

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 7th October, 2013 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr J. Watson in the Chair
Mr B. Welch
Mrs J. Houghton
Mr N. Cutler
Mr A. Richards
Mrs S. West
Mrs C. Hatcher
Mr A. Hinton

Also present:

Reverend R. Green

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

13.102 Apologies for absence: Mr F Bunyan and County Councillor P. Stallard.

13.103 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr A Richards, seconded Mrs S. West and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September 2013 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

13.104 Matters Arising:

- i) Mr Watson asked that matters arising be raised on the appropriate parts of the agenda.

13.105 Public Participation:

- i) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor said that Boarhunt feels that due to the shortage of Planning Officers that it is not getting adequate support with the application for a mobile home site.
- ii) County Councillor Stallard had presented her apologies for not attending the meeting.

13.106 Community Safety: -

- i) PCSO Towler did not attend the Parish Council Meeting.
- ii) Mr Watson reported that he had met with PCSO Towler and representatives from the County Highways on the 25th August where it was agreed that consideration would be given to putting down anti-skid surfacing to stop the drifting.
- iii) Mr Richards said that he had given the registration plate of a vehicle he had seen drifting to PCSO Towler.

13.107 Correspondence – All the correspondence had been issued to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

13.108 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Watson reported that the hedges have now been cut.
- ii) Mr Watson circulated quotations from R Shaw and Caraway Contractors for the supply and erection of fencing around the playing field.

It was agreed that Mr Cutler should obtain a third quotation to ensure that the Council was getting value for money.

- iii) Mr Watson said that he would defer discussion on the playground refurbishment until he received Kompan's revised quotation.

13.109 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) SSE Contracting has provided a quotation for the replacement of the lamppost destroyed by a vehicle hitting it.

It was agreed that SSE Contracting's quotation should be accepted and a claim made against the Council's insurance company.

13.110 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that he had arranged to meet with County Highway's on the 25th October to do an inspection of the village.

13.111 Planning Matters: Nothing**13.112 Members business:**

- i) Mr Richards asked if anyone knew what action had been taken against the person caught fly-tipping in the village?
- ii) Mr Cutler said that there is an impression amongst those living in Norton Road of not belonging to the village, and asked if there is a way to make them feel welcome.

Mr Watson said that it needs someone to take the lead and produce a village welcome pack and give it to the Village Agent to hand out to new residents.

Mr Cutler said that he would do it.

13.113 Orders for Payment:

- i) Proposed Mr Cutler seconded Mrs Hatcher and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay its bills:

Cheque List October 2013

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
741	001225	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	48.60	0.00	48.60
746	001226	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
745	001226	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	7.80	0.00	7.80
744	001226	The Works (Paid to the Clerk)	Clerks Expenses	6.67	1.33	8.00
743	001226	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
742	001226	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	193.73	0.00	193.73
747	001227	W Cooper	Grounds Maintenance	200.00	0.00	200.00
Totals Paid				484.88	1.33	486.21

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm

Date of the next meetings: 19th November 2013