

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Tuesday 7th June, 2016 at 7.30pm

Present:

Southwick & Widley Ward:

Mr J Watson in the Chair

Mr A. Hinton

Mr N. Cutler

Mr A. Richards

Mrs J. Houghton

Mr G. Clark

Maj. R. Horsman

North East Ward:

Mrs A. Ashby

Also present:

Reverend Simon Brocklehurst – Chaplain to Southwick/Boarhunt Parishes

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

16.070 Apologies for absence: County Councillor P. Stallard, District Councillor A. Clear and District Councillor T. Evans

16.071 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Maj. R. Horsman, seconded Mr. G. Clark and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th May 2016 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

16.072 Matters Arising:

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

16.073 Public Participation:

- i) Rev. Brocklehurst introduced himself.
- ii) County Councillor Stallard could not attend the meeting due to County Council commitments but had presented a written report see Appendix A.
- iii) Councillor Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor said that it has been a quiet period on the District Council. He however, expressed concerns about the lack of commitment by the Planning Enforcement Section to pursue violations to the planning regulations when they occur.
- iv) Mr Watson said that the Revival Event will take place this weekend and wished it every success.

16.074 Community Safety: Mr Cutler reported that he had found an abandoned motor bike; when he investigated he found a young man using solvent adhesive to get high. It turned out the young man had mental health issues and was being looked after by Portsmouth City Council. Mr Cutler reported it to the Police asking that they get help for the young man.

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

16.076 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Clark said that he will be arranging a meeting to discuss the financing for the purchasing and instillation of a Five-a-side football pitch with wet pore safety surface, before the next meeting.
- ii) Mr Watson thanked Mr Richards for getting the grass cut on the playing field.
- iii) Mr Watson thanked Mr Cutler and Major Horsman for disposing of the chain link fence that had been removed from the playing field.
- iv) Mr Richards reported that a lot of the vegetation removed when the chain link fence was taken down had been piled up and left outside the hedge.

Mr Watson asked Mr Richards to arrange to have it removed.

- v) The zip-wire has been vandalised again.

Mr Clark said that he would add 'how to re-enforce the zip-wire to make it vandal proof' as part of his sub-committees 'terms of reference'.

- vi) Mr Cutler asked that now the scrub has been cleared from the Playing Field that a proper path is constructing from the Playing Field gate in the south railings joining the footpath at the end of The Drove.

It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

16.077 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that Colas has still not returned the contract.
- ii) Mr Hinton reported that Light No. 25 is missing its front plate. This to be reported once the contract has been returned and signed.

16.078 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that County Councillor Stallard is still chasing up the repair work.
- ii) Mr Watson asked about getting village boundary gates.

Mr Cutler said that he would get information from Boarhunt regarding where they obtained their gates and the cost of purchase and installation.

- iii) Mr Richards said that the grass on the traffic island is not being cut.

Mr Richards was asked to report it to County Councillor Stallard.

16.079 Planning Matters: Nothing

16.080 Members Business:

- i) Mr Clark asked what is happening about the replacement wall being built around the Church?

Mr Cutler said that he has tried without success to contact the Conservation Officer.

Mr Watson said that he has spoken to Southwick Estate who informed him that they are waiting for a decision from the Conservation Officer but until they receive his decision they will not be putting up railings on top of the wall.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Conservation Officer setting out the Parish Council's preferred choice to have a low wall topped with railing to open up the view of a listed building.

- ii) Mr Richards raised a complaint about having to live with bonfires being repeatedly lit in the Industrial Unit next door to where he lives.

Mr Cutler said that he would raise it with the Winchester City Council's Environmental Health Section.

- iii) Mrs Houghton reported that the trees on the Church path need cutting back.

Major Horsman said that he would arrange for it to be done.

16.081 Finance and Management Committee: The minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meetings held on the 8th March 2016, having been circulated were received.

16.082 Clerks Salary: It was unanimously agreed that the Clerks salary should be increased in accordance with the agreed National Joint Council for Local Government Services recommendations.

16.083 Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016: Proposed Mr Cutler, seconded Mr Hinton and unanimously agreed that the Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16 be approved and signed.

16.084 Statement of Accounts 2015/2016

Proposed Mrs Ashby seconded Major Horsman and unanimously agreed that the Accounts for 2015/16 be approved and signed.

16.082 Orders for Payment:

- i) Proposed Major Horsman, seconded Mr Cutler and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay its bills:

Cheque List June 2016

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1063	001427	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	16.16	0.00	16.16
1065	001427	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	1.27	0.00	1.27
1068	001427	Abbyy (Paid by Clerk)	Stationery	4.07	0.81	4.88
1064	001427	Ryman Stationery (Paid to	Clerks Expenses	3.32	0.66	3.98
1062	001427	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1061	001427	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	331.02	0.00	331.02
1066	001428	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	82.80	0.00	82.80
1070	001429	BB Online Uk Ltd	Web Site	49.00	9.80	58.80
1069	001429	BB Online Uk Ltd	Web Site	80.00	16.00	96.00
1071	001430	J Murray (Auditor)	Internal Audit	195.00	0.00	195.00
1072	001431	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	90.75	0.00	90.75
1073	001432	MJR Services	Grounds Maintenance	300.00	0.00	300.00
Totals Paid				1173.39	27.27	1200.66

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Date of the next meetings: 12th July 2016

Appendix A

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16.073 Public Participation:

ii) County Councillor Stallard

1) Bursary Scheme

Hampshire County Council has introduced a scholarship scheme in collaboration with the Universities of Portsmouth and Southampton to support and develop the next generation of engineers. The County Council is the first local authority in England to join forces with the University of Southampton on the SUCCESS scholarship scheme, which provides an annual bursary, summer work placements, an industrial mentor and possible long-term employment after graduation. The County Council is also working with the University of Portsmouth which has set up a new bursary scheme.

All four students are due to start their placements shortly. After graduating, the students may be offered long-term employment and the chance to join the County Council's accredited ICE Graduate Trainee Scheme to enable them to attain professional membership level of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

2) Government funding for Sustainable Travel

The County Council has won £440,000 funding from the Government to promote green forms of transport in rural areas. The funding will go towards connecting different ways of making journeys throughout Hampshire, addressing issues specific to a large and rural County, such as longer distances, higher costs and greater reliance on cars. The funding is part of £20.6m that is being given out nationally for 23 sustainable travel initiatives across England that boost local economies.

3) Youth Offending Team

Hampshire County Council's Youth Offending Team (YOT) has been praised by HM Inspectorate of Probation for their committed staff, and their engagement with young people and their families. Recognition of the Team's excellent work has been highlighted in a report published following the Inspectorate's Short Quality Screening (SQS) of youth offending work in Hampshire. The report notes that the reoffending rate for young offenders in Hampshire is 37.7% which is an improvement on the previous year and better than the national average (38%).

The Inspectorate found that Hampshire YOT was performing well in almost all areas of practice, in particular assessments. Case managers were engaging children and young people and their parents/carers, using creative interventions to help them. The planning and management of the risk of harm posed to others was also singled out as "a strength".

4) Expert Advisers' for Torbay's Children's Services

Hampshire County Council's Chief Executive, together with its Children's Services Department, have been appointed by the Department for Education to the role of 'Commissioners' for Torbay Council's Children's Services, effective from 11th May 2016. The move will see Hampshire County Council acting as 'expert advisers' to support Torbay Council's improvement journey in children's social care, following an Ofsted inspection in autumn 2015 that found Torbay Children's Services to be inadequate.

5) **New Policy on Traffic Management Schemes**

Hampshire has agreed a new approach to non-safety related traffic management schemes in Hampshire. This approach will ensure that the County Council prioritises road safety measures within the reduced resources available to it, but gives town and parish councils more flexibility to promote local measures in their communities, which they can fully fund themselves.

Traffic management enhancements Town and Parish, District and Borough Councils, and community groups may wish to consider in their local communities include:

- Village gateways
- Enhanced village place name signs
- Traditional finger post signing
- Sign de-clutter works
- Vehicle activated speed limit reminder signs
- Minor signs and carriageway lining alterations
- Bollards to prevent footway overrun
- Informal crossing points for pedestrians

Last year, when the County Council consulted with residents on options for savings to meet a funding gap of £98 million, resulting from cuts in Government funding, one of residents' preferred proposals was to significantly reduce work on those traffic management schemes that are not led by safety or legal requirements.

This new policy prioritises investigation where there are currently accidents resulting in injury, so that the limited funding available can be targeted to tackle the causes, as there is evidence to show this will have the most impact in reducing casualties on the roads.

All proposals from local councils and community groups will be subject to assessment in order that any new measures are consistent with those implemented by Hampshire County Council across Hampshire.

Local councils are asked to contact their local County Councillor, in the first instance, to discuss and progress proposals.

6) **Need for a Foster Family every 20 minutes**

Hampshire County Council is urging more people to consider fostering and adoption - as figures from the national organisation 'Fostering Network' show, a child comes into care every 20 minutes across the UK. This means that during a fortnight, 1,008 children in the UK will need a foster care placement.

In Hampshire, there are currently just over 1,000 children in foster care with one of the County Council's 539 foster carers, or with other local authority or independent agency foster carers. There is increasing demand for children's social care in recent years and the loss of foster carers because they may be moving away from the County or retiring, this means that having sufficient foster carers is always a challenge. In the past four years, there has been a 17 per cent increase in the number of children needing foster homes, especially those between the ages of 10 and 18 years.

The County Council's Foster care team on 0300 555 1384 can provide information and advice to help people decide whether or not fostering is for them. Finding the right homes for Hampshire children and supporting foster carers is a key priority. HCC welcomes enquiries from anyone - regardless of age or background - who feels they are able to care for, nurture and support a child and believes they may have what it takes to foster.

Find out more about fostering and adoption at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering>. There are a range of fostering opportunities, including short or long-term fostering and all foster carers receive professional training, supported by regular on-going support.

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