

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, on Tuesday 11th April, 2017 at 7:30pm

Present:

Southwick & Widley Ward:

Mr A Hinton in the Chair

Mr A. Richards

Mrs J. Houghton

Mr G. Clark

Mr N. Cutler

Mrs P. Stallard

Rev. S. Brocklehurst

North East Ward:

Mrs A. Ashby

Also present:

Flt. Lt. Tim Mayes – Southwick Park

Mr R. Bazeley

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

17.038 Apologies for absence: Mr J Watson, PCSO B, Towler and District Councillors: Angela Clear and Therese Evans.

17.039 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr G. Clerk, seconded Mr A. Richards and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March 2017 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

17.040 Co-option of a Parish Councillor to represent the Southwick Ward.

- i) Proposed Mr. Richards seconded Mrs Ashby and unanimously agreed that the Reverend Simon Brocklehurst be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Rev. Brocklehurst joined the other Councillors.

17.041 Matters Arising:

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

17.042 Public Participation:

- i) Mr Bazeley said that as discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly, he had contacted the firm who had supplied the Millennium Clock and they had offered to take on its maintenance at an Annual cost of £596.40.

As the clock after 17 years is still working perfectly it was decided to do nothing until the clock goes wrong.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Bazeley thanking him for the work he had done and to ask him to return the millennium clock file.

- ii) Mrs Stallard in her capacity as County Councillor said that because of Purdah, which prohibits Local Government Councillors from public speaking in the pre-election period between an announced election and the final election results, she could not give a report or statement.
- iii) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor said that Winchester City Council has now approved its local plan and it will be going out for consultation. He suggested that this is an opportunity for the Parish Council to create a sub-committee to review and comment on the implications that the Local Plan will have on Southwick & Widley.

17.043 Community Safety:

- i) It was reported that there had been poaching in the area. Mr Cutler said that he would follow this up.

17.044 Correspondence – Most correspondence had been issued to the Councillors prior to the meeting.
Additional Correspondence not issued:

- i) Invitation to attend the Mayor's Sunday Service in Winchester Cathedral on Sunday the 21st May 2017.

It was decided that the invitation should be given to the Chair and his wife.

- ii) Invitation to attend a dinner in honour of the retiring Mayor – Councillor Jane Rutter. - Noted

17.045 Playing field matters:

- i) The zip wire in the children's play area has been damaged again by dogs.

Mr. Richards said that he will see if he can obtain a protective sleeve to put around the wire.

17.046 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mrs Houghton reported that lights numbers 22 and 30 are not working properly.
- ii) Mr Richards said that the new lampposts have a mixture of heads instead of the traditional heads used in the village.
- iii) It was reported that light 29 requires a backing plate to stop the light shining into a residents windows.

The Clerk was asked to report these incidents to Colas.

17.047 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mrs Stallard reported: that the work programme for Southwick Road Drainage works is scheduled to last for five weeks with the most disruptive work, a one week closure of the High Street, taking place at the start of the work. The work should be finished in plenty of time to avoid the D-Day celebrations but in the very unlikely event that severe delays are experienced and the works overruns significantly, the contractor has given assurance that no traffic management will be in place on the 10th & 11th June.

Mr Clark expressed his concerns about the effect that a one week's closure of the High Street will have on local businesses.

17.048 Planning Matters: Nothing

17.049 West of Waterlooville:

- i) Mrs Ashby reported that Firstgroup had reduced the X9 bus service making it difficult for residents to get to the Queen Alexandra Hospital.

Mrs Stallard explained about the talks she had had at the highest level with Firstgroup, but because the route was not profitable she could not get them to retain the full service. In the end the reduction of the route was based on a commercial decision.

She said that an answer to the problem could be to set up a Commune Care Service; which, to organise, would take five or six volunteers with spare time and a vehicle plus a service co-ordinator. Anyone with a hospital appointment can then phone the co-ordinator who will arrange for one of the volunteers to take the person to the Hospital and wait until the appointment is concluded and then return the person back home. The Queen Alexandra Hospital has agreed to waive any parking charges. Payment to the driver for this service is at the discretion of the recipient.

Mrs Ashby said that she will advertise on the Parish notice board for volunteers to participate in this service.

- ii) Mrs Ashby spoke about the dangers on Grainger Road caused by speeding delivery vehicles and parents taking children to and from Berewood Primary School.

Mr Clark said that there is very little that can be done because Granger Road has not been adopted, which means the road is not covered by the Road Traffic Act.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Berewood Primary School and ask that they draw to parents' attention the danger of speeding down Grainger Road.

- iii) Mrs Ashby said that West of Waterlooville has no local post-box and asked if the Parish Council can assist to get one and suggested that an ideal spot would be opposite the Berewood Primary School.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Royal Mail requesting a post-box.

17.050 Members Business:

- i) Mr Richards asked about the progress being made in getting a fence to go around the Children's play equipment and if nothing had been done volunteered to get quotations and bring them to the next meeting.
- ii) Flt. Lt. Tim Mayes said that with the students all away on holiday it is a very quiet period for Southwick Park.
- iii) Mrs Ashby said that her dog had fallen into a ditch and received a nasty cut caused by dumped builders' rubble. She said that she is concerned that if a child fell into a ditch they could receive a serious injury.

Mrs Ashby was asked to compose a letter including photographic evidence and send it to the Clerk to be forwarded on Parish Council headed paper to Grainger's with a copy to Katie Stickland, Winchester City Council's, West of Waterlooville's Implementation Officer.

- iv) Mr Clark said that at 12.00am there had been a huge plume of smoke cause by burning oil on Southwick Estate property.

Mr Clark was asked to email the details of the incident to the Clerk so that he can write to Southwick Estate on Parish Council headed paper.

- v) Mr Hinton said that he had been talking to the new owners of the shop, who said that they are pleased with how the business is progressing, and that over the next few weeks they will be monitoring customer patterns to determine whether the shop's opening hours should be adjusted.

Mr Hinton had enquired about when they will be offering a post-office service within the shop, but was told that, because of the paper work and training involved it would be several months before the service could begin.

17.051 Finance and Management Meeting:

- i) Proposed Mr Cutler seconded Mr Clark that the Minutes of the Finance and Management Meeting held on the 13th December 2016 is adopted.

17.052 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List April 2017

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1152	001478	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	40.40	0.00	40.40
1151	001478	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1150	001478	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	331.02	0.00	331.02
1153	001479	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	82.80	0.00	82.80
1154	001480	Berewood Primary School	Hire of Room	180.00	0.00	180.00
1155	001481	D-Day Memorial Hall - Hall Hire	Hire of Room	135.00	0.00	135.00
1157	001482	National Association of Local	Membership Fees	51.00	0.00	51.00
1156	001482	Hampshire Association of	Membership Fees	259.00	0.00	259.00
1161	001483	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.25	0.00	8.25
1160	001483	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	82.50	0.00	82.50
1159	001483	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.25	0.00	8.25
1158	001483	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	82.50	0.00	82.50
1162	001484	Sainsbury's (Paid to Jim	Councillors Expenses	33.75	0.00	33.75
Totals Paid		<i>1314.47</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>1314.47</i>		

The meeting closed at 20.58 pm

Date of the next meetings: 16th May 2017