

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Tuesday 11th February, 2014 at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Also present:

County Councillor Patricia Stallard
Reverend R. Green
8 Members of the public

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

14.015 Apologies for absence: Mr B Welch and PCSO Barry Towler.

14.016 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 14th January 2014 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

14.017 Commemoration of D-Day's 70th Anniversary: It had been decided to include in the Parish Council Meeting a public meeting to discuss the commemoration of the D-Day's Seventieth anniversary. See Appendix A for notes taken at the informal meeting held in the Golden Lion on the 4th February and Appendix B for notes taken at the Parish Council meeting.

14.018 Matters Arising:

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

14.019 Public Participation:

- i) County Councillor Stallard:
 - a) County Councillor Stallard presented a written report see Appendix C.
 - b) In addition to her report she said that with regard to the flooding the County Council have put out 35,000 sand bags and had retained more than 300 employees working continuously on flood defence. She said that the damage caused by flooding to the highways in Hampshire has been estimated to cost over £4,000,000 to repair; which will have to be funded by the County Council.
 - c) She put out a warning that gas water pumps must only be used in well ventilated areas.
 - d) So far there have been sixty flooded properties and in this week it is expected that we will receive a month's rain fall.
- ii) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor reported:
 - a) That Winchester City Council will be setting its budget this week.
 - b) Several planning applications will be dealt with.
 - c) The West of Waterlooville Advisory Group has asked to have drawn to the Parish Council's attention that it is its responsibility to provide street names. Mr Cutler said that he would co-ordinate on behalf of the Parish Council.

14.020 Community Safety: -

- i) PCSO Towler did not attend the Parish Council Meeting.

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

14.022 Playing field matters:

- i) The construction of the Playing Field fencing is scheduled to commence on the 24th February.
- ii) Mrs West reported that one of the goal post net supports was missing on one of the goal posts.
- iii) Mrs Houghton asked for an update on the children's play area project.

Mr Watson said that he would provide Mrs Hatcher with the designs to expedite the project.

- iv) Mr Richards asked when Jim Preece would be repairing the seats on the swings and roundabout.

14.023 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mrs Houghton reported that lights number 11 is still not working.

14.024 Roads & Highway Matters

- i) Mr Watson said that he has met with George Hollingbery MP to discuss the village's problem with drifting, who has suggested that the shape of the roundabout be changed. Mr Watson has passed the suggestion onto the County Council who will be looking at the costs.

14.025 Planning Matters:

- i) Mr Watson brought in the West of Waterlooville phase 2 planning application.

Mr Richard took the plans and when he has read them will pass them onto other councillors.

14.026 Members business:

- i) Mrs West asked on behalf of Mr Walsh who was in Hospital:
 - a) What is being done about the pillar by the church that is in a dangerous condition?

Mr Cutler said that he would report it to Winchester City Council.

- b) Complained about large vehicles parking outside the Golden Lion.

Mr Watson suggested signs be put up directing motorists to the Car Parks.

- ii) Mrs West:
 - a) Informed the meeting that Peter Johnstone, who designed the weather vane on the D-Day Memorial Hall, had died.
 - b) Asked why the parish report was not appearing in the parish magazine?

Mr Watson said that due to pressure of work he had not been able to authorise the report and send it to the parish magazine editor.

It was agreed that the report should be sent to Mrs Houghton who will take over the responsibility for editing it and sending it for publication.

14.027 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List February 2014

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
782	001251	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
784	001251	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
783	001251	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	232.60	0.00	232.60
785	001252	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	58.20	0.00	58.20
786	001253	Viking Direct	Councillors Expenses	84.97	16.99	101.96
788	001253	Viking Direct	Stationery	144.90	28.98	173.88
787	001253	Viking Direct	Stationery	60.00	0.00	60.00
789	001254	Southern Electric Contracting	Street Lighting	138.46	27.69	166.15
790	001255	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	63.10	0.00	63.10
791	001256	Ann Humphrey (Christmas	Christmas Lights	14.57	0.00	14.57
Totals Paid				824.88	73.67	898.55

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Date of the next meetings: 10th March 2014

Appendix A

Southwick & Widley Parish Council D-DAY + 70



MEETING NOTES 04-02-14

Below are the notes that I took at the informal meeting held in the Golden Lion giving an overview of comments made and the outcome actions.

In Attendance

Greg & Jane	Martin	Bob
Elizabeth	Chris	Rose
Liv	Leslie	Christine
Mark	Richard	Jim

Discussion took place about D-Day 50 and the involvement of the village.

The group were appraised of the development involving Southwick Park and a meeting to be held on Monday 10th to which Jim and Martin would attend and report back.

It appears that Southwick Park are to have 60 coach tours visiting during the week before, the week of and the week after the D-Day + 70 weekend. If the village could get involved in this part it could potentially bring in £7,200.

It was decided to establish Two Parts to D-Day + 70:-

1. Village Events

Over the 6th, 7th & 8th

Considerations

- Tea Dance
- Party on the Green
- Museum in The Church
- Sunday Commemoration
- Dressing the Village in 40's Style
- Sandbags
- Bunting
- Black – out windows
- Cameo of 1944 Life – Acted by Guides

2. Commercial Activity Over the 6th, 7th & 8th

Considerations

- Catering
- Tea Room
- Brew House
- Band on the 7th in Golden Lion
- Morris Dancers
- Obtain stock of Souvenirs

Souvenir 'Pop-Up' Shop
(Container?)

3. Commercial Activity from 26/5/14 to 15/6/14

Considerations

Catering
Tea Room
Brew House
Obtain stock of Souvenirs
Souvenir 'Pop-Up' Shop
(Container?)



Jim Watson
Chair
Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Appendix B

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MEETING NOTES

11-02-14

Below are the notes that I took at the formal meeting held at Southwick Park on Tuesday 11th giving an overview of comments made and the outcome actions.

In Attendance

Jim Watson	W/O Phil Essex
Martin Baisley	Sgt Rob Sharland
Christopher Langford	Flt/Lt Kim Cotton
Mark Thistlethwaite	Richard ???
	Col. Gerry Green
	Beth Todd
	Phil Grieves

Mr Essex outlined what the Camp are planning.

- They are already booked with Coach Tours from 25th May to 15th June
- They will only be open Monday to Friday – Not Weekends
- Coach Tours are on a strict timetable and they doubt that they could stop in Village (but he will provide us with points of contact)
- The Camp were not comfortable with the suggestion made by Phil Grieves that the 'Village' invoice and arrange Coach Tours (But they will check and see if we can do that)
- Mr Essex stressed that the Military were unable to 'charge' or receive any 'payment' from UK Residents because the 'Map' was a 'National Archive'
- Mr Essex would look into opening the Map Room up for the 7th & 8th for a Village promoted event. (see supplementary report below)
- Mr Essex would look into supporting a 'Commemoration Service' on Sunday 8th.

Col. Gerry Green stated:-

- The Map Room was a National Asset and needed funds to maintain it.
- He believed that charges could be made to US Citizens to make donations towards upkeep.
- He would welcome any volunteers to act as guides to the Map Room for this event period.

- If the Village provide him with a 'PR Piece' he would pass it on to Tour Operators etc.
- Suggested that we contact Droxford British Legion
- Suggested Hampshire Benevolent Fund
- Advised that the BBC were attending to film the House and Village and were looking for anecdotal interviews.
- Advised that Bright Button Productions (Dan Snow)(Ann Star) were also considering doing a piece.
- Tour Operators are:-
 - Sheerings
 - Steve Ambrose Tours
 - Sovereign Tours

Flt Lt Cotton would

- Review the charging and invoicing arrangements and report back to see if it was to their local advantage to get the Village to arrange invoicing ... but was not optimistic.

Jim Watson & Marin Baisley:-

- Outlined what the village was attempting to undertake
- Requested active support from the Camp to support the D-Day Village hall funds
- Requested introductions to relevant parties involved.

POST MEETING FEEDBACK

W/O Essex reports that they discussed options further after we left yesterday and there is a willingness to help the village in the following way:

They are willing to take visits to the Map Room with 45 minute talk over the weekend of June 7 and 8th. This will not be open to coaches via the tour companies, it would be up to us to advertise and promote, to take the bookings, decide the cost and gather the entrance money. Other than a pourboire for the speakers we get to keep the proceeds.

Suggestion to lay on 5 admissions each day: 9 – 10 am, 10 – 11am then 1 – 2pm, 2 – 3pm and 3 – 4pm. Attendees to arrive at the gate 15 minutes prior to their booked time.

Maximum number is 70.

They would welcome any volunteer help from villagers for marshalling and directing the members of the public who attend.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- For the Village to run the Cameo Events over the three week period is not viable
- 1 weekend Cameo is viable.
- We need to arrange to hire or borrow uniforms & period dress
- We need volunteers to act as cameo players for the 6th/7th/8th
- We need (probably to pay) for 'Village Guides' for the 3 week period
- We need to get agreement from High Street Tenants to 'dress' their property
- We need to source sand bags & Black-out Material
- We need to source vehicles from the period

- We need to source Museum Material
- We need to produce a souvenir booklet
- We need to produce a flyer for advertising
- We need to contact Tour Companies
- We need to Advertise
- We need to set up a web site.
- We need to source a 'Pop Up Shop'
- We need to discuss pump = prime funding

CONTINUING ACTIONS

All:

Village Life Photo's

Greg; Richard; Martin; Tony

To meet, discuss and agree a commercial strategy and report finalised decisions regarding intended outcome.

Produce a 'flyer' for advertising

Tony:

Obtain Souvenirs

Martin

Reproduce brochure

Trevor; Tony; Gerry

To investigate option to set up a museum or display of WW2 memorabilia.
To investigate options to utilise the Hall over the 6th, 7th & 8th June.
Contact the D-Day Society to see if they can support events in the Village.

Rose; Neil

To establish if it is viable for the Sports & Social Assn. to organise any events.

Fiona; Pauline

Ascertain if the Spare Part Players are able to act as village guides.

Jim

Meet with the SWO from Southwick Park and ascertain options open to the Village.
Contact 'Tourist' organisations who are visiting the Camp to see if there is an opportunity to encourage mini-tours of the village.

Arrange Road Closure for 6th/7th/8th

Contact Geoffrey O'Connell to get reproduction permission

Bob

To confirm that the Museum can be set up in the Church from 26/5/14 to 15/6/14

Please confirm that the details above are accurate and that I have captured everything correctly.

We would like to review progress at the Next Parish Council meeting Tonight.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Watson', followed by a period.

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- i) County Councillor Stallard:

1. Budget Proposals for 2014/15

You will be aware from my previous reports that Hampshire County Council has had its Government grant cut by 43% this year, at a time when demand on services continues to grow eg we have an ageing population who live longer and their clinical and support needs are more complex and expensive; an increased birth rate so more Primary schools are required, etc. The Budget proposals to go before full Council on 20th February will set out plans for securing £93 million in savings [12% of total budget] in order for the Council to remain on track to deliver its overall savings target of £230 million by 2015.

Despite this, the County Council will seek a Council Tax freeze for a fifth consecutive year – already the lowest in the south-east - but is exploring new ways of working to deliver quality, affordable services with less money. However, the 12% cut will necessarily mean reducing posts in some areas and a proposed reduction of an estimated 200 full-time equivalent posts is being put forward, including a further 10% cut in senior management on top of the 25% cut made in previous budgets [over the last three years the workforce has been reduced by 1,700].

However, the Council intends to prioritise funding for vulnerable children and adults by adding to the expenditure on adult care and safeguarding the expenditure on child care. The Council has also allocated some funding benefits gained on the New Homes Bonus to road maintenance.

2. Education - Early Years - Primary

- It is planned that six new/replacement homes will be provided for Looked After Children [for who foster care or other provision is not suitable] approximate cost £5.5 million.
- The introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) could have a major financial implication for the County Council as CIL will restrict the Council's ability to directly secure infrastructure contributions from new developments – only District and Unitary authorities are designed as "charging authorities."
- Early Years Foundation Stage, children who are assessed at the end of Year R. Hampshire scores across all areas of learning are above the National average, eg literacy is 68% (National 61%) and mathematics 75% (National 66%).
- Primary Years, the attainment of 7 year olds at the end of Key Stage 1 (KS1), teacher assessed against national curriculum. Hampshire children achieved high levels in all areas of assessment at KS1 (national figures in brackets) - spelling and listening 93% [89%]; reading 92% [89%]; writing 89% [85%]; mathematics 94% [91%] and science 94% [90%].
- At KS1 there were 25 children on roll who had been in care for 12 months or more. 80% of these children achieved 60% in writing and 80% in mathematics.
- Hampshire's children continue to do better overall than children across England. 88% of Hampshire's 11 year olds achieved a L4+ in reading against a national average of 85% and 84% achieved this measure in writing against a national average of 83%.
- Standards in mathematics continue to be above national averages. 87% of Hampshire pupils reached Level 4 [84%] and 44% reached Level 5 [41%].

3. Education – Secondary and post-16

- There are 70 secondary schools in Hampshire of which 5 are currently sponsored academies and 23 have converted to become independent academies. Although there is considerable variation between individual schools, overall attainment in converter academies remains higher than maintained schools.

- The measurement of attainment has focused increasingly on one key indicator, the achievement of five or more GCSEs at A* - C grade, including English and Maths. Using this measure the performance of 16 year olds in Hampshire is currently 60%, which is equal to the national figure for 2013.
- Both nationally and in Hampshire, children and young people in relative poverty perform less well in examined outcomes than those who are not. In Hampshire secondary schools the gap in attainment between those people eligible for free school meals and those who are not is 35% (GCSEs 5 A*-C (EM)).
- From September 2013 young people were required to participate in formal education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 17. This extends to the 18th birthday in 2015.
- In October 2013 the DfE published validated outcomes for 2012/2013 and Hampshire remains above the national average. 91% of students achieved a pass at Level 3 (2 A-Levels or equivalent).
- In 2012/2013, 2,280 young people aged between 16-18 years started an Apprenticeship scheme in Hampshire and a further 1,050 completed their Apprenticeship. Success rate information provided by the Skills Funding Agency shows that at 79% the performance by Hampshire Apprentices was higher than SE regional and national averages of 76.3% and 73.8% respectively.

4. Adult Services

- Policy on hospital discharge process results in increasingly high complexity cases being cared for in the community and pressure on Adult Services budget.
- Since April 2012 the number of Older People (OP) receiving domiciliary care by HCC has increased by 2%. In this time the number of clients receiving more than 20 hours of domiciliary care a week has increased by 14% and the number of clients receiving double-up care [two Carers] has increased by 15%.
- The County Council is re-commissioning its core domiciliary care offer and will seek to ensure minimum hours contracts; better training and fairer pay arrangements. A similar review has been undertaken on care for people with Learning Disabilities. It is going out to tender this month [February] for an April 2015 start date.
- Four new extra-care schemes have been opened and a fifth is opening very soon. Seven more extra-care scheme are at various stages of development.

5. Getting Through - Meals on Wheels

Despite the recent extreme weather, and overcoming an assault course of floods and fallen trees, the Meals on Wheels team delivered to all 321 people who requested Christmas Dinner, as well as those who ordered an afternoon tea service [Hampshire County Council's Meals on Wheels now offers a new afternoon tea service to complement the daily hot lunches]. The afternoon tea service includes a savoury pastry, a sandwich, a piece of cake and a serving of fruit and juice drink, and is proving hugely popular with customers. Anyone aged over 55 years or over who struggles to prepare their own food can order Meals on Wheels from 1-7 days a week. If you are interested please ring 01962 779338.

6. Mobile Library

The Mobile Library service is to be reviewed to reduce the number of under-used stops. Consultation has commenced and it is expected that the number of stops will be reduced from 350 to approximately 250. The Library and Information Service (LIS) need to make a budget reduction of £300,000 – all County departments have to make 12% savings by April 2015. Please make residents aware that for the elderly, infirm or disabled there is a Home Library Service when trained volunteers deliver library material direct to the resident's home on a regularly basis. Details are on: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/using-the-library-access/home-library-service.htm>

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