

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall on Tuesday 8th December, 2015 at 8.00pm

Present:

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

Co-opt Members:

County Councillor P. Stallard

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

15.134 Apologies for absence: Greg Clark, Major Horsman and PCSO Sharp,

15.135 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr A. Richards, seconded Mr S. West and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November, 2015 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

15.136 Matters Arising:

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

15.137 Co-Option of a Parish Councillor: No applications have been received. Mr Watson said that he has prepared flyers to be delivered to all houses in the West of Waterlooville area advertising the position.

15.138 Public Participation:

- i) County Councillor Stallard:
 - a) Said that Central Government are allowing County and Unitary Authorities to increase their share of the Council Tax by up to Two Percent, however this will do little to offset the shortfall in the Council's budget. She highlighted the Council's problems by drawing to everyone's attention that in just two of the Council's services: that Adult Social Care has a 13 Million Pound shortfall and that Public Health is to lose a further 4 percent per year of its budget over the next five years.
 - b) On the good side Hampshire County Council's has exceeded its carbon reduction plan by four percent.
 - c) At present there are 20,000 people in Hampshire suffering from dementia and Hampshire County Council has been trialling a tele-service. She said that if it proves successful it will only help in the short term as it is predicted that the number of dementia sufferers are on the increase and with the reducing funding available it will mean that the service will have to be more and more reliant on voluntary support.
 - d) At present the highway repair statistics are provided only at District Council level but in the near future it is hoped that this can be made more comprehensive and provide the statistics at Parish Council level.
- ii) Councillor Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor reported:
 - a) Winchester City Council has discussed Local Government financial devolution and the effect it would have on the Council but there are a great many questions still unanswered and it is unlikely that any decisions will be made before September next year.
 - b) Winchester City Council is concerned about bank security; this is because of the new Government policy to no longer support any bank that gets into financial difficulty. This means that if a bank goes into liquidation then any funds that the Council has deposited with it will be at the bottom of the creditors list which means it will recover very little, if any, of the funds deposited.

15.139 Community Safety:

- i) Mr Watson reported that PCSO Barry Towler has been replaced by PCSO Steve Sharp.

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

- i) Lloyds Bank – Confirmation that Mr Cutler has been accepted as a cheque signatory – Noted.
- ii) Winchester City Council – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Noted
- iii) Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Hampshire Draft Recommendations – Noted
- iv) WinnAcc – Winchester Action on Climate Change – Noted
- v) Home Start – Request for a grant – Noted

15.141 Playing field matters:

- i) Mrs Hatcher has sent off the 'End of Project Report' for the new play equipment.

15.142 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that he has been in discussion with various lighting contractors about the Street Light maintenance contract.
 - a) SSE Contracting has submitted a quotation.
 - b) HCC has been removed from the preferred contractors list because they will charge an initial start-up fee of over £31,000.
 - c) Colas are in the process of preparing a quotation which they have said will be ready next week.
 - d) Mr Watson said that the village has different types of lampposts some of which are concrete and are badly corroded. He asked Councillors to inspect the lampposts and come back to discuss a refurbish/replacement programme.

15.143 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Cutler said that he has not had a response from Winchester City Council about the grass on the roundabout that is no longer being mown, but he will continue to pursue it.
- ii) It was reported that in Norton Road a large vehicle had broken down blocking the highway, meaning vehicles had to go onto the grass verge to pass by it, and in doing so, causing damage to the grass verge.

County Councillor Stallard said that grass verges are classed as part of the highways so there is nothing that can be done to stop vehicles driving on them.

Mr Hinton said that he would raise it with Major Horsman.

- iii) Mr Richards expressed concern over Bunker Hill, Denmead where the narrowness of the road makes it difficult for two large vehicles to pass.

County Councillor Stallard said that highway planners use narrowing of the highways as a deliberate attempt to promote traffic calming.

- iv) Mr Cutler said that the bottom of Ham Lane has been flooded and is now breaking up.

He said that he would report it to HCC Highways department.

15.144 Planning Matters:

- i) Mr Cutler reported that he had, as requested, enquired to the planning department about the extent to which the Southwick Estate consulted with the department when undertaking building works in the conservation area.

Stephen Appleby, Historic Environment conservation officer had replied that he intended to discuss this further with the Estate.

- ii) Applications at the 8th December 2015
One application had been received;

W No: W06365/15

Case No: 15/02597/AVC

Applicant: Mrs Louise Butler

Proposal: 3x signs to the front, rear and side elevation with internal illumination via whit LED lighting + 3x totem signage applied to existing internally illuminated totem

Location: Wellington Retail Park Hambledon Road Denmead Hampshire PO7 7FG

Decision: No Comment

15.145 Members Business:

- i) Mrs West said that she was not optimistic that there would be any volunteers to fill our vacant Parish Council position from our meetings being held at Berewood. She thought that they would be more likely be recruited from the WOWAG Meetings as many of the residents attended that meeting and had their questions answered by Winchester and Havant and Berewood representatives.
- ii) Mrs Houghton reported that tributes had again been left on the B2177 on the anniversary of the death of the two people killed in a motoring accident.

Mr Watson suggested that they be left until the New Year and then they could be removed as fly-tipping.

- iii) Mr Hinton said that the MOD is installing Radon Detectors into the forces housing for a trial period.
- iv) Mr Watson said that it may be worth applying for a Transparency Grant' which is given to cover the cost that Parish Councils incur for undertaking additional work required to demonstrate that they are complying with the transparency regulations.
- v) Mr Watson reported that the Revival Group had asked the Parish Council to provide pop-up gazebos.
- vi) Mr Watson said that an open invitation had been extended for everyone to attend the Christmas event in the Berewood Sales Office on Thursday 17th December between 3:30 and 5:00p.m.

15.146 Finance Committee Minutes:

- i) The minutes of the Management and Finance Committee Meeting held on the 8th September 2015, having been circulated was received.
- ii) Mrs Hatcher gave a report on the meeting of the Management and Finance Committee Meeting that had been held before the full Council Meeting.
- iii) Proposed Mrs Hatcher seconded Mrs Houghton and unanimously agreed that the position of litter picker be paid the voluntary living wage of £8.25 per hour.
- iv) It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk be paid overtime to electronically copy the historic minutes.
- v) Mr Cutler raised the point that if Lloyds Bank goes into liquidation then the Parish Council will be at the bottom of the creditors list and is likely to get very little, if any, of its money back.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Council's internal auditor to get his advice.

15.146 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List December 2015

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1004	001390	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	16.16	0.00	16.16
1003	001390	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1002	001390	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	240.16	0.00	240.16
1005	001391	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	60.00	0.00	60.00
1006	001392	Mr Jonathon Mitchell	Grounds Maintenance	80.00	0.00	80.00
1007	001393	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	67.00	0.00	67.00
1008	001394	Viking Direct	Stationery	100.47	20.09	120.56
1009	001395	Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership Fees	88.00	0.00	88.00
Totals Paid				671.79	20.09	691.88

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Date of the next meetings: 12th January 2016