

## Southwick & Widley Parish Council

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Mr J. Watson in the Chair  
Mr A Hinton  
Mr B Welch  
Mr A. Richards  
Mrs C. Hatcher  
Mr G Clark

**Also present:**

County Councillor Patricia Stallard  
Reverend R. Green

**In attendance:-**

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

**14.028 Apologies for absence:** Mr N Cutler, Mrs S West and PCSO Barry Towler.

**14.029 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** - Proposed Mr A. Hinton, seconded Mrs C. Hatcher and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

**14.030 Commemoration of D-Day's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Mr Clark said that there had been further meetings of the D-Day's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee and he volunteered to act as the Council's co-ordinator and keep it informed of developments.

**14.031 Matters Arising:**

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

**14.032 Public Participation:**

- i) County Councillor Stallard:
  - a) County Councillor Stallard presented a written report see Appendix A.
  - b) Reported that the County Council's collective energy switching scheme had been very well supported.
  - c) Mr Watson on behalf of the Parish Council congratulated the County Council on its success getting 99.2% of children placed in the secondary school of their parents' choice.

**14.033 Community Safety: -**

- i) PCSO Towler did not attend the Parish Council Meeting.
- ii) Mrs Hatcher said that there had been problems with motor cycles racing along the bypass.
- iii) Mr Watson reported that a fly tipper had been prosecuted and fined over £2,000.00.
- iv) Mrs Hatcher said that the tributes placed where the two young men that had been killed in a road accident are now looking very untidy.

Mr Watson said that he would speak to Winchester City Council about getting it cleared.

**14.034 Correspondence** – Most correspondence had been issued to the Councillors prior to the meeting. Additional correspondence not issued:

- i) Hampshire County Council – Traffic Order Proposal – 40 and 50 MPH on B2150 Hulbert Road, Waterlooville. – Noted
- ii) Portsmouth City Council – Solent Special Protection Areas Supplementary Planning Document Consultation. – Noted

- iii) Winchester City Council:
  - a. Public Consultation – Frequency of City Council Elections. – Mr Watson said that he would complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council
  - b. Centenary of the start of the First World War. – The City Council has offered to give the Parish Council 100 grams of poppy seeds.

Mr Richards volunteered to plant them.

#### **14.035 Playing field matters:**

- i) Mr Clark handed round an A4 sheet with detrimental comments, placed on Facebook, made about the playing field. He also showed a sheet of paper highlighting, what he considered to be dangerous faults with the children's play equipment, which included badly damaged baby swing and severe corrosion on some of the metal joints.

Mr Richards said that he would inspect the play equipment and authorise any remedial work required.

- ii) Mr Watson reported that the fencing around the playing field has been constructed and suggested that an additional gate be added to improve access.

It was agreed that Kights be asked to quote for an additional gate and that the Clerk make an application for funding from the Open Space Fund.

- iii) The clerk was asked to put a note in the Council's report in the Parish Magazine' reminding dog owners that the playing field is a children's play area and that dogs should be kept on a lead.
- iv) Mr Watson said that he has had a re-quotation from the Council's preferred play equipment supplier and that this is being checked to ensure that it meets the demands made by the analysis of the survey of local school children asking their play equipment preferences. The quotation is approximately £60,000.
- v) Mr Richards said that he had received a quotation for the playing field grass maintenance from Paul Collins who has said that he will maintain the playing field at last year's rate.

It was agreed that Mr Collins quotation be accepted and that Mr Richards authorises a first cut this week.

#### **14.036 Street Lighting Matters:**

- i) The Clerk reported that light number 11 is scheduled for repair the first week in April.

#### **14.037 Roads & Highway Matters**

- i) Mr Welch reported that the disabled parking space outside 17 Castle Road is no longer required.

Mr Welch was asked to report this to Mr Cutler.

- ii) Mr Watson said that he had met with representatives of Winchester City Council about the diversion of public footpath 15 made necessary because of the construction of the Solar Farm. This will be discussed in Planning Matters.
- iii) Mr Richards said that Southwick Estate is illegally tipping hard core and rubble.

Mr Watson said that he would take a look and take it up with the Southwick Estate.

#### **14.038 Planning Matters:**

- i) Mr Watson said that at a meeting with County Highways he had been informed that the route the heavy vehicles would take during the construction stage of the Solar Farm would be along Pidgeon House Lane. This he had been told would be made possible and safe by constructing five passing places and two man traffic controllers placed one on each end of Pidgeon House Lane allowing alternately traffic either in or out of the site.

County Councillor Stallard advised the Council to view the planning application to ensure that the road will be re-instated back to its original state after the building of the Solar Farm has been completed.

- ii) Brought forward from Roads & Highways Matters – Mr Watson said that he would write to Winchester City Council supporting on the Parish Council's behalf, Southwick Estate's application to divert Footpath 15.

iii) One planning application has been received:

1) W22687/02 – 14/00295/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs G Woodings

Proposal: Demolition of existing detached bungalow and replacement with 1 no. detached five bedroom dwelling with integral single garage; alterations and extensions to two storey coach house to form ancillary dwelling /tourist let (This application may affect the setting of a public right of way) (Resubmission)

Location: Ava Cottage Purbrook Heath Waterlooville PO7 5RX

Decision: No Comment.

**14.039 Members business:** Nothing

**14.040 Orders for Payment:**

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

**Cheque List March 2014**

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
796	001257	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	11.85	0.00	11.00
793	001257	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
795	001257	Ryman Stationery (Paid to	Stationery	32.06	6.41	38.47
794	001257	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
792	001257	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	232.60	0.00	232.60
797	001258	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	58.20	0.00	58.20
799	001260	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	63.10	0.00	63.10
800	001261	Southern Electric Contracting	Street Lighting	544.10	108.82	652.92
798	001262	K F Knight Fencing Ltd	Playing Field Fencing	5952.27	1190.45	7142.72
<b>Totals Paid</b>				6922.26	1305.69	8227.10

**14.041 Any Other Business**

- i) Mr Watson said that due to work commitment he would not be able to attend the May Meetings and asked that the AGM and Parish Assembly be re-scheduled.

It was agreed that the date of the Annual General Meeting be changed to the 20<sup>th</sup> May and that the Annual Parish Assembly be changed to the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**The meeting closed at 9.15 pm**

**Date of the next meetings: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

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**14.032 i) a) County Councillor Stallard**

**1. Budget and Council Tax Freeze**

The County Council has had its Government Revenue grant cut by 43% and receives the third lowest per capita funding of £116 [Cumbria receives the highest at £260 per person]. However, Budget proposals agreed by full Council 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 has agreed to freeze Council Tax 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.

**2. Flooding Response**

During the recent floods Hampshire Highways staff and contractors dealt with over 7,000 incidents on the roads, including the clearance of 1,000 fallen trees. Over 70,000 sandbags were filled and deployed across Hampshire and Council staff were moved from their normal day jobs to provide additional capacity. Around 100 employees, together with 200 from the Council's highways contractor Amey, have been working at full-stretch to keep Hampshire on the move, and teams from Rights of Way, Landscaping and Transport Planning and other areas of the County Council boosted the 24 hour operations. Another 40-50 extra staff were moved to Highways to help the relief efforts in more than 100 communities across the County. If anyone has concerns about any older or vulnerable people in their community during times of adverse weather, they should call: 01329 225390.

Damage to highways already this winter amounts to over £1 million more than would normally be expected although, at the time of writing this report, the full cost of the flooding/highway damage was unable to be assessed as some roads were still under water, including Hambledon. The estimated cost of putting a new drain in Hambledon, plus new road surfaces are in the region of £3 million. The Leader of the County Council and Officers are endeavouring to get some funding from central Government, so far without success!

**3. Salt Spreaders and Snow Ploughs**

We may have had some lovely sunshine and Spring-like weather lately, but just in case mother nature turns the tables again HCC has prepared with 60 salting lorries and 16,000 tonnes of salt, enough for 15 days of continuous salting, this equates to salting approximately 75,000 miles of roads. Some 3,000 community salt bins around the County are being topped up and 120 farmers and other contractors are on stand-by with snow ploughs should the need arise.

With 5,600 miles of road in Hampshire, the Council treats roads on a priority basis to keep traffic moving. 'Priority One' routes carry 80 per cent of the total traffic in Hampshire and include A roads, some B roads, major bus routes, roads to major emergency services, large schools, areas of high traffic concentration and all public transport areas.

These Priority One routes are routinely treated when the road surface temperature is forecast to drop below zero degrees celsius or ice/ frost is predicted. It can take up to three and a half hours to complete the pre-salting of a Priority One route.

After several days of prolonged severe weather, 'Priority Two' routes, which include remaining B roads and single access roads to villages may be treated. Additionally, community routes may also be treated to ensure roads to other smaller schools, GPs surgeries and areas of community activity are usable.

#### **4. Switch Hampshire Scheme Update**

Switch Hampshire is the Council's collective energy switching scheme and is facilitated by iChoosr, a company specialising in collective switching schemes. To date the County Council has run three Switch Hampshire schemes for residents, and a further scheme for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

##### *Summer Scheme: May to June 2013*

- Over 5000 registrations were taken, 440 of which were over the telephone from residents without internet access.
- 67% of those who registered for the scheme had not switched energy suppliers in the last 3 years.
- Almost half of those people who registered were able to save, with 900 residents able to save £100 or more.
- There was a total saving of £22,950 across the County for residents.

##### *Autumn Scheme – August to November 2013*

- Over 2500 registrations were taken, 93 of which were over the telephone.
- Over 60% of those who registered were able to save, with 743 able to save over £100.

##### *Scheme for Small and Medium Enterprises: September 2013 to February 2014*

- To date 40 businesses have contacted the scheme, this is a far greater number than any other Council running similar schemes with iChoosr.
- The highest saving to date being over £30,000 for a care home in the Farnborough area.
- The scheme closed on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

##### *Winter Scheme: December 2013 to February 2014*

- The Winter domestic scheme was launched on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The scheme has taken over 2,000 registrations, 137 of them being over the telephone.

#### **5. £1.4m in grants to support older people, vulnerable adults and Carers**

Hampshire County Council is to give £1.4 million in grants to voluntary organisations and charities that look after and support older people. A total of £558,271 will be given to 37 voluntary and community organisations providing services and activities to vulnerable people and their Carers in Hampshire, including key county-wide partners such as Age Concern Hampshire, Good Neighbours Support Services and Brendoncare Clubs. The sum of £163,139 will be given to two organisations to support people affected by HIV, these are Positive Action and Groundswell and £673,662 will be given to ten organisations which support people with learning disabilities and their Carers.

#### **6. Choice and Provision**

Hampshire County Council has been able to offer 99.2% of parents a place for their child at a secondary school of their choice, with 95.2% being offered their first preference. This equates to 12,098 offers for a first preference, out of some 12,702 applications for Hampshire schools that have been processed by the County Council. The County Council also recently agreed a budget that includes a very substantial investment of almost £150 million – one of the County's largest programmes to date - to create thousands of new school places over the next three years, in response to rising demand.

The County Schools Admissions team is now busy processing primary school applications with offers due to go out on 16 April 2014.

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