

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 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
Mrs A Ashby
Mrs. P. Stallard
Rev. S. Brocklehurst

Also present:

Mr Kier Saunders

Unable to attend:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

Mr Watson explained that the Clerk, Mr Eddie Mason was unwell following a recent operation and therefore unable to attend the meeting. Therefore only urgent business would be conducted.

18.001 Apologies for absence:, PCSO B. Towler and District Councillors: Neil Cutler, Angela Clear and Therese Evans, together with Flt. Lt T, Mayes

18.002 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr. A. Hinton, seconded Mrs. P. Stallard and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th December 2017 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

18.003 Matters Arising:

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

18.004 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs. Stallard in her capacity as County Councillor had provided a written report see Appendix A. Mrs Stallard emphasised that she had some £700 in grants to allocate before the end of this month and that any groups that were in need should be encouraged to apply.

18.005 Community Safety: Mr Clarke presented the Community Safety report prepared by PCSO B. Towler (see Appendix B.)

18.006 Correspondence: Most correspondence had been issued to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

18.007 Playing field matters:

- i) No urgent matters to discuss.

18.008 Street Lighting Matters: Mrs Houghton reported,; Light No.3 in West Street has damage in need of repair and the timing is out for lights No 5 and 8.

18.009 Roads & Highway matters:

No urgent matters to discuss.

18.010 Planning Matters:

- i) Winchester City Council had sent a Planning Development Management consultation letter relating to case 17/01772/REM – Phase 13A Development of land to the West of Waterlooville. This application was discussed at length. The Council was concerned that this application is significantly different to the outline planning consent. They suspected it does not conform to WCC Local Plan Part 1 & 2. Furthermore, had concerns for the density of housing, the removal of previously designated open space and the reduction of healthy green space. These factors may also impact the S106 agreement in that regard. Should the Officer be minded to grant the application then the Council ask that this case be submitted to DPC for a decision.

18.011 West of Waterlooville: A discussion about the Community Governance consultation took place.

18.012 Members Business:

- i) Mr Richards raised concern about the state of the grass verge in New Road West, next to the Church. This is being driven over by vehicles and looks a mess.
- ii) Mrs Houghton reported that a light was out on the MOD footpath just past the Widows Cottages. She also enquired of Mr Richards if he had yet had time to report the defects of the telephone box to BT. He reported that he would take the matter in hand promptly.
- iii) Mr Hinton reported that the Village Clock above the Store was becoming noisy. It was agreed that he should investigate the cause and rectify it. A budget of up to £100 was approved.
- iv) Mr Saunders raised a problem relating to accumulated rubbish in the streets around the West of Waterlooville MDA. This it was explained is currently a responsibility of the developer. Katie Strickland WCC to be advised.

18.013 Orders for Payment:

- i) There were no Orders for Payment discussed, however if the Clerk finds any urgent items that need attention before our next meeting it was agreed that Mr Watson and Mr Clark should meet to address those items.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm

Date of the next meetings: 6th February 2018 – Members to note change of location to D-Day Memorial Hall.

Appendix A

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18.004 Public Participation:

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1) Dealing with Winter Weather

Throughout the year, Hampshire Highways completes ditch clearing and maintenance work on Hampshire's 60,000 gullies and 4,600 catchpits, as well as carrying out a continued programme of structural improvements to the highways drainage system to make Hampshire more resilient to the effects of extreme weather.

Anyone who experiences an issue on a Hampshire road can report it at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport>. Details of flood alerts and updates are available from the [Environment Agency](https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/5-day-flood-risk) at <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/5-day-flood-risk>. Further information on the impact on the electricity network is available from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, see <http://news.ssen.co.uk/news/all-articles/2017/12/ssen-returns-to-business-as-usual/>

2) New Electric Vehicles

A new electric delivery van and pool car based at Bar End, Winchester, will cost 97% less to 'fuel' than equivalent diesel vehicles. The County Council is also reviewing which other vehicles in its 156 small vehicle fleet could be replaced with electric equivalents – which could save £210,000 every year.

The County Council has already saved nearly £30 million in energy costs over the past seven years after cutting its carbon emissions by 38.1% since 2010. The local authority has now set a more ambitious target to cut carbon from 40% to 50% by 2025. Electric vehicles could also save an estimated 400 tonnes of carbon emissions, helping the environment and delivering cleaner air for Hampshire residents.

3) School Dinners

The Council has agreed an increase of 15p for a two course school dinner. This will come into effect from September 2018 and will bring the price per meal in line with those charged by many other local authorities, as well as the Department for Education's funding for free meals, which is set at £2.30. In the last school year, HC3S, the County Council's award winning catering business, cooked and served over 14 million school meals in Hampshire's primary and secondary schools.

4) Help with paying for childcare

Financial support is available if you and your family meet certain criteria. [Free Early Years Education \(EYE\)](#) is also available to some two, and all three and four year olds in school nursery classes, state or private nursery schools, day nurseries, playgroups or pre-schools and with approved childminders. There is also other support for [children with special educational needs and disabilities](#). Visit the Hampshire County Council web page [<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/childcare/payingforchildcare>] to find out more, including universal credit and help if you are in education.

5) Adoption and Fostering 'web chat'

Deciding to apply to adopt or foster a child is a big step, and it's important that all the information and advice people might need to make a decision is easy to access. Hampshire County Council's new "web chat" service makes it easier to get in touch with adoption and fostering specialists quickly for information, or arrange a call back.

During office hours, people can opt to begin a live, online 'chat' with an adviser if they would like to ask questions about adoption, including their potential eligibility to adopt. There are more than 40 children in the care of Hampshire County Council who are waiting to be adopted. There is a particular need for adopters who feel they could give a home to sibling groups, or a child with disabilities. HCC provide support for adopters and the new additions to their families, and our Adoption Support Team of social worker specialists is on hand for as long as needed.

Anyone over 18 who has a spare room and some personal or professional child care experience can apply to adopt a child, whether an individual or a couple. To find out more, please call 0300 555 1384.

6) **New Assault Course**

A new assault course has been opened at Hampshire County Council's Queen Elizabeth Country Park. The free facility is part of the Armed Forces Covenant funded Forts and Fleets project, which also includes a new dog activity course, adventure play area and outdoor community space at the County Council's largest country park near Petersfield.

Proposed improvements in and around the existing visitor centre funded by the County Council are due to be completed in 2019, including a bigger catering offer with more seating, a flexible hall for indoor events and for hire, better car parking and improved landscaping and shelter in the courtyard. The County Council and partner organisations are also investing in new or improved visitor centres and play facilities at Lepe Country Park in the New Forest, Royal Victoria Country Park at Netley, Staunton Country Park at Havant and Manor Farm and River Hamble Country Park at Bursledon.

7) **New Year's Resolution?**

If you are concerned about your body weight why not take up this offer? Almost 7 in 10 of Hampshire adults are overweight or obese and the cost to the NHS in Hampshire in managing diseases related to obesity is estimated at almost £340 million per year! The County Council has commissioned a new self-referral service for people aged 18 years and over. If you are a resident in the administrative county of Hampshire, or are registered with a Hampshire GP and have a Body Mass Index [BMI] of 30+, or don't know what your BMI is but think you might qualify for this **free service**, call 0345 602 7068 and quote WWRS095. People who qualify will be offered a free tailored service and will aim to lose not less than 5% of their body weight.

8) **Walking and Cycling**

Walking is simple, free and one of the easiest ways to get more active, and become healthier. The County Council has six beautiful country parks [see <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo>] plus Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve which are the perfect places to stretch your legs. Regular brisk walking helps to improve performance of the heart, lungs and circulation, lower blood pressure, and reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and strokes. It can also help to reduce stress levels and promote a sense of wellbeing.

9) **Did you know?** It is recommended that adults do at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week. The recommendation for children is at least 60 minutes every day, and preferably more.

To help with ideas of where to stride out and stay fit and healthy, visit the Walking for Health website [[see https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/](https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/)] which offers more than 1,800 free short walks every week. These walks are easy to get involved with, especially if you have an existing health condition and want to keep active.

10) **Did you know?** There are over 750 miles of off-road cycle routes and urban cycle paths in Hampshire. To find out more visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/cycling>

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