

## Southwick & Widley Parish Council

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Tuesday 13<sup>h</sup> October, 2015 at 8.00pm**

**Present:**

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

**Co-opt Members:**

County Councillor P. Stallard  
Major R. Horsman

**In attendance:-**

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

**15.108 Apologies for absence:** PCSO Towler,

**15.109 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** - Proposed Mrs S. West, seconded Mrs C. Hatcher and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

**15.110 Matters Arising:**

- ii) Mr Watson asked that other matters arising be raised at the appropriate part of the meeting.

**15.111 Co-Option of a Parish Councillor:** No applications had been received.

**15.112 Public Participation:**

- i) Major Horsman said that, since the Parish Council had started spraying dog faeces, he had received no further complaints.
- ii) County Councillor Stallard attended the meeting and presented a written report see Appendix A.  
Other points raised by County Councillor Stallard:
  - a) Subject to the Chancellor's budget Hampshire County Council will not be increasing its portion of the Council Tax.
  - b) Councillor Stallard said that some of the County Council's services, particularly Social Services, are very much reliant on foreign workers and that if the Government reduces the number of foreign workers that can be employed the County Council has concerns as to how it will maintain these vital services.
- iii) Councillor Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor reported:
  - a) That Winchester City Council are in the early days of discussing Local Government financial devolution which would allow devolved Council's to keep all or part of the business rate retention. This would give cities, and other areas to which finances are devolved, far more freedom to invest in services and to bring about local growth, and the incentives to use the additional income to benefit the local community and economy.
  - b) Raised concerns that Winchester City Council has over the Government's proposal to give sitting tenants the right to buy their Housing Association home, which if enacted will have a detrimental effect on the Council's budgets

**15.113 Community Safety:**

- i) Mr Watson reported that someone had stolen his Kartcher pressure washer from his garden.

**15.114 Correspondence** – Most of the correspondence had been issued to the Councillors prior to the meeting. Additional correspondence dealt with at the meeting:

- i) Email from Sarah Guy requesting dog bins for the West of Waterlooville.

Mr Watson confirmed that he has arranged with Grangers to have litter bins put up around Southwick's part of the West of Waterlooville development. The emptying of the bins will be the responsibility of the Parish Council and the bins will eventually be adopted by the Parish Council.

Once the bins have been installed, as long as it is bagged, dog faeces can be deposited into them, so they will serve the dual purpose of both litter and dog bins.

- ii) WinAcc – Winchester Action on Climate Change. – Noted
- iii) St James Southwick – Thanking the Council for the Donations. – Noted
- iv) Email from Neil Beswick – Pick up point for the school minibus. – Noted
- v) Email from E Ellam – Change in Public Footpath 15. - Noted

**15.115 Playing field matters:**

- i) Mr Watson said that he had invited Mark Thistlethwayte to the official opening of the Children's Play Area on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. He said that after the official opening there would be a light buffet and wine function held in the D-Day Memorial Hall.

Mr Watson said that he would put up the notices for the event around the village.

- ii) Mr Richards:
  - a) Said that the hedges will be cut soon.
  - b) That he has repaired the inspection chamber that was coming undone on one of the pieces of play equipment.
- iii) Mrs Hatcher was asked to request Fenland to come back and give the new pieces of play equipment a service visit.
- iv) Mr Watson had received a request from someone getting married next year to use the Playing Field for amongst other things a firework display at 11:00p.m.

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask HALC for guidance and that a decision should be made whether or not to grant the request at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**15.116 Street Lighting Matters:**

- i) Mr Watson said that he is in discussion with SSE Contracting about why we are being charged for repairing lights that are still not working. It was unanimously decided that their latest bill should not be paid until these discussions have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion.
- ii) Mr Richards said that he had contacted Hampshire County Council and that they had confirmed that funding would be available to repair the electricity cable that had been cut through during the construction of the mini roundabout.

**15.117 Roads & Highway matters:**

- i) Mr Cutler confirmed that Belney Lane has been repaired to a satisfactory standard.
- ii) Mrs West said that parking in Castle Road is getting worse and that signage is now urgently required.

Mr Cutler said that he would raise it with Winchester City Council.

- iii) Mr Watson said that he had not yet had an opportunity to speak to the landlord of the Red Lion Public House about the A board that is causing an obstruction.

**15.118 Planning Matters:**

- i) The following application had been received:  
W No: W21253/01 Case No: 15/02158/FUL  
Applicant: Southwick Energy Ltd.  
Proposal: Proposed standby generator compound 1518m sq  
Location: Standby Generator Compound, Potwell Lane, Purprook Heath, Hampshire.  
Decision: It was decided that Mr Hinton should look at the application.

**15.119 Members Business:**

- i) Major Horsman:
  - c) Gave an update on the Ministry of Defence's Strategic Defence Review that will be coming out soon. He said that with regard to the future of Southwick Park a decision will be made at the end of this year.
  - d) He has received a request that there should be a second bus stop at the green on Norton Road.

Mr Watson said that he had also had had this request, and that he had forwarded it to Hampshire County Council School Transport, who after assessing the safety implications of both sites had made the decision in the interest of safety to only pick up from the original pick up point.

- ii) Mr Clark reported that Southwick Estate had removed walls in Old Market Gardens that had become dangerous; however they are replacing these walls with walls that are completely out of character.
- Mr Cutler said that he would raise it with Winchester City Council Planning Department.
- iii) Mrs Hatcher asked if the renovation work being undertaken in the Post Office/Village Store is up to the required standard for a grade II listed building.

Mr Cutler said that he would get building control to check that the building work is compliant with building regulations.

- iv) Mr Richards informed Major Horsman that there are Ash Trees with Ash Dieback on Southwick Park's Car Park Number 1.

Major Horsman said that he would report it to the Arboriculture Officer

**15.120 Orders for Payment:**

- i) Proposed Mr Clerk, seconded Mr Hinton and unanimously agreed that with the exception of Transaction 989 SSE Contracting the Parish Council should pay its bills:

**Cheque List October 2015**

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
978	001375	CIA Paid to Mr Richards	Playing Field Fencing	23.37	4.67	28.04
979	001376	Sainsbury's (Paid to Clerk)	Church Harvest Festival	25.00	0.00	25.00
982	001377	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	16.16	0.00	16.16
981	001377	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
980	001377	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	239.96	0.00	239.96
983	001378	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	60.10	0.00	60.10
986	001379	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	65.00	0.00	65.00
985	001379	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	39.00	0.00	39.00
984	001379	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	65.00	0.00	65.00
987	001380	D-Day Memorial Hall - Hall Hire	Hire of Room	45.00	0.00	45.00
988	001381	Viking Direct	Stationery	180.88	36.18	217.06
989	001382	Southern Electric Contracting	Street Lighting	102.34	20.47	122.81
990	001383	ShoeFix (Paid to Mr Jim)	Notice Boards	41.29	0.00	41.29
<b>Totals Paid</b>				<b>923.10</b>	<b>61.32</b>	<b>984.42</b>

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Date of the next meetings: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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**15.112 ii) Public Participation:**

**1) Combined Authority**

Hampshire County Council, together with the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton and 11 District Councils and the two LEPs [Solent and the M3] have submitted a prospectus to Government describing how devolution of powers to local authorities can bring about significant efficiencies and stimulate economic growth. Public money would be used local by delegating decisions to County, District, Parish and Town Council, where appropriate. The application could lead to a landmark deal being announced as part of the Chancellor's Spending Review on 25<sup>th</sup> November, so watch this space!

**2) European Refugee Crisis**

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Roy Perry has underlined the importance of a coordinated and strategic approach, working with local, regional and national partners if Hampshire is called on, as expected, to provide support to the European refugee crisis. Obviously, any response must be coordinated with partner agencies, such as district councils, who are responsible for housing - to ensure that the overall support package offered in Hampshire is sustainable and effective. Hampshire is taking a proactive stance in planning what our contribution may be, particularly as we expect many of the migrants to be unaccompanied children or orphans who would automatically become the responsibility of the County Council on their arrival in Hampshire - as children in our care.

**3) New Law**

A new law to prevent smoking in cars when children are present came into force on 1st October, 2015. A survey of 7,000 schoolchildren across Hampshire showed that a third are still being exposed to second hand or passive smoke in the home or car, which has been proven to be harmful to children's health. The effects of passive smoking costs £5 million in Hampshire alone.

The first day of October also marked the start of [Stoptober](https://stoptober.smokefree.nhs.uk/) [https://stoptober.smokefree.nhs.uk/], where smokers are encouraged to sign up to a 28 day challenge to go without cigarettes. Those people who wish to quit can get help from Hampshire's [Quit4Life service online](http://www.quit4life.nhs.uk/) at http://www.quit4life.nhs.uk/ or by calling them on 0845 6024663.

**4) Enhanced School Nursing Service**

As the Executive Member for Health & Public Health I have commissioned a focused service to support vulnerable older children, as well as development and wellbeing checks for children in Year 6. This is vital in helping to avoid more costly and intrusive interventions later on. All the evidence supports early action, listening to children and young people at the earliest opportunity - healthy children will become our future healthy adult workforce. The Hampshire Public Health School Nursing Service will offer help and advice on a number of issues including: Growth and development - Wetting and soiling problems - Emotional well-being - Safe management of allergies, epilepsy and asthma in school – Immunisations - Healthy eating and lifestyle – Parenting - Sexual health -Alcohol, drugs and smoking.

For more information visit the web site - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/healthandwellbeing/public-health.htm>

**5) Flu Prevention**

The flu season usually starts in October and people who catch the flu pass it on to an average of two people putting those most vulnerable at an increased risk, including those with long-term health conditions and pregnant women. This year sees children in Hampshire school years 1 and 2 getting a nasal flu vaccination as young people are the main source of transmission. Hampshire County Council is also providing free flu vaccines to its frontline health and social care staff who work with elderly or vulnerable groups. The injected flu vaccine is offered free of charge on the NHS to people who are at risk. This is to ensure they are protected against catching flu and developing serious complications. You are eligible to receive a free flu jab if you:

- are 65 years of age or over
- are pregnant
- have certain medical conditions
- are very overweight
- are living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility
- receive a carer's allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill
- are a healthcare worker with direct patient contact, or a social care worker

## 6) Highways

Highway statistics for the month of August show that, in the Winchester District alone, 69 potholes were repaired; 258 gullies were cleared; 112 square metres of footway [pavement] were repaired; 7,323 square metres of carriageway resurfacing was completed and 165 tree and vegetation works were completed.

## 7) Divers working on the A27!

Specialist divers with pumps and dams to keep the water at bay have been working with highways teams to repair the hole in the westbound carriageway of the A27 near Titchfield. The hole appeared in the road at the end of August because one of four pipes underneath it collapsed, resulting in water washing through and the carriageway above collapsing. The repairs have proved particularly difficult because the collapsed pipe was linked to others underground which investigations have now shown are all in need of repair. The problem is compounded by the four metre depth of the excavations needed to complete the work. Divers have been working with highways maintenance engineers on the pipes, with pumps and dams operating to stop water flowing in while the repairs are done, but when the water rises, this slows things down.

The A27 runs over the River Meon, and the structure underneath consists of four original pipes with extensions. The broken section which caused the original collapse has now been repaired and work is continuing on the other pipes which will need to be completed before the road is resurfaced. Lane 1 remains closed westbound.

## 8) Snippets to Consider

- There are over 36,000 new homes planned in Hampshire by 2031.
- From 2013 through to 2018 the County Council will have built around 11,000 additional primary school places to meet demand.
- Secondary school numbers currently show a year on year decline, but this will reverse as the growth in primary numbers work through the system.
- Current number of Year 7 places needed in Hampshire is 12,861, current capacity is 15,015 with 16,200 places needed by 2025.
- An indicative HCC figure for capital funding of schools over the next ten years is around £401m.

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