

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Eisenhower Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Tuesday 12th April, 2011 at 7.50pm

Present:

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

Also present:

County Councillor F Allgood

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.
PC Emma Port
PCSO Laurence Day
Mr A Martin – Representing Southwick Park

11.042 Apologies for absence: - Mr J Cooper, Mrs E Verity, Mrs P Hayward, Lieutenant Colonel Winchcombe and Reverend B Green

11.043 The Minutes of the previous meeting: -

Proposed Mr B Welch seconded Mr A Richards and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th March 2011 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

11.044 Matters Arising: -

- i) Mr Watson reported:
 - a) Reported on the meeting he attended with Mr Welch and Mr Richards representing Southwick & Widley and members of Denmead Parish Council about the creation of a Parish Council for Newlands. He spoke about the interim measures that need to be taken until the Parish Council can be set up. It has been suggested that there should be a sub-committee established with representatives from both Southwick & Widley and Denmead, reporting to both Parish Councils. Letters have been prepared and are shown as Appendix 1.
 - b) Said that English Heritage had been contacted about the letter they had written seeking partnership with the Parish Council or Community Groups to look after Southwick Priory. It was decided that little could be done other than assistance that could be provided on a voluntary basis.
 - c) A grit bin will be relocated to Widley Walk.

11.045 Resignation: -

Having served the Parish Council for twenty-five years, with regret, Mrs Grant, tendered her resignation and will be leaving the Council at the end of this meeting.

Mr Watson and all the Councillors sincerely thanked Mrs Grant for the work she had undertaken on behalf of the community and wished her all the best for the future.

11.046 Public Participation:

- i) Mr A Martin
 - a) That the Reverend Clarke, who usually attends for Lt Col Winchcombe, had been posted to Libya. He said that he had received very little notice that he was to represent Southwick Park at the meeting, which had left him very little time to prepare. He therefore apologised for the brevity of his report.
 - b) The Armed Forces day was to be kept to the same format as last year.
 - c) The items that Mr Martin did not have time to find the answers to; will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

- ii) County Councillor Allgood
 - a) The County Council has completed a study of checking speeding on B category roads.
 - b) On Highways; the A2177 will have resurfacing work undertaken, Southwick Denmead Road will have drainage work done, and Traffic Management has authorised the removal of the no right turn/no left turn on the junction of High Street and Priory Road.
 - c) There is to be a speed limit review on the Denmead Road.
 - d) 2500 grit bins have been acquired and are being distributed throughout the County and Councillor Allgood suggested that the Parish Council contacts Darren Lewis and asks for an additional bin to be placed in Widley Walk; this will save the Parish Council having to re-site one of its allocated bins.
 - e) 8.5 million pounds is being spent on bus subsidies which is a reduction of one million pounds. Therefore the County Council is reviewing the services with a low passenger use with the view to removing them.

Mr Watson said that Mrs Verity will be taking the lead on transport for the Parish Council and will be reviewing its needs.

- f) A phased programming of replacing the County Council's stock of street lights has commenced with phase 1 running ahead of schedule.
- g) The Government is providing 350 million pounds to improve broad band speed. The County is making a bid for some of this money and are asking residents to go online onto the County Council's Web site and support the Council's bid.
- h) The Olympic Torch will be carried through Hampshire and it is hoped that local children will be able to carry the torch for part of its journey through the County.

11.047 Community Safety: -

- i) PC Port and PCSO Day had come to talk about the new initiative of community speed watch.
 - a) Speeding is one of the factors that most affects the quality of life in communities around Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It can be a factor in road traffic collisions and impacts on the day-to-day lives of people in the community.

You often tell us that speeding is one of the biggest community concerns in your area and as such we want to work with you to set up a Community Speed Watch programme.

Community Speed Watch will be co-ordinated by Hampshire Constabulary in partnership with your local council and other agencies. The scheme itself will be run by your local police safer neighbourhood teams and the community volunteers.

- b) How does it work?

Speed Watch can only operate on roads with a speed limit of 30 mph and under. The best locations would be 20 mph zones and community and residential areas that have a 30 mph limit. Community volunteers work alongside Hampshire Constabulary officers to identify vehicles which exceed the speed limit.

Details of the vehicles will be collected at the time of the alleged offence and then entered onto a database. The registered owner of the vehicle will then be sent a letter telling them that their vehicle was seen exceeding the speed limit, how it affects the local community and asking them not to do so in the future. If the same registration number is logged again within 12 months the owner will receive a warning that if the vehicle is seen speeding a third time the details will be passed to an officer who may take further action.

Commercial vehicles or vehicles that belong to companies will have a separate letter sent to the local transport manager and the roads policing unit will be made aware.

- c) What next?

Community Speed Watch locations will be suggested by the local community and the police but will have to be sanctioned by Hampshire Constabulary's safer roads officers. A risk assessment of the location will have to be done before activity can take place.

Volunteers must be aged at least 17 years and each scheme needs a minimum of six volunteers. Keen applicants will need to complete an application form and vetting process which can take up to six weeks to clear. Specialist training will be given to volunteers and any local travelling or out of pocket expenses will be covered. Community volunteers working on the

roadside will be given use of high visibility jackets, wet weather equipment, road side signs and equipment to monitor speed and record vehicle details. Volunteers will be covered under Hampshire Constabulary's public liability insurance for roadside working.

- d) Still interested?
For more information about starting a scheme, the equipment we use or becoming a volunteer visit our website, contact your local neighbourhood police officer or e-mail the safer roads officers at: road.policing.management@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.
- ii) PC Port said that Hannah Jeffcoat had been transferred to another area and as a temporary measure PCSO Day would be covering for her until a permanent replacement can be appointed.

She also said that team changes meant that PC John Newman would be the areas new liaison officer and she would ask him to attend the next Parish Council Meeting.

- iii) PCSO Day asked all residents to be aware that garden ornaments should be secured to the ground as these are being targeted by thieves and this is happening even when the ornaments are very heavy.
- iv) Oil thefts are a particular problem, but the oil can be made safer by putting in a tracker dye. The oil if stolen can be traced and the rightful owner identified even if the oil has been mixed with other oil.
- v) Mr Welch reported that there is an increasing problem with noisy motorbikes driving through the village.

PC Port said that when this happens the incident should be report using the 101 number, and the police will investigate it.

11.048 Correspondence:

- i) All correspondence had been distributed to all Councillors before the meeting.

11.049 Playing field matters:

- i) At an earlier meeting Mr Welch said that dogs should be kept on leads whilst on the Playing Field. Mr Watson said that he would investigate and report back with a quotation for the cost of a sign.
- ii) Mr Watson said that the Children's Play Area Working Party had had several meetings which had resulted in asking firms to provide detailed proposals including pricings for the play area. When these have been received they will be put up in the D-Day Memorial Hall so that they can be viewed by all residents.
- iii) Although overgrown because of birds nesting it was agreed that the hedge should not be cut until the autumn.

11.050 Street Lighting Matters: An Email has been received from Southern Electric Contracting providing a quotation for the replacement of street lights.

Mr Richards said that the majority of the street lights were sound and did not need replacing.

Mr Watson said that he had spoken to the site manager of Southwick Park who will get their electrical engineering contractor, to identify the lamps that need replacing.

Mr Richards said that he would find an electrical engineer to assess the lights.

Mr Watson said that he would get a quote for painting the lamp posts.

11.051 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Already discussed earlier in the meeting.

11.052 Planning Matters: the following planning applications were submitted for the Parish Council's consideration:

- i) Planning applications received 11th April 2011

Case No: 11/00672/FUL – W Ref: W20227/14

Location: DSTL Portsdown West Portsdown Hill Road South Boarhunt Fareham Hampshire

Proposal: Variation of condition no. 1 of planning permission 09/02658/FUL to allow temporary permission for erection of a 50m anemometry mast to expire 31/5/12.

Applicant: Mr Tony Mortiboys

Council's Recommendations: No Comment

11.053 Members business:

- i) Mrs Grant:
- a) Reported that Widley Walk was getting a lot of heavy traffic going to and from the sub-station which is breaking up the road. She said that there seems to be more personnel working there.
 - b) Said that the grass on Widley Cemetery is very long.

Mr Watson said that he would contact Stephen Whetnall – Winchester City Council to see if the Parish Council can get a grant for the cost of cutting the grass.

The Clerk was asked to look back in the records and see when the Parish Council last received a grant.

- ii) Mrs Beswick said that a fridge/freezer had been dumped in Norton Close.

Mr Watson said that he would speak to the residents group about getting it removed.

11.054 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List April 2011

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Gross	VAT	Nett
454	001052	Macfadyen Family (Paid to Jim	Office Equipment	185.00	0.00	185.00
459	001053	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	15.44	0.00	15.44
458	001053	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	4.14	0.00	4.14
457	001053	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	20.20	0.00	20.20
456	001053	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
455	001053	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	193.93	0.00	193.93
460	001054	HM Customs and Inland	clerks Tax	48.40	0.00	48.40
462	001055	National Association of Local	Membership Fees	30.00	0.00	30.00
461	001055	Hampshire Association of Local	Membership Fees	185.00	0.00	185.00
463	001056	Winchester City Council	Play Equipment	45.60	7.60	38.00
464	001057	Home & Garden Property Serv	Grounds Maintenance	50.00	0.00	50.00
465	001058	Mr Dillon (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	118.60	0.00	118.60
Totals Paid				916.31	7.60	908.71

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Date of the next meetings: 10th May 2011