

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 8.00 pm

Present:

Mr J. Watson in the Chair
Mr A. Hinton
Mr Neil Cutler
Mr A Richards
Revd. S. Brocklehurst
Mrs P. Stallard
Mrs J. Houghton
Mr G. Clark

Also Present: District Councillor A. Clear
Three members of the public

In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

20.026 Apologies for absence: Mr A. Adams, Lt. Cmdr. M. Thompson, PCSO B. Towler and District Councillor T Evans.

20.027 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr A. Richards seconded Mr N. Cutler and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 2020 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

20.028 Matters Arising:

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

20.029 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs Jan Bailey came to speak as representatives of the local farmers, asking the Parish Council to support them against road closures scheduled for athletic meetings. She said that the last few weeks inclement weather had already delayed farmers work and that they now needed every free minute to help them catch up.

Mr Watson proposed that he writes to Winchester City Council requesting that they cancel the athletic events because they will be interfering with farming and agriculture, this proposal was unanimously agreed.

- ii) Mr Neil Lander-Brinkley had attended the meeting to inform it that he represented Flick Drummond Conservative MP for this constituency and that for any local problems to call him and that he will make Flick aware of them.
- iii) Mrs Stallard, in her capacity as County Councillor, had provided a written report see Appendix A.
 - a) Also, Mrs Stallard said that she had arranged for the removal of the mess left by the County Highways in the Lay-by, although she could not specify when this work will be undertaken.
- iv) District Councillor A. Clear reported:
 - a) That Winchester City Council had approved an increase in its Council Tax of 3%.
 - b) It was introducing a chargeable garden waste collection service.
 - c) She explained how the WCC would become carbon neutral.
 - d) Said that a nomination had been put forward for the Chair of the Parish Council, Mr Watson, to receive one of the Mayors Community Awards.

20.030 Community Safety:

- i) Mr Clark asked if we can request a community safety bulletin?

District Councillor Clear that she will talk to the Police about this.

20.031 Correspondence: All correspondences had been issued to the Councillors before the meeting.

20.032 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that he had received a quote for removing the Sycamores from around the Playing Field and that he had asked Southwick Park for a contribution payment.

Revd Brockenhurst pointed out that if the Parish Council undertakes the to do the work, then it will be accepting responsibility for it.

Mrs Stallard said that the Parish Council would need to inform Hampshire County Council if it intends to do the work.

Unanimously agreed that Mr Watson writes to Southwick Park.

Mr Richards said that an annual playground inspection was needed.

20.033 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mrs Houghton said that light numbers: 6 is not working and 12 is on continuously.

20.034 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson pointed out that double-decker buses bringing passengers into Southwick for the D-Day celebrations will not pass under the low branches

Mrs Stallard said she would see what she can do.

- ii) Mr Richards reported the potholes

20.035 Planning Matters:

- i) Nothing.

20.036 Members Business:

- i) Mrs Houghton reported cars that are inconveniently parking in front of the entrance to the playing field outside the bungalows.

Mr Cutler said that he would notify Winchester City Council.

- ii) Revd Brockenhurst noted that he had requested planning permission to put a speaker system for the hard of hearing in the church.
- iii) Mr Watson informed those present that the clerk would collect the Councillor Nomination Forms from the Golden Lion at lunchtime on the 26th March.

20.037 Finance Committee Meeting:

- i) Proposed Mr Cutler seconded Mr Hinton and unanimously agreed that the parish council should adopt the 10th December 2019 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.
- ii) Mr Watson explained the reasons for the Parish Council's share of this year's increase in Council Tax and that he would be placing an explanatory notice in the parish magazine.

20.038 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List March 2020

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1472	001672	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	257.71	0.00	257.71
1471	001672	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1470	001672	Ryman Stationery (Paid to	Stationery	28.47	5.69	34.16
1469	001672	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
1468	001672	HM Revenue & Customs (Paid	Clerks Tax	64.40	0.00	64.40
1473	001673	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	64.40	0.00	64.40
1476	001674	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.75	0.00	8.75
1474	001674	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	78.75	0.00	78.75
Totals Paid				530.56	5.69	536.25

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of the next meetings: 14th April 2020

Appendix A
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20.028 Matters Arising:

a) County Councillor Stallard

1. Preferred Choices

Of those people who applied for a Year 7 place for September 2020 by the application deadline, more than 92 per cent have been offered a place at their first-choice school. This is no small achievement when you consider the size of the Hampshire local authority area, and the rising demand for school places year on year, Hampshire parents should be reassured that with our continued investment in schools to provide the additional places, we are keeping pace with the growth in pupil numbers. Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their chosen schools have been allocated a place at the next nearest available school. Parents have the right to appeal in these situations and their child's name will be added to the waiting list for their preferred schools. Places do become available if parents change their mind, or families move home.

The County Council received 14,417 on-time applications this year - an increase of 66 applications compared with the number received for places in September 2019. The admissions team is now busy processing primary school applications with offers due to go out to parents on 16 April 2020. For more information about admissions, please visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning%20missions>

2. EU Citizens

Hampshire County Council is welcoming news that 23,530 out of 43,000 of Hampshire's EU citizens have already signed up to the Government's EU Settlement Scheme, which is designed to protect the rights of EU citizens living in the UK. Since autumn 2018, 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 EU citizens, already lawfully based in the UK, to remain living and working in the UK after 30th June 2021. Support and advice is available for those needing help with the online form or assistance with complex cases at the Citizens Advice Bureau -

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/immigration/staying-in-the-uk-after-brexit/staying-in-the-uk-after-brexit/>

3. School Minibus Programme wins National Award

Hampshire County Council's innovative Spend to Save scheme, which provides schools with minibuses as part of ensuring that eligible children have a safe home to school transport service, has won a Bronze Award against stiff competition from across the UK. The scheme won the Bronze Award in the 'Working Together' category of the Public Sector Transformation Awards, organised by the Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise (iESE).

Judges were impressed with the Spend to Save programme, which provides schools with fully-funded new minibuses for their daily use in exchange for transporting pupils who are eligible for local authority funded home to school transport. The take up rate has increased as a result and a range of options has been developed to suit the needs of different schools and colleges.

With 35 minibuses in the fleet, children in education settings benefit from their school using the minibus for school organised activities, such as school trips and other extra-curricular activities. Having the minibus based on their premises available for use in this way provides much-needed flexibility and reduces pressure on the school or college's budget.

4. Connect to Support Hampshire.

Hampshire County Council is putting out a call to all hand} persons, gardeners, cleaners, therapists, counsellors ... and more! We are launching a new FREE Marketplace director on Connect to Support Hampshire in May 2020 and are looking for individuals and businesses who provide services that could help adults stay independent and well. Find out more about Connect To Support Hampshire Marketplace here: <https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/Information-for-marketplace-providers?>

5. 20,000 People Benefit from Care Technology

The County Council is set to invest up to £67 million in care technology over the next ten years to support the growing number of elderly people and younger adults with disabilities in Hampshire. Through a new contract, the Council expects the number of adults using technology to help them to live more independently to grow significantly over the next decade, with some 20,000 new people set to benefit over the next five years alone.

As part of the new contract, a 'private pay' service will also be pursued. This will enable adults who do not qualify for adult social care support to purchase the wide range of proven care technology now available to the County Council's social care clients. Third parties, including other local authorities and NHS partners, will also be able to buy the services from Hampshire.

6. Business in Hampshire

With latest figures showing 15,174 more new businesses were established in Hampshire last year - more than in any previous year, did you know businesses large and small can benefit from the help and assistance provided by Hampshire County Council's business investment and growth service - Business Hampshire? The team works with a range of public and private sector partners to ensure access to a wide range of support programmes are available. See the website for more information about what is available: <https://businesshampshire.co.uk/> The site has been created to showcase all that is great about Hampshire, with the aim to attract new business investment into the County and to support the growth and success of our existing local businesses

Hampshire saw 15,174 new companies registered in 2019 - up 6.5 per cent on the previous year. The rise brings the total number of registered companies in the county to 114,831, up three per cent on the end of 2018. The statistics come from the Inform Direct Review of Company Formations, based on data from Companies House and the Office for National Statistics.

1. Bus Passes

A reminder to all bus users that as from 1st April 2020 there will be no automatic renewing of older people's concessionary bus passes which have not been used in the 12 months prior to their renewal date. However, on request an eligible older person will be issued with a pass. This process will help to reduce unnecessary cost of issuing passes to people who have moved away from the area or distress to relatives where a pass-holder has died. It will also help to reduce the potential for fraud if a pass is delivered to an address where the pass-holder no longer lives. The overall budget for the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme is £13.1 million. Visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/publictransport/buspasses> or apply and pay by phone on 0300 555 1376.

2. Childcare Choices

If you are a parent of a three or four-year-old child receiving 30 hours of free childcare make sure that you reconfirm your working and income details to ensure that your child continues to receive the free hours. Failure to reconfirm your details may result in your child losing their additional free hours. For more information or to check your Childcare Service account, visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> or call 0300 1234097.

3. Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service

Help and access to support services for:

- Victims and survivors of abuse
- Children living with domestic abuse
- People who may be abusing or hurting someone
- Professionals seeking advice

Please call us on the Advice Line (24 hours) to discuss your situation so that you can access the best service. 03300 165 112. Always **dial 999** if you are in immediate danger or in an emergency.

4. Councillor Grants

Applications for County Councillor grants have now closed but if your group has a community project, with a named Treasurer and a bank account, then please prepare your application for when the next round of funding opens, in early June 2020. Please note, I cannot fund individuals, nor give revenue funding, neither can I provide retrospective funding.

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