he would find out which trees had preservation orders on them.

- iii) It was reported that a swing is broken on the Children's Play Area.

Mrs Houghton said that she would get her husband to have a look at it and see if it can be easily fixed.

10.093 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Watson reported that there is a light out that belongs to Southwick Park. Mr Martin said that he would report it.
- ii) It was reported that light number 15 needs turning through 90° because it is shining in the wrong direction and light number 16 is not working.

The Clerk to report these to Southern Electric Contracting.

10.094 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) It was agreed that Mr Watson, Mr Cooper and County Councillor Allgood should have a meeting to discuss what can be done about the village highways.
- ii) Mr Cooper said that he would be meeting Mr A. Hickman – Winchester City Council to get advice on what needs to be done about parking on Norton Road.
- iii) Mr Cooper reported that a newly resurfaced section of the highway at the junction of Newlands Lane and Sheepwash Lane is breaking up.
- iv) Mrs Grant reported that the gullies between the access to the Rowens and Purbrook Road are blocked and that this section of the highway gets flooded during periods of prolonged heavy rain.
- v) Mr Welch reported that it had taken Portsmouth Water three weeks to repair a leak.

10.095 Planning Matters:

The following application was put before the Council:

Ref No: W - Case No: 10/02535/TPC

Applicant: Mr Cowling

Proposal: 1no. Plum remove basal growth and formative prune. 1no. Plum reshape, remove ivy and formative prune. 3no. Conifer, and 1no. Ash fell. 1no. Cherry crown lift to 4m over access road. Other work not under conservation area notification.

Location: Old Police House High Street Southwick Fareham Hampshire PO17 6EE

Decision: No comment

Ref No: PLAN/KK/WR221

Applicant: Demolition and Salvage

Proposal: Importation of storage of concrete waste to blend with on site demolition material to produce secondary aggregate for a period of two years.

Location: DSLT, Portsdown Main Site, Portsdown Hill Road, Fareham PO17 6AR

Decision: No Comment

10.096 Members business:

- i) Mr Watson – Asked all Councillors in turn for their list of future priorities. This is so that each priority can be costed and if adopted be scheduled into a programme of projects. These projects will be funded by building the costs into the annual budget and raising the finance through the Precept:
 - a) Mr Cooper – development of the D-Day Memorial Hall e.g. Extension – computer room, health room etc.
 - b) Mrs Grant – Street Light replacement programme.
 - c) Mr Richards – improvements to the approaches to the village e.g.: clear away vegetation improved signs, etc.
 - d) Mrs Beswick – Improved facilities for the young: such a skate board park, etc.

Because of the limitation of local land available for this project. Mr Martin said that he would look to see if any MOD land could be made available.

- e) Mrs Hayward – to involve the rest of the village in more communal activities.

- f) Mrs Houghton – general playing field rejuvenation, including fencing.
- g) Mr Welch – Notice boards, improved road signs, generally improving the approaches to the village, etc.
- h) Mrs Verity – to improve the transport links to the village.

Mr Watson said that he would collate these ideas and place them into headings and once projects had been accepted he would be looking for project leaders to take them forward.

Mrs Verity said that she would take the lead on the skate board project and report to a future meeting.

- ii) Mrs Hayward said that she would like to see the list of fixed assets. The Clerk to provide the details.
- iii) Brian asked about insurance for Council members undertaking community work?
- iv) Mr Watson – said that he would like to raise the position of the D-day memorial hall that is facing financial difficulties but because of the late hour he would like to raise it at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

10.097 Orders for Payment:

- i) Proposed Mr Welch, seconded Mrs Grant and unanimously agreed that the Council should pay its bills:

Cheque List October 2010

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Gross	VAT	Nett
390	001017	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	18.00	0.00	18.00
387	001017	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
389	001017	PC World (Paid to Clerk)	Clerks Expenses	16.26	2.42	13.84
388	001017	PC World (Paid to Clerk)	Clerks Expenses	12.20	1.82	10.38
386	001017	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
385	001017	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	193.93	0.00	193.93
391	001018	HM Customs and Inland	clerks Tax	48.40	0.00	48.40
392	001019	D-Day Memorial Hall - Hall Hire	Hire of Room	90.00	0.00	90.00
393	001020	Southern Electric Contracting	Street Lighting	97.81	14.57	83.24
394	001021	Cannon Horticulture	Grounds Maintenance	133.13	19.83	113.30
395	001022	Mr Dillon (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	116.00	0.00	116.00
Totals Paid				753.80	38.63	715.17

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of the next meetings: 9th November 2010