

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, on Tuesday 13th June, 2017 at 8:00pm

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
Mrs P Stallard
Rev. S Brocklehurst

North East Ward:
Mrs A. Ashby

Also present:

Flt. Lt. Tim Mayes – Southwick Park

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

17.072 Apologies for absence: PCSO B. Towler and District Councillors: Angela Clear and Therese Evans.

17.073 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr A. Hinton, seconded Mr G. Clark and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May 2017 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

17.074 Matters Arising:

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

17.075 Public Participation:

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

In addition she reported that the County Council before 2020 will have to save an additional £150 Million pounds and the only way that this can be achieved is to cut back on public services. The County Council has therefore decided that this should be put out for public consultation, so that it can be democratically decided which of the services are the public's lowest priorities and gets reduced.

- ii) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor said that the new Mayor of Winchester City Council was Cllr David McLean who had attended Southwick's D-Day Celebrations.

Mr Watson gave Mr Cutler a vote of thanks for the work he had undertaken over the D-Day Celebration.

17.076 Community Safety: Nothing

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

17.078 Playing field matters:

- i) The Playing Field had been sprayed with selective weed-killer today.
- ii) The Clerk was asked to order a protective cover for the Zip Wire.
- iii) Annual Play Equipment Inspection was discussed:
 - a) The risks highlighted on page one to be monitored.
 - b) Mr Richards to get a quote for the removal of the Stump.
 - c) It was considered that the gaps between the hoops at the top of the fencing comply with safety regulations. However to be on the safe side Mr Watson said that he would check with the supplier of the fencing.
 - d) The Playing Field entrance sign needs to be replaced and a new sign obtained for the second gate.
 - e) It was agreed that the damaged bench should be replaced.
 - f) It was agreed that Mr Richards would get the grass surrounding the new bench's concrete base, which is classed as a tripping hazard, built up to the same level as the concrete base.

It was agreed that a Playing Field Sub-committee consisting of Mr Clark, Mrs Houghton and Mr Richards, look through the report and decide what action, if any, the Parish Council needs to take.

- iv) Mr Clark reported that the internal Auditor had recommended that a risk assessment be made for the Playing field and Play Equipment. It was agreed that this should fall within the remit of the Playing Field Sub-committee.

17.079 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Colas had reported that light number 30 is rusting and that they cannot put up a ladder against it to undertake repairs.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should order its replacement.

17.080 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that he would send a letter to Hampshire County Council thanking them for the considerate way they had handled the road repairs in the village, sensitively ensuring that the D-Day Celebrations could take place undisrupted.

17.081 Planning Matters: West of Waterlooville planning application to change the colour of the bricks.

Mr Watson and Mr Cutler were asked to respond to this application on behalf of the Parish Council.

17.082 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. It was agreed that this application should be send to Planning Committee.
- ii) It is the Parish Council's turn to Chair the West of Waterlooville Forum.

Proposed Mrs Ashby seconded Mr Watson and unanimously agreed that Mr Cutler becomes Chair of the West of Waterlooville Forum for this Council year.

17.083 Members Business:

- i) The Parish Council had already agreed that a grant of £6,500 be given towards the D-Day Memorial Hall window replacement project. Mr Watson requested that we now provide them with a cheque for this amount so that it can be used as a deposit.

Mr Clark as Chair of the Management Committee ruled that a cheque can only be made out when an appropriate invoice for this amount; one which can be used in an audit trail, is provided.

Mr Watson said that he would arrange for an invoice to be provided.

17.085 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List June 2017

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1173	001490	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	28.28	0.00	28.28
1174	001490	Ryman Stationery (Paid to	Stationery	9.99	2.00	11.99
1172	001490	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1171	001490	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	331.02	0.00	331.02
1175	001491	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	82.80	0.00	82.80
1177	001492	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.25	0.00	8.25
1176	001492	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	82.50	0.00	82.50
1178	001493	J Murray (Auditor)	Internal Audit	200.00	0.00	200.00
1180	001494	Viking Direct	Stationery	121.23	24.25	145.48
1179	001494	Viking Direct	Stationery	33.97	6.79	40.76
Totals Paid		918.04	33.04	951.08		

17.086 Finance and Management Committee: The minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meetings held on the 14th March 2017, having been circulated were received.

17.087 Annual Governance Statement 2016/2017: Proposed Mr Clark, seconded Mrs Ashby and unanimously agreed that the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17 be approved and signed.

17.088 Statement of Accounts 2016/2017: Proposed Mr Clark seconded Mrs Ashby and unanimously agreed that the Accounts for 2016/17 be approved and signed.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Date of the next meetings: 18th July 2017

Appendix A

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, on Tuesday 13th June, 2017 at 7:30pm

1) Tough Decisions

Since 2008, when national austerity began, the County Council has had to reduce spending by £340 million but our biggest challenge is yet to come, with a forecast gap in our budget of a further £140 million, by April 2020. Our finances remain under immense pressure as demand continues to grow for County Council services – particularly social care for increasing numbers of older and more vulnerable adults, and vulnerable children. The picture is worsened by the fact that central Government revenue support grant funding to Hampshire will cease altogether in 2019/20. As a result, we will have to make some very tough decisions and will be seeking residents' views in the coming weeks, in order to sustain vital public services for the future.

With less funding and higher demand for some services, particularly social care, reserves have enabled us to weather the storm and plug budget gaps. Using reserves will continue to play a crucial role going forward – but we recognise that this is not a long term solution. The two main reasons are that the majority of our reserves are already committed to fund essential capital investment and one-off reserves cannot be used to solve revenue problems. When there isn't enough income to pay the bills, ongoing service costs still need to be reduced - otherwise funding problems remain and grow for future years.

All of this means that the County Council needs to find more radical ways of making ends meet while ensuring that we protect vital services. As such, the County will be proposing potential options to residents in the summer, to seek their views on what we might do over the next two years to balance the budget. Given that our efficiency programme between 2008 and 2019/20 represents total savings of nearly £0.5 billion we need to continue to ensure limited funds are targeted to where they are needed most and fully maximised to benefit Hampshire residents.

2) Living Independently

Hampshire County Council's investment to enable the development of Extra-Care accommodation to support the greater numbers of people living into old age, and younger adults with learning and physical disabilities is set to exceed £70 million by 2022.

The challenges facing the Authority in caring for these vulnerable residents requires consideration of the widest range of possible options – including building new schemes and improving a number of existing sites. As such, £45 million is being invested over a decade to stimulate the development of schemes for older people across the whole county, with a further £35million for schemes to support younger adults with learning and physical disabilities.

3) Library Cards

Parents are signing up their babies to their local Library at the same time as registering their births, as part of a new Hampshire County Council initiative. In the past year, 1,267 new babies have received their very own Library Cards from Hampshire Library Service after visiting Hampshire Registration Service. The voluntary scheme has seen around 20% of all babies registered in Hampshire join the Library Service since May 2016.

Nowadays Libraries are much more than just places to inspire excitement about books. They are the hub of local communities, providing family activities such as baby rhyme time and story time as well as registration and health services, coffee shops and public internet access. More and more families are choosing to sign up their new-borns whilst registering the birth.

4) Hampshire Business of the Year

ASV Global, a Portchester-based developer of unmanned and autonomous vessel technology, has received the inaugural Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Business of the Year Award. In seven years, the company has grown from a start up with just two people to achieve recognition as a world leader in marine autonomous service vehicles.

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