

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Southwick & Widley Ward:

Mr J. Watson in the Chair
Mrs J. Houghton
Mrs P. Stallard
Mr A Richards
Mr A. Hinton
Mr N. Cutler

Also Present: Lt. Cdr.. M. Thompson

In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

19.126 Apologies for absence: Mr A. Adams, Mr G Clark, Rev. S. Brocklehurst, PCSO B. Towler, District Councillors: A Clear and T. Evans.

19.127 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr A. Hinton seconded Mr A. Richards and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 2019 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

19.128 Matters Arising:

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

19.129 Public Participation:

- i) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor:
 - a) Explained about the problems Winchester City Council is experiencing balancing their budget in the light of the savings that they have to make. The Council hopes that these savings can be achieved by public consultation; saving what the public believe to be of least importance.
- ii) County Councillor Stallard had prepared a written report see (Appendix A)
 - a) She said that in her capacity of Cabinet Member for Children & Young People's Services, she is having problems getting the funding necessary to finance essential services that the County Council has a legal obligation to provide.
- iii) Lt. Cdr. Thompson
 - a) Said that there have been problems with Southwick Park's central heating.
 - b) Said she has nothing to report on the ownership of the Sycamores growing around the playing field and will try to report to the next Council Meeting.

Mr Cutler said that in general they are the responsibility of Southwick Park and suggested a site meeting with representatives from Southwick Park, Parish Council and Winchester City Council's Arboriculture Officer.

Lt. Cdr. Thompson said she would report back to the Parish Council.

- c) She reported that the Camp Commandant has had signs put up on the Gate to Boulter Lane notifying of its closure.

19.130 Community Safety:

- i) Mr Watson reported that there had been a break in at the village shop/post office.
- ii) Mr Cutler reported that fly-tipping is still a problem.

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

19.132 Playing field matters:

- i) Mrs Houghton reported that the hedge has now been cut.

19.133 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that he had received some replies to the tender put out for the streetlight maintenance contract.

He suggested that one of the firms should be offered the chance to repair the three faulty streetlights, so that response times and suitability can be assessed.

This request was unanimously agreed.

19.134 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mrs Stallard said that she had reported the rubble left in the lay-by.
- ii) Mr Richards asked about having a road sweeper visit the village

19.135 Planning Matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that the applicant for the New Barns Farm planning application, requesting the: change of Use of Brick Barn, inclusive of internal and external alterations, from general industrial use (B2) to a personal training studio (D2) and shared ancillary use of the associated welfare unit to provide ancillary toilet and shower facilities, will be considered by the Planning Committee on the 19th December.

19.136 Members Business:

- i) Mrs Stallard reported that the Travellers application to enlarge the Worlds End Travellers site has now been approved which is against the objections of the Council and Residents, and this now sends the message that travellers can do what they like without any regard to Planning Regulations.

19.137 Orders for Payment:

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

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Cheque List November 2019

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1433	001650	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
1432	001650	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1431	001650	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	257.71	0.00	257.71
1434	001651	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	64.40	0.00	64.40
1435	001652	Mr J Watson (Expenses)	Church Harvest Festival	30.00	0.00	30.00
1437	001653	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.75	0.00	8.75
1436	001653	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	70.00	0.00	70.00
Totals Paid				458.94	0.00	458.94

Date of the next meetings: 10th December 2019

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19.129 ii) County Councillor Stallard

1. Non-UK EU citizens in Hampshire

Hampshire County Council is seeking to increase awareness about the Government's EU Settlement Scheme, which is designed to protect the rights of EU citizens living in the UK after Brexit. Over the last 12 months, the County Council has sought to provide assurance to its own staff and to signpost Hampshire residents to advice about the EU Settlement Scheme.

The scheme, which involves an online registration process, has been designed specifically to enable those non-UK EU citizens, already lawfully based in the UK, to remain post-Brexit and to avoid them being adversely affected by plans for a new immigration system from 2021.

There are over 40,000 non-UK EU residents living in Hampshire – many of them highly valued members of our communities. It is encouraging that by the end of June this year over 9,000 EU citizens living in Hampshire had successfully registered with the scheme. There is considerable support available to help people through the process. For those people who do not have the skills or confidence to complete an online application form, the Citizens Advice Bureau is a source of advice and is working with a wide range of organisations and charities in Hampshire. Guidance about how to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme is set out on the Government's webpage <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>] and Southampton Registration Service is offering an ID scanning service – see <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/people-places/ceremonies/citizenship/eu-settlement-scheme.as>

2. Construction Trainees

A free construction skills training programme, launched across Hampshire last November, has been a roaring success with almost 400 people completing the two-week course so far – and there are places for another 400 before the scheme ends next March. The County Council's programme which aims to open up opportunities in the industry to a wider range of people while filling the County's skills gap, has been funded by a £1 million award from the Department for Education (DfE) and the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB). The Authority's bid was one of 26 approved from a total of 60 bids nationally.

In Hampshire, and nationally, there is a shortage of skilled building workers, so the opportunities are there for anyone who passes this basic training. The minimum qualification to work on a construction site is known as the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Card, which covers health and safety, first aid and basic building skills. Once on site, qualified labourers are able to take part in further training, including apprenticeships, to specialise or improve their skills. For further information on available training courses, visit www.hampshire.gov.uk/construction-skills

3. A Unique Trial

A unique collaboration between the County Council's adult social care team and the South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) is reducing the number of people in the south east of Hampshire being admitted to hospital unnecessarily – by more than 580 in the last eight months. At the end of last year, the Authority placed a qualified social worker at SCAS's emergency operations centre to work collaboratively alongside 999 emergency call takers in a unique trial. Believed to be the first of its kind across English Ambulance Services, the trial is designed to ensure people needing social care support were not being admitted to hospital unless there was a clear medical reason for doing so.

Once a 999-ambulance crew has attended an emergency incident, the paramedic team assesses the situation, and if they consider the patient requires adult social care support rather than medical intervention, the SCAS based social worker intervenes and organises the required help and assistance, freeing up the crew to attend their next call. Due to the success of the trial, the County Council and SCAS are continuing to work in partnership and there are plans to extend this service for the next financial year.

4. Highways Maintenance

With 33,000 roadside gullies and 2,600 catchpits cleared, 4,000 intercepting ditches (known as grips) cut and cleaned, and eight major drainage schemes completed to help reduce the risk of localised flooding, Hampshire Highways teams have been working hard through the year to make sure the County's roads are ready for the expected winter weather.

Each year, around £2 million is earmarked for maintaining 900 kilometres of highway drains and roadside gullies, but there are many gullies and watercourses on private land which can become blocked without regular maintenance. These blockages can lead to flooding on local roads after heavy rainfall. With more intense storms and rainfall, it is ever more important that residents and landowners make sure ditches and drains on their land are kept clear of leaves, vegetation and other debris so that water can run freely through them, as this will complement work on the highway to reduce the risk of local flooding. More information at: hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding

County-wide statistics for October last –

- 10,525 Gullies and other drainage cleared
- 982 Square metres of footway repaired/resurfaced
- 33 Other Jobs completed (outside of all works shown)
- 45 Arboriculture jobs completed
- 42,522 Square metres of carriageway resurfacing
- 313 Emergencies attended
- 13 Operation Resilience planned works complete
- 1,331 Potholes repaired (including extra Find and Fix gangs)
- 268,982 Square metres of surface dressing and micro asphalt

5. Why not Become a School Governor?

As the new school year gets underway, schools across Hampshire are looking for volunteers to help them to be the best and make a positive difference to children's education by becoming a School Governor. With 524 schools and academies in the County, there are more than 6,000 Governors supporting them. However, while many schools have a full quota of Governors, others have up to three vacancies on their Board. People volunteering to be Governors do not need to have previous experience. All that is required is to be over 18 years, and to have enthusiasm, commitment and time. Full training for the role is available through Hampshire Governor Services at no cost to individual Governors. Interested? Find out more by visiting the [Hampshire Governor Services website](#), or by contacting the Governor Services team on 02380 814820 or email governors@hants.gov.uk

6. Violence and Domestic Abuse

- An average of 306 people in Hampshire are admitted every year to hospital due to violent crime.
- Domestic violence and abuse (DVA) accounts for 12% of total crime.
- An estimated 38,000 women and over 17,000 men in Hampshire are likely to have been victims of domestic abuse in the last year.
- Exposure to domestic violence and abuse is the most frequently reported form of trauma for children and is often experienced alongside other forms of maltreatment, such as child abuse and neglect. In 2017, there were almost 1,700 children in need, due to abuse or neglect in Hampshire. Ninety per cent of domestic abuse is witnessed by children.

If you have any concerns because you think that a child is being abused or has been abused in the past contact the Children's Services Department - Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384. At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373. IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999.

7. Yuletide Merriment

Father Christmas loves magical places and he will be making a return visit to the Great Hall, Winchester this year on Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd December to greet children and hear their Christmas wishes. There will be themed craft activities suitable for all ages and a pop-up cafe will be serving mulled wine and a selection of festive treats - perfect for keeping warm on cold days. For details, visit the website for this exclusive festive event and to book online <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php?cat=263>

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