

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Berewood Primary School, West of Waterlooville, on Tuesday 14th February, 2017 at 7:30pm

Present:

Southwick & Widley Ward:
Mr J Watson in the Chair
Mr A. Richards
Mrs P. Stallard
Mrs J. Houghton
Mr G. Clark
Mr N. Cutler
North East Ward:
Mrs A. Ashby

Also present:

District Councillor – Angela Clear
Flt. Lt. Tim Mayes – Southwick Park
PCSO B. Towler

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

17.014 Apologies for absence: Mr A. Hinton, Maj. R. Horsman, Reverend Simon Brocklehurst and District Councillors: Angela Clear and Therese Evans.

17.015 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr A. Richards, seconded Mrs P. Stallard and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2017 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

17.016 Matters Arising:

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

17.017 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs Patricia Stallard in her capacity as County Councillor had presented a written report see Appendix A.

In addition to her report Councillor Stallard added that although it has still to be ratified by full Council it is likely that the County Council's precept will increase by 4.99%.

- ii) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor said
 - a) that although the District Council precept will not be set for another two weeks it is likely to be about a 5% increase.
 - b) Winchester City Council is just completing a peer to peer review.
 - c) After pressure from Boarhunt PC & Hants Highways the owner had removed the picket fence from outside Boarhunt Garage. This fence had been causing severe visibility problems when turning from Trampers Lane on to the B2177
- iii) Flt. Lt. Tim Mayes said that it would be a busy time at Southwick Park up until the middle of this year.

17.018 Community Safety: PCSO Barry Towler presented an incident report see Appendix B.

- i) PCSO Barry Towler stated that there had been seven reported incidents of drifting. However, one perpetrator had been caught and charged with both dangerous driving and having bald tyres.
- ii) Mr Clark reported:
 - a) That the age of the drivers seen drifting appears to be between 30 to 40 years old.
 - b) The sign posts have been damaged.

Mrs Stallard said that she would report this.

- c) He proposed that there should be covert cameras on the traffic island so that perpetrators of drifting could be identified.

Mr Watson said that he is obtaining quotes for a wireless CCTV camera system.

- iii) Mr Cutler reported some good news with regard to the problem with fly-tipping; where there had been three convictions: two resulting in large fines and one resulting in a custodial sentence.

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

17.020 Playing field matters:

- i) Mrs. Houghton said that Mr. Richard Gale would like to be contacted before the work on the fencing around the children's play area commences; so that he can make a contribution towards the cost of the work.

17.021 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Watson reported that Colas will be commencing work on the replacement of the concrete street lamp pillars in two to three weeks' time.
- ii) Mr Richards asked about the replacement of the lamp on the new lamppost with one that is in keeping with the others in the area?

Mr Watson said that he would contact Colas.

- iii) Mrs Houghton reported that light No. 30 in Castle Road is not working.

The Clerk was asked to report it to Colas.

17.022 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Clark raised the dangers that could be caused by fast driving through the village and suggested looking at having a 20 is plenty campaign.

Mr Watson explained that it will have very little effect because "Parato's Theory" applies where 80% of drivers will comply and drive carefully and 20% will ignore the signs and continue to speed through the village.

Mrs Stallard said that the County Council Highways can be contacted but it is more than likely that they will confirm what Mr Watson has said.

- ii) Flashing warning signs were discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact Denmead Parish Council and request that they provide details of who supplied their speed warning signs.

17.023 Planning Matters: – Nothing

17.024 Members Business:

- i) Flt. Lt. Mayes asked when the village shop would be re-opening?

Mrs Ashby said that it would open on the 31st March.

- ii) Mr Cutler had provided a statistical breakdown of the Council Tax. Identifying the proportions between Southwick Village and the West of Waterlooville MDA see Appendix C.

The figures indicate that the North East Ward makes up 39% of the Village and as such should have 5 Councillors to represent it.

The Clerk was asked to contact Winchester City Council to get its approval to increase the North East Wards representation.

- iii) Mr Richards asked if there had been any progress with the West of Waterlooville Community Centre.

Mr Watson said that there are problems with Grangers who appear to be reneging on their obligation to provide a community centre.

17.025 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List February 2017

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1141	001471	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1139	001471	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	13.13	0.00	13.13
1138	001471	PC World (Paid to Clerk)	Stationery	9.16	1.83	10.99
1137	001471	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	331.02	0.00	331.02
1140	001472	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	82.80	0.00	82.80
1142	001473	Viking Direct	Stationery	111.52	22.31	133.83
1144	001474	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.25	0.00	8.25
1143	001474	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	66.00	0.00	66.00
Totals Paid				641.88	24.14	666.02

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Date of the next meetings: 14^h March 2017 and 28th March 2017 for the Parish Assembly

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17.017 Public Participation:

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1. Devolution

You will no doubt be aware that the proposed “Solent City” deal between Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight has failed to get the support of Westminster. This follows a series of meetings, including one attended by the all Council Leaders, including Hampshire County Council, and the relevant MPs. The County Council has always advocated that the proposal made no economic sense by creating false divisions – geographically and between Authorities. For instance, splitting up Hampshire’s highways functions would have led to inevitable but unnecessary expense.

2. Stubbington Bypass

Government funding of £25.7 million has been allocated, by the Local Growth Fund, towards a £34 million bypass around Stubbington, Fareham. The County Council has demonstrated its commitment to the project by assigning £8.5 million towards the total cost. The Bypass will help to remove transport barriers to growth and will encourage investment and job regeneration into the area, including the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus. Stubbington Bypass will divert through traffic around the outskirts of Stubbington village reducing journey time and peak hour congestion onto and off the Gosport peninsula. Now that funding is in place, work is likely to start in 2018/19 and will take approximately two years to complete. To find out more visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportschemes/stubbingtonbypass>

3. Mental Health Centres

As the Mental Health Champion for the County, I was delighted when Prime Minister Theresa May recently visited one of the County’s mental health Wellbeing Centres to find out more about the service following the Government’s announcement to improve mental health nationally. There are presently 11 Wellbeing Centres across the County, including one in Fareham, which specialise in tackling the emotional, physical and practical impact of poor mental health. People can self-refer or are referred by their local GP. The Centres also support people with more serious mental health conditions, working in conjunction with the local County Council/NHS mental health team. The Centres currently operate in Winchester, Eastleigh, Romsey, Andover, Hythe, New Milton, Basingstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Aldershot.

4. School Meals

There is to be a small increase in the price of a school meal, with effect from 1st April 2017. An increase of five pence is being introduced to meet the rising cost of providing school meals, and takes the price per meal to £2.15. Over 70,000 healthy school meals are served in Hampshire’s primary and secondary schools, across the county daily. All HC3S school meals meet the Department for Education’s rules for healthy school dinners. Menus also adhere to the Hyperactive Children’s Support Group’s recommendations to remove over 70 additives and colourings that could affect children’s behaviour.

5. Bus Service

You will know that as from 8th January First Bus made changes to their X9 service which ran from Hambledon/Denmead into Portsmouth, via QA Hospital. Hampshire County Council fund buses which run to/from Hambledon and Denmead into Waterlooville but First Bus felt it was no longer commercially viable for them to fund the journey from Waterlooville into Portsmouth, and return. Consequently they have now rescheduled the service so that buses D1 and D2 run from Hambledon/Denmead into Waterlooville, and return, but they no longer go on to Portsmouth. To get into Portsmouth, or QA Hospital, passengers now need to catch the D7 or D8 from Waterlooville, and if you need to visit the hospital, alight at Cosham and walk to the hospital entrance.

I am very aware that this new arrangement has caused a great deal of concern amongst residents who need regular access to the hospital and as a result, I have met and had long discussions with the General Manager of First bus. I received promises that they would explore options of re-routing an existing service to take it through the hospital grounds. They have now reported to me that this diversion is not possible because of the additional time it would take for the bus to complete the route, which would have a "knock on" effect on their scheduled timetable, staffing shifts and operational costs. However, I am still in discussion with Transport Officers at Hampshire County Council and striving to identify a solution to this problem. The D1 bus now operates in the Berewood Estate, entering via Houghton Road and exiting along Grainger Street. The D2 services goes through the Berg estate, not Berewood.

6. **A reminder - Bus Pass**

In order to reduce the wastage of replacing passes that are no longer required, as from 1st April any Older Person's Concessionary Passes which have not been used in the six months prior to their renewal will no longer be subject to **automatic** renewal, but should be renewed on request. This will reduce the wastage of replacing passes which are no longer required.

7. **Carers**

If you are caring for someone who needs your help due to a health condition, disability or frailty you may find it useful to know that Hampshire County Council fund emergency planning for carers. Up to 48 hours free care may be available for the person you care for in the event of an emergency. This is a free service and no adult services assessment is needed. Telephone Freephone 0800 1691577.

8. **Health Reminders**

- By the time people reach their 40s and 50s many will have dramatically increased their risk of developing conditions such as type2 diabetes, cancer and heart disease, so why not have a free health check? If you are aged 40 – 70 years go online to - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/healthcheck>, or visit your GP.
- If you want to want to lose weight and think you might have a Body Mass Index of 30+ (or you may not know what your BMI is) there is a Hampshire County Council funded free service offered by Weight Watchers. They can be contacted on 0345 602 7068, quoting WWRS095. Obesity and related illnesses in Hampshire costs the NHS £338m per year.

9. **Grants**

Grants of almost £1 million have been approved to support vulnerable people live full and independent lives. 11 voluntary and community groups are to receive the funding which will help support people with a range of issues such as deafness, HIV, sight loss, as well as help for older people and adults with autism. The money has come from the County Council's Supportive Communities Programme which aims to support organisations that develop new and innovative ways to support communities to become better connected and help people live independently for longer.

10. **Fareham Library**

The library is to be modernised as part of major refurbishment by Hampshire County Council. The library in Osborn Road is closed temporarily for the works as part of a commitment made within the Library Strategy to reinvest £500,000 a year from the Book Fund until 2020 into library buildings and technology. During the temporary closure, customers at Fareham will be given extended loan periods for their books, as well as the usual option to use services online or from neighbouring libraries to help avoid any inconvenience.

Fareham Library closed on 6th February and will re-open on or around 18th April. A new café will be installed and two new community spaces will be created which can be used by the County Council and partners for small meetings or consultations. The library will also have a new space kitted out with IT and equipment to help customers develop new skills which will make them more digitally aware and confident in using new technology. Books will not be subject to fines or charges during the period of closure. Citizens Advice at Fareham will continue to operate during the temporary closure with the service being accessed via its own entrance.

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Police Incident Reports

January 2017 – February 2017

- 20/01/17** **Roundabout. Vehicle ASB.** Drifting.
- 23/01/17** **Roundabout. Vehicle ASB.** Drifting.
- 25/01/17** **Roundabout. Vehicle ASB.** Drifting. Was caught in layby and reported for dangerous driving and car in poor condition (tyres)
- 26/01/17** **Roundabout. Vehicle ASB.** Drifting.
- 02/02/17** **Roundabout. Vehicle ASB.** Drifting.
- 02/02/17** **Field near Pitymoor lane.** Report of poachers in field. ASNT on arrival.
- 05/02/17** **RTC. Portsdown Hill Road. Roundabout. Vehicle ASB.** Overtaking issue.
- 09/02/17** **Roundabout. Vehicle ASB.** Drifting.
- 12/02/17** **Suspicious activity. Pinsley Drive.** Car parked up with binoculars looking at the base
- 13/02/17** **Roundabout. Vehicle ASB.** Drifting. 7 cars reported to be burning rubber. Followed the informant home following his noting index.

Compiled by PCSO 14916 Towler, 14/02/17.

Appendix C
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Council Tax proportions - Southwick & Widley Parish

	PO17	PO7	PO7 OUTSIDE MDA	outside but band unknown	WoW MDA	S&W OLD PARISH
A	7	6	1		5	8
B	35	47	0		47	35
C	110	104	12		92	122
D	52	36	3		33	55
E	27	25	7		18	34
F	17	3	4		-1	21
G	9	10	10		0	19
H	5	2	2		0	2
Total	262	233	39	2	192	298