

## Southwick & Widley Parish Council

### Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Staff Room, Berewood Primary School, West of Waterlooville on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at 7.30pm

#### Present:

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

#### Co-opt Members:

County Councillor P. Stallard

#### Also present:

Two members of the public

#### In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

**15.014 Apologies for absence:** Mrs S West, Mr A Hinton, Major R. Horseman and PCSO B Towler.

**15.015 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** - Proposed Mrs C Hatcher, seconded Mr A Richards and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

#### 15.016 Matters Arising:

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

#### 15.023 Planning Matters:

- i) Mr & Mrs Price had come to talk about a planning application they had submitting to convert a barn on their farm at Hallsfield Farm, Belney Lane into a single story residence for their son to occupy. They explained that the barn is redundant and said that the building will be kept within the existing footprint of the property.

Mr Price said that he has spoken to all of his neighbours who have made no detrimental comments.

On a unanimous show of hands it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the application.

- ii) Applications at the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015

W No: WTPO/1913/01 Case No: 15/00126/TPO

Applicant: Mr Chris Foot

Proposal: 1 No Oak to remove epicormic growth up main stem to 4 m high, remove dead wood

Location: Berewood Phase 1 South London Road Waterlooville Hampshire.

Decision: No Comment.

- iii) Mr Cutler said that the portacabins at Creech Farm have been removed, he confirmed that they had been put there without proper planning permission, but because they had been removed there is nothing that retrospectively could be done.

**15.017 Public Participation:**

- i) County Councillor Stallard had sent a written report see Appendix A.
- ii) Mr Clark, not in his capacity as a Parish Councillor, made a complaint about the Cycle Club that had hired the D-Day Memorial Hall for an event and had caused a lot of disruption for the village and resulted in the blocking off the entrance to the Red Lion.

Mr Watson said that he would contact Pauline to find out who had booked the event and write a letter of complaint from the Parish Council.

- iii) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor said that he is aware that the tributes left on the B2177 roadside for over a year have not been removed but he had been promised that they will be removed within the next few days.

**15.018 Community Safety:** Nothing

**15.019 Correspondence** – Most of the correspondence had been issued to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

- i) The consultative report from the Local Government Boundary Commission has been received today recommending that Southwick and Boarhunt combine with Wickham.

Because no one had had chance to read the report Mr Watson asked that all Councillors read the report and email him their recommendations so that the Parish Council's response could be agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**15.020 Playing field matters:**

- i) Mrs Hatcher said that she had had a meeting with Steven Lugg who had provided advice on how to submit grant applications for the children's play equipment refurbishment project.

Proposed Mr Watson seconded Mr Cutler and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should allocate from its reserves £6,000 towards the play equipment refurbishment project and £3,000 towards the village signage project.

Mr Watson said that he would officially request a grant towards the Play Equipment project from Southwick Estate.

Mrs Hatcher had two further possible sources of funding for the project. Mr Watson said that he would arrange a meeting with her next week to discuss them.

- ii) Mr Richards was asked to get a quote for fitting a closable/removable bollard for the main playing field gate.

**15.021 Street Lighting Matters:**

- i) It was reported that the street lights number 1 is burning continuously and that light number 29 in Norton Close has been vandalised. The Clerk was asked to report them to SEC Contracting.

**15.022 Roads & Highway matters:**

- i) Mr Watson said that he and Mr Cutler will be discussing the parking problems in Castle Road with Winchester City Council.
- ii) Mr Watson said that within the next few weeks Hampshire County Council's Highways Contractor will be undertaking the work on the High Street/Priory Road Junction and that work will be under the control of traffic lights so there will be no road closure.

**15.024 Members Business:**

- i) Mrs Hatcher asked that a link to the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group be put onto the Web-site.
- ii) Mr Cutler said that Belney Lane has been badly damaged by heavy vehicles transporting materials required for the construction of the Solar Park. Discussions are taking place between Hampshire County Council and the Contractor as to who pays for the resurfacing. Mr Cutler's main concern is that the fundamental structure of the road may have been damaged and he will be pursuing this with the County Council's Highways Engineer.
- iii) Mr Welch said that it is Southwick Parish Council's turn to chair the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group.
- iv) Mr Watson:
  - a) Said that the Notice board for the West of Waterlooville has still not been made but once it has been made Grainger's have agreed to erect it.
  - b) Proposed Mr Watson seconded Mrs Hatcher and unanimously agreed that the Council make a Section 137 payment to cover the cost of the electricity for lighting the Christmas Tree.
  - c) Mr Watson outlined the advantages of the village having its own defibrillator placed in an accessible location for public use.

Proposed Mr Richards, seconded Mrs Hatcher and unanimously agreed that a defibrillator be obtained.

**15.025 Orders for Payment:**

- i) Proposed Mrs Houghton, seconded Mr Clark and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay its bills:

**Cheque List February 2015**

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
911	001332	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	240.16	0.00	240.16
910	001332	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
909	001332	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
912	001333	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	60.00	0.00	60.00
913	001334	Post Office (Paid to J Watson)	Councillors Expenses	7.69	0.00	7.69
914	001335	Viking Direct	Stationery	72.35	14.47	86.82
915	001336	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	52.00	0.00	52.00
916	001337	Mrs Lesley Attwell	Christmas Lights	10.00	0.00	10.00
<b>Totals Paid</b>				<b>470.28</b>	<b>14.47</b>	<b>484.75</b>

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Date of the next meetings: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015

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**1. Hampshire GCSE and Post 16 Success**

Around 13,000 16 year olds in Hampshire sat their Key Stage 4 (KS4) GCSE examinations in 2014 and have achieved impressive results, continuing to outperform the national averages. School Performance tables released on 29 January 2015, by the Department for Education, show that in Hampshire, 59% of students achieved five A\*-C GCSE passes, including English and mathematics. This compares to a national figure of 57%. There have been substantial changes this year in how results are calculated which means that results in 2014 cannot be compared on a like-for-like basis with those achieved in 2013. Hampshire's progress against the national average figure however, is clearly significant.

In Hampshire 26% of students have also achieved the suite of qualifications that count towards the English Baccalaureate (EBacc - English, mathematics, history or geography, science and a language), compared with a national percentage of 24%. Many students also studied for a range of other qualifications including diplomas, BTECs and National Vocational Qualifications.

GCSE English and mathematics performance has also remained strong in Hampshire with 71% achieving A\*-C in English and 70% in mathematics, again higher than national averages of 69% and 68% respectively.

The 2014 results of the 10,000 post-16 students who studied at Hampshire's colleges and sixth forms have also been published. It was another successful year for Hampshire's Post-16 students with 95% of A-level students achieving two or more A\*-E grades, and 71% of vocational students achieving the equivalent compared with national results of 92% and 66% respectively. Results also show that 13% of Hampshire's A-level students achieved three or more high grades (AAB) in subjects compared to 12% nationally.

**2. Draft Countryside Access Plan approved**

The aim of the draft Countryside Access Plan is to ensure that the County Council is able to continue to provide a high quality network of public access across Hampshire that meets the needs of the public through using resources to best effect. A series of workshops, consultations and public surveys in 2014 have demonstrated that the eight countywide issues identified in 2008, when the County's first Access Plan was published, are still the most relevant issues today.

They are:

- maintaining the condition of the rights of way network
- getting to the countryside from urban areas
- using roads as part of the access network
- connectivity of routes
- impacts on land management
- information provision
- meeting the needs of all users
- joint working with others with interests in maintaining the countryside

Hampshire County Council protects and maintains nearly 3,000 miles of footpaths, bridleways, byways and byways open to all traffic which enable people to explore the County. The Council also owns seven major country parks, and several nature reserves and historic sites. These, together with privately owned sites and those run by other organisations such as the Forestry Commission and Hampshire Wildlife Trust, provide a wide and diverse range of places to visit.

Nationally, Hampshire has the second highest public satisfaction rating for rights of way among comparable authorities. [The draft Countryside Access Plan is available for comment until Tuesday 31st March 2015](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/countryside/access-plans.htm), make your comments on the draft Plan at - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/countryside/access-plans.htm>

### 3. Changes to Opening Hours

Opening hours at Hampshire's 24 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will be changing from 1st April 2015. The change follows consultation with residents on a number of options to shape the service for the future whilst continuing to give value for money service for Hampshire's residents. No recycling centre will be closed down to meet the required overall budget savings necessary for 2015.

Sites will open an hour later in the morning and close at 4.00 pm in the winter, at 5.00 pm during March and at 6.00 pm during the summer months. From 1st April 2015 the opening hours of HWRCs will be:

- 1 October - 28 February 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
- 1 March - 31 March 9.00 am – 5.00 pm
- 1 April - 30 September 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

### 4. Grants to help Hampshire residents live healthier and more independent lives

Hampshire County Council has awarded £855,391 in grants to help people to live healthier lives, promote independence, protect the vulnerable and support carers. In total, 46 different organisations share the funding and will use it to support people in Hampshire with a wide variety of needs:

- Mental health - £53,188
- Physical disability - £129,098 - including the Stroke Association and Spectrum Centre for Independent Living
- Older people - £381,230 - including key county-wide partners such as Good Neighbours Support Services and Brendoncare Clubs.
- Learning disability - £72,306
- Autism - £43,930 (to Autism Hampshire)
- Carers - £2,500 (to New Milton Stroke Club and Winchester Youth Counselling)
- Socially excluded £10,000 (to The Vine Day Centre)
- People with HIV £163,139 (to Positive Action and The Groundswell Trust)

### 5. Service Telephone Numbers have Changed

On 2nd February, the County Council replaced its 0845 contact numbers with 0300 numbers, as part of improvements to the way residents can access services. Customers calling the old 0845 numbers will be advised of the change and encouraged to use the new 0300 number as a cheaper option for contacting Hampshire County Council.

More and more customers are also choosing to contact the Council on its website [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) where there are self-service facilities to report problems such as potholes and library book renewals, apply for permits and pay bills, as well as comprehensive information on all the Council's services. Some other customers are now also using social media to contact Council services. Over the next three years, further improvements to customer access are expected at the County Council, as part of the organisation's new digital strategy, which was [recently awarded £3.1 million by the Government](#). The County Council's Hampshire-based call centre takes more than half a million calls each year.

### 6. Keep Warm, Keep Safe

At HCC weather forecasts, road and air temperatures are monitored 24 hours a day seven days a week from October to April. So far this winter, the County Council has used 5,000 tonnes of salt. Taking extra care during cold weather is important for everyone, but particularly important for people who are more vulnerable to suffering ill health due to the cold, such as babies and very young children (under 5 years), older people (75+ years), people with pre-existing medical conditions such as heart conditions, circulatory disease, asthma, COPD, depression, anxiety, diabetes or arthritis.

The County Council is asking people to keep a neighbourly eye on older and vulnerable residents living near to them. This is especially important in rural communities where not everyone has access to mains gas and communications can be affected. Any concerns about a neighbour can be reported by calling 0300 555 1386

Practical help or advice on keeping your home warm, is available from Hampshire County Council's Hitting the Cold Spots Project Helpline on 0800 804 8601

Members of the public can also get live updates of when and where road salting is taking place by following the Hampshire County Council's twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/hantsconnect> or <https://mobile.twitter.com/hantshighways>

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