

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, on Tuesday 16th May, 2017 at 7:30pm

Present:

Southwick & Widley Ward:
Mr J. Watson in the Chair
Mr A Hinton
Mr A. Richards
Mrs J. Houghton
Mr G. Clark
Mr N. Cutler

North East Ward:
Mrs A. Ashby

Also present:

Flt. Lt. Tim Mayes – Southwick Park

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

17.053 Apologies for absence: Mrs P Stallard, Rev. S Brocklehurst, PCSO B, Towler and District Councillors: Angela Clear and Therese Evans.

17.054 Election of Chairman – Proposed Mr Hinton, seconded Mr Clark and unanimously agreed that Mr Watson should be elected Chairman of the Parish Council.

Mr Watson signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair.

17.055 Election of Vice-chairman: Proposed Mr Watson seconded Mr Richards and unanimously agreed that Mr Hinton should be elected Vice-chairman of the Parish Council.

Mr Hinton duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

17.056 Election of Finance and Management Committee: It was unanimously agreed that the following be elected onto the Finance and Management Committee: Mr Watson, Mr Clark, Mr Richards, Mrs Houghton and Mr Cutler.

17.057 Election of Cheque Signatories – It was unanimously agreed that the cheque signatories should be: Mr Watson, Mr Cutler, Mr Hinton and Mr Richards.

17.058 Standing Orders:

- i) Proposed Mr Hinton, seconded Mr Richards and unanimously agreed that the Standing Orders should be confirmed.
- ii) Proposed Mr Hinton, seconded Mr Richards and unanimously agreed that the Financial Regulation should be confirmed.

17.059 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr A. Ashby, seconded Mr A. Hinton and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th April 2017 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

17.060 Matters Arising:

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

17.061 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs Stallard in her capacity as County Councillor had provided a written report see Appendix A
- ii) Mr Watson said that he had received concerns from Southwick Park's HVG civilian instructors about the closure of the High Street for repairs.
- iii) Mr Clark said that the signs stating the Closure of the High Street had not been collected. Mr Watson said that he would talk to the contractors.

17.062 Community Safety:

- i) PCSO Towler could not attend the meeting but had provided a Police Incident Report; see Appendix B.
- ii) Mr Clark advised everyone to be vigilant during the Wickham Horse Fair.

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

17.064 Playing field matters:

- i) Discussion took place on the spraying of selective weed-killer on the Playing Field. It was felt that the field should be closed for a period of time after spraying for public health safety. Mr Richards said that the spraying should not cause sufficient grass loss to require reseeding.

Mr Watson said that he would schedule the spraying after the D-Day commemoration and that the field would be closed to the public for 24 hours after spraying. Mrs Houghton said that she would get Stella Leopard to print "Field Closed" signs to place around the field.

- ii) Mr Richards had obtained three quotations for partially enclosing the children's play area with fencing.

Mr Watson moved that a quotation should be obtained for fully enclosing the children's play area with fencing this motion was seconded by Mrs Houghton.

Mr Richards amended Mr Watson's motion that the children's play area should only be partially enclosed.

The amendment was not supported.

Resolved overwhelmingly that Mr Watson obtains a quotation for fully fencing the children's play area and that the fencing includes a self-closing gate.

17.065 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mrs Houghton reported that lights numbers 22 and 30 are still not working properly.

The Clerk was asked to report this to Colas.

17.066 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mrs Houghton asked that a sign be put on the Denmead Road warning about animals. She was asked to raise this with Mrs Stallard.

17.067 Planning Matters: Nothing

17.068 West of Waterlooville:

- i) Mr Watson spoke about Granger's planning application for a combined site office and accommodation for community meetings and functions which the Parish Council has objected to. Mr Watson said that he would take the application to the West of Waterlooville Forum to lodge a wider objection.

17.069 Members Business:

- i) Mrs Houghton proposed that the Parish Council makes a donation of £10.00 to Mrs Humphries to cover the cost of electricity for the Christmas lights. The motion was seconded by Mr Watson and unanimously agreed.

17.070 Finance and Management Committee:

- i) Proposed Mr Clark, seconded Mr Watson and unanimously agreed that the Risk Assessment be confirmed.

17.071 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List May 2017

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1164	001485	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	13.13	0.00	13.13
1165	001485	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1163	001485	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	331.02	0.00	331.02
1166	001486	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	82.80	0.00	82.80
1167	001487	Hampshire Playing Fields	Membership Fees	40.00	0.00	40.00
1169	001488	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.25	0.00	8.25
1168	001488	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	82.50	0.00	82.50
1170	001489	Ann Humphrey (Christmas	Christmas Lights	10.00	0.00	10.00
Totals Paid				587.70	0.00	587.70

The meeting closed at 20.58 pm

Date of the next meetings: 13th June 2017

Appendix A

Southwick & Widley Parish Council Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, on Tuesday 16th May, 2017 at 7:30pm

1) County Elections

Following the recent County Council elections held on 4th May 2017 I am pleased to report that I was re-elected to represent the Hampshire County Council division of Winchester Southern Parishes with a poll of 3,011 votes and a majority of 2,215. The turnout was 36.26% and I should like to thank everyone who gave me their support.

The Winchester Southern Parishes division now includes Denmead and Southwick [including those residents who live on the Taylor Wimpey and Grainger estates at West of Waterlooville]; Boarhunt, Wickham, Knowle, Newtown and Soberton.

Of the 78 seats on the County Council, the Conservatives won 56 seats, the Liberal Democrats won 19, Labour won 2, and the Community Campaign (Hart) won one. This compares with the results of the 2013 elections, when the political make-up of the County Council was 45 Conservatives, 17 Liberal Democrats, ten UK Independence Party, four Labour, one Independent, and one Community Campaign (Hart). The overall turnout for the 2017 County Council elections was 36% of the electorate.

2) Hampshire School Starters

The County Council has processed more than 15,000 applications for school places in Year R this year. Just over 98% of parents have been offered a place for their child in one of their three preferred schools - with 90.86% being allocated a place at their first choice of school, up from 88.92% last year.

Of pupils transferring from Infant School to Junior School (Year 3), almost 99% received a place at one of their choices - with 97% obtaining a place at their first choice school. More information about the admissions process is available at: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

3) Loan of Tablet Computers

Hampshire County Council's Library Service will launch a tablet computer lending service for disadvantaged people to help tackle social isolation and improve digital literacy, after being awarded nearly £250,000 from Arts Council England. Up to one hundred 3G enabled tablets will be purchased for the year-long project and will be available for eligible residents throughout Hampshire for a four week loan period. The tablets will be pre-loaded with relevant online library services, and useful applications linking to themes such as health and well-being, money management, and information about local communities and services. It is estimated that around 770 library customers and their families will benefit. Residents will need to join the library to take part, if they are not already members.

4) Grass Verge Cutting

There are around 4,000 miles of rural roadside verges, as well as 1,100 hectares of grass in urban areas in Hampshire maintained by Hampshire Highways. In towns and villages, the District or Borough Council cuts the highway verges on behalf of HCC, and although this can vary by District, it is usually once every three to four weeks during spring and summer – from March until October. Outside towns and villages, HCC cut a narrow strip alongside the road once a year during the growing season, and the full width of the verge once every three years. The vegetation needs to be shorter, and is cut more regularly, around bends or junctions, for example, so motorists maintain full visibility. You can report grass and foliage growth that is causing a safety risk because of reduced visibility directly to Hampshire Highways at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/grasscutting>

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Appendix B



Police Incident Reports

April 2017 – May 2017

- 16/04/17** **B2177. Driving complaint.** Scramblers riding on private land causing a nuisance.
- 04/05/17** **Staples Cross. Road incident.** Car vs motorcycle. Veh 1 black traveling towards Denmead, on the apex of 90° bend, veh 2, coming in opposite direction, overshot bend and impacted with front of Veh 1 causing rider to fall off and sustain minor injuries.
- 06/05/17** **Boulter Road. Theft.** Bicycle has been stolen.
- 08/05/17** **Southwick Road. Theft.** Theft of a caravan that was being stored in a field. The field was accessed via a locked gate.
- 14/05/17** **B2177. Driving complaint.** Motorbikes driving at speed up towards Cosham from roundabout.

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