

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, on Tuesday 6th February 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
Mr. N. Cutler
Mrs. P. Stallard
Rev. S. Brocklehurst

North East Ward:

Mrs A. Ashby

Also present:

Flt. Lt. T, Mayes

In Attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

18.014 Apologies for absence:, PCSO B. Towler, Mr Kier Saunders, and District Councillors: Angela Clear and Therese Evans,

18.015 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mrs. A. Ashby, seconded Mr A. Richards and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd January 2018 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

18.016 Matters Arising:

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

18.017 Public Participation:

- i) Mr Watson gave a brief report about the West of Waterlooville meeting that he had attended where it was agreed that the West of Waterlooville Parish Council will be created in the near future and will be named Newlands Parish Council.
- ii) Mrs. Stallard in her capacity as County Councillor had provided a written report see Appendix A. Mrs Stallard in addition to her report added that the Hampshire County Councils proportion of the Council Tax is increasing by 5.99%.
- iii) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor reported that Winchester City Council had commissioned an independent review of members' allowances which had recommended that there should be an 8% increase. However this was not accepted by Council where it was agreed that there should be no increase.

Boarhunt Parish Council had objected to the Gypsy and Travellers site's planning application to increase the number of units on the site by ten. The Planning Committee has refused the planning application and concluded that there can be no additional units.

Winchester City Council has agreed that it will start to take action on enforcement issues.

Mr Cutler expressed his frustration about the caravan site at Boarhunt which is causing problems with local communications.

Mr Cutler said that he had heard that there is a proposal to build 200 new houses in Wickham.

Mrs Stallard said that it is unlikely that this proposal will get planning permission because it is outside the Local Plan.

18.018 Community Safety:

- i) No urgent matters to discuss.

18.019 Correspondence: All correspondence had been issued to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

18.020 Playing field matters:

- i) No urgent matters to discuss.

18.021 Street Lighting Matters: Mrs Houghton reported that Light No.3 in West Street has been damaged and is in need of repair.

18.22 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that he would talk to Robert Bailey about the mess that he is leaving on the roads.
- ii) Mr Cutler explained the legal obligation to clear up any mess that is left on the road.
- iii) Mr Clark said that the lay-by will be closed for five months.

Mrs Stallard said that she would get more details and report back.

- iv) Mr Cutler reported that Mill Lane, Widley had had to be closed because of Fly-tipping. He has asked Winchester City Council to put up security cameras but so far he has not received a response.

18.023 Planning Matters:

- i) Mr Watson reported that 50 plus residents had attended the West of Waterlooville meeting to complain about the Phase 13A Development of land to the West of Waterlooville. Mr Watson explained that the Parish Council had written objecting to the proposal and that Mr Cutler would speak outlining the objections at the Planning Committee Meeting.

18.024 West of Waterlooville:

- i) Mr Watson reported that when the Parish Council takes over the responsibility for running the Community Building an estimate of the likely cost for furniture and fixtures will be approximately £15,000. Mr Watson said that this could be funded by Denmead Parish Council and Southwick & Widley Parish Council each donating £4,000 and the remainder coming from Section 106 funding.

Mrs Stallard suggested that local businesses should be approached to give money for sponsorship.

Mr Cutler said that he would contact Winchester City Council to see how much Section 106 money we are entitled to.

Mr Watson circulated a draft report and asked that Councillors consider it and come back with comments.

Mrs Ashby recommended that a sub-committee be set up with responsibility for the Community Building.

18.025 Members Business:

- i) Mr Richards asked Flt. Lt. Mayes for his support to get Southwick Park to put up bollards on the entrance to the Drive by the church to stop motorists from using it.
- ii) Mr Richards said that he has got BT to clean the phone box, but was unable to get them to replace the light bulb.
- iii) Mr Richards proposed that we extend Mr Paul Collins' contract for the grounds maintenance of the Playing Field. This was unanimously agreed.
- iv) Flt Lt Mayes reported that access to the Map Room in Southwick House will be provided free for Cadet Forces and Schools.
- v) Mrs Houghton asked if anyone new why the D-Day Memorial Hall was proposing to spend £40,000 on kitchen refurbishment.

Mr Watson explained that for kitchen refurbishment to meet the stringent Health and Safety and Fire Regulations standards does costs a lot of money.

- vi) Mr Hinton said that he had received an email inviting his band to participate in a national concert commemorating "Battles over – A Nations Tribute" on Sunday 11th November. As well as the concert there will also be the lighting of beacons and Church services, and asked if the Parish Council would like to participate.

Mr Cutler said that it should be a joint venture of the Parish Council and Southwick Park.

It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up to arrange the Village's participation, consisting of: Mr Hinton, Rev. Brocklehurst and Flt Lt. Mayes.

- vii) Mr Watson said that he had been approached by a man who wants to organise a Southwick run for charity which would require the closing of some roads.

The Council agreed with Mr Clark's suggestion that he should provide details of what he wants so that the Council can decide whether or not to allow it.

18.026 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List January 2018

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1245	001535	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	4.04	0.00	4.04
1244	001535	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1243	001535	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	242.56	0.00	242.56
1246	001536	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	60.60	0.00	60.60
1247	001537	D-Day Memorial Hall - Hall Hire	Hire of Room	90.00	0.00	90.00
1248	001538	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	61.25	0.00	61.25
Totals Paid				478.45	0.00	478.45

Cheque List February 2018

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1251	001539	BB Online Uk Ltd	Web Site	33.50	6.70	40.20
1250	001539	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1249	001539	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	331.02	0.00	331.02
1252	001540	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	82.80	0.00	82.80
1254	001541	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.75	0.00	8.75
1253	001541	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	87.50	0.00	87.50
1255	001542	PC Garden Contracts	Grounds Maintenance	770.00	0.00	770.00
1256	001543	Zurich Insurance	Administration	632.62	0.00	632.62
Totals Paid				1966.19	6.70	1972.89

The meeting closed at 8:48 pm

Date of the next meetings: 6th March 2018

Appendix A

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18.17 Public Participation:

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

1. Hampshire Road Repairs

The County Council has invested an extra £10m each year in our planned maintenance Operation Resilience programme and this is proving effective in reducing the rate of decline of our roads. However, without additional Government funding, it is simply not possible to deliver overall improvements in Hampshire roads from year to year. Consequently, the County Council are lobbying the Government for more money. The motorways and major trunk roads maintained by Highways England receive around 52 times more funding than local roads – this is a huge gap which must be addressed. Local councils are also drastically underfunded for maintaining highway bridges. In Hampshire, we estimate we have only around 20 per cent of the funds needed to safely maintain all of Hampshire's bridges over the next 10 years. A reminder that to report potholes to the Council at www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

2. Meals on Wheels for Young People

The Meals on Wheels service is being extended to include young adults for the first time. The County Council will continue to provide meals for older Hampshire residents but a new £16 million contract will enable the authority to support people aged 18 years and above. People with learning difficulties, mental health issues and physical disabilities are among those who will benefit from the new service. The service delivers a hot two-course lunch with the additional option of afternoon tea. Meals on Wheels drivers are also trained to carry out a wellbeing check as well as delivering the food.

There are currently 1,770 customers receiving Meals on Wheels from one to seven days a week and nearly 35,000 lunchtime meals are delivered each month. Over 64% of customers are aged 75 years and over, with 36 per cent aged between 55 and 75 years. The proportion of those people aged 85 years and over is expected to increase by almost 30% to 54,600 people by 2023 as society continues to age.

3. Employment Growth in Hampshire

The Economic and Business Intelligence Service at Hampshire County Council has released the following update on the local labour market –

- Employment growth amongst Hampshire residents is robust. At the start of this year, unemployment fell to the lowest in the South East and 5th lowest in the Country
- Hampshire had some 13,400 more people in employment in the year to September 2017 than in the previous year
- The employment rate reached 81.1%, the second highest in the South East
- The proportion of Hampshire residents in employment increased more than twice as fast as the UK average and faster than the South East average
- Hampshire had some 12,000 fewer unemployed people than in the previous year
- Youth unemployment in Hampshire remains stubbornly high with more than one in ten young people who are actively seeking work remaining unemployed in the year to September 2017

4. Be Sugar Smart

In Hampshire, one in five children entering school is overweight or obese, and by the age of 10 to 11 years this rises to almost one in three.

On the Sugar Smart web pages <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/#mh5iPmlStrRzLOV.97> you will find advice on purchasing healthier snacks as well as promotional offers on a range of healthier snacks, including fruit and vegetables at selected supermarkets. Parents can also get money-off vouchers to help them try healthier snack options, including malt loaf, lower sugar fromage frais, and drinks with no added sugar.

The recommended sugar guidelines for children are:

- Children aged 4 to 6 years old should not have more than 19g of added sugar per day – that's 5 cubes (based on 4g sugar cubes).
- Children aged 7 to 10 years old should have no more than 24g per day – that's 6 cubes (based on 4g sugar cubes).
- From 11 years up, children should have no more than 30g per day – that's 7 cubes (based on 4g sugar cubes).
- No more than 5 per cent of a person's (from 2 years old and above) daily energy intake should come from sugar.

5. School Transport

Around £30million is spent providing transport for thousands of schoolchildren and students in Hampshire but this could change under new proposals. People are being asked to give their views on possible reductions in Home to School Transport and the post-16 transport service, which currently goes above and beyond what is legally required. If agreed, the changes could become effective from September 1st 2018.

HCC is required by law to transport all children of compulsory school age [meaning after the child's fifth birthday] who meet the nationally set distance criteria, who have special educational needs or disabilities, or whose route to school is an 'unsafe walking route'. The consultation on proposals will run until 13th March 2018. A report on the feedback will be prepared for consideration in May. To have your say, visit www.hants.gov.uk/consultations.

6. New Special Free School in Wymering

A joint bid with Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth City Council was approved under the government's Special Free School Building Programme. The proposal is for a modern, purpose-built special free school to be located on the former Wymering Community Centre site. The special free school will specifically cater for up to 40 pupils with autism/social communication difficulties and associated challenging behaviour and sensory needs. These children need more specialist support and interventions than mainstream schools provide and there is a growing need for this type of specialist provision. The new school will support young people throughout their education including post-16 and help give them the best possible start as young adults.

7. Short Breaks for Children with Disabilities

Grants totalling more than £2.2 million have been agreed by Hampshire County Council for short breaks, provided by community and voluntary organisations, for carers of disabled children, across the County. Over the past twelve months, just over 2,200 families, from all over Hampshire, have accessed short break activities. Activities take place outside of school time, during evenings, weekends and school holidays. The type of break being funded in 2018/19 will include:

- educational and leisure activities for disabled children, outside their homes;
- day-time care of disabled children either in their home or elsewhere; and
- services to assist carers in the evenings, at weekends and during school holidays.

The total short breaks grant funding included agreement to a further year's support for the Parent Voice Information and Participation Service (£37,500), the Rose Road Buddy Scheme (£140,000) and Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN £35,000).

8. Bayeux Tapestry

The Bayeux Tapestry is set to be displayed in the UK for the first time after France agreed it could leave their shores after 950 years. Described by some as history's first graphic novel, the 230ft-long embroidery depicts events leading up to the Battle of Hastings and the Norman conquest of England by William the Conqueror in 1066. The arrival of the Normans saw the capital switched from Winchester to London. Although referred to as a tapestry, it is an embroidery stitched in nine different panels and it is believed to have been sewn by nuns in Canterbury.

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Cllr Roy Perry, has offered to host the historic tapestry in the Great Hall of Winchester Castle, after the French president Emmanuel Macron announced it would be loaned to the UK. Cllr Perry has also suggested in a letter written to Prime Minister, Theresa May, that in exchange for the priceless item, Hampshire could loan King Arthur's Round Table to our neighbours across the Channel. The medieval round table was constructed as a replica under the orders of Edward I and painted during the reign of Henry VIII and is displayed in the Great Hall, Winchester. King Arthur's Round Table bears the names of the Knights of his court, and depicts Arthur sitting above a Tudor rose. The location for the display of the Bayeux Tapestry is due to be decided later this year.

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