

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Virtually on Tuesday 9th June 2020 at 8.00 pm

Present:

Southwick & Widley Ward:

Mr J. Watson in the Chair
Mr A. Hinton
Mrs P. Stallard
Mr G Clark
Mr N. Cutler
Mr T. Parkinson

North East Ward:

Also Present: District Councillors A. Clear and T. Evans

In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

20.084 Apologies for absence: Mrs J Houghton, Mr Richards, Rev. S. Brocklehurst, Lt. Cmdr. M. Thompson, and PCSO B. Towler.

20.085 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mrs P. Stallard seconded Mr G. Clerk and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2019 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

20.086 Matters Arising:

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

20.087 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs Stallard in her capacity as County Councillor had prepared a written report, see Appendix A.
 - a) She also added that bus passes, during the COVID-19 lockdown have had their time constraints lifted, however, from next Monday 15th June the time constraints will be re-imposed.
 - b) Hampshire Care Homes are keeping staffing levels up and COVID levels down, however, some have had COVID-19 in them, although she cannot get a precise number of cases. All that she can get is local numbers which do not help because they include Portsmouth and Southampton. She can, however, confirm that the numbers are dropping.
 - c) A lot of the County Council staff who are working from home have had to be supplied with more modern computers.
 - d) Because of working continuously on computers, staff are being encouraged to take holidays before September to relieve stress.
 - e) Hampshire County Council has calculated because of funding projects concerning COVID-19 it will have a financial deficit of not less than 68 million pounds. Because of this, the County is seeking financial support from the Government.
 - f) As from the 15th June, the Library service is being re-instated, which means that the elderly, infirmed or disabled can go online or telephone and get books delivered to them free of charge. The Library service is also setting up a 'we select, and you collect service' where the public goes online fills out a form describing the type of books they like. The library staff will then select books fitting the description and do home delivery free of charge. However, if a specific book is required, then there will be a charge.
 - g) As from Thursday 11th June, the Household Waste Recycling Centres will be by appointment only; it can be booked online or by telephoning 023 8017 9949.
- ii) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor:
 - a) Winchester City Council has started to run formal meetings, including an abbreviated Mayor making ceremony and Cabinet meeting.
 - b) The focus at the moment is on re-opening, ensuring that in the City and the Market Towns can maintain social distancing when all the shops are open. Winchester market re-opened last Friday in a car park rather than the High Street to ensure adequate space so that social distances could be maintained.
 - c) The Winchester City Council are actively working with Hampshire Highways looking for ways to increase access for pedestrians and cyclists in various places.

- d) Winchester City Council due to COVID-19 is losing approximately one million pounds a month; this means that hopefully, they will lose six million pounds and pessimistically nine million pounds out of a twenty-nine million pounds budget. Therefore an emergency budget will have to be presented in July, in which they will have to make some tough decisions.
 - e) The Government has given Winchester City Council twenty-nine million pounds for business grants, and they have currently distributed 85 per cent this money. The Government has also given them a discretionary grant of One point four-five million the details of which is on the website. This additional money is for businesses that do not pay business rates such as B&B's, Market Traders, and those who share premises but do not pay business rates directly themselves only through their rent. The window for applying for this money ends on Friday this week.
- iii) District Councillor Clear:
- a) Said that Mr Cutler had been elected as Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance. District Councillor Evans is doing a brilliant job as the Chair of Planning Committee. Whereas she is back as Chair of Housing and Environmental Policy and is vice-chair of West of Waterlooville Forum The new Mayor is Councillor Patrick Cunningham and Deputy Mayor is Councillor Vivian Atwell.
 - b) This Morning she attended a Climate Change Conference, where Winchester City Council is trying to become the leaders in Hampshire dealing with climate change emergency issues. The meeting covered everything from Energy generation to Housing and Transport for the future. There were some excellent speakers, and the meeting lasted for two hours.
- c) District Councillor Evans added that the new Mayor would be happy to meet virtually with any group.

20.088 Community Safety:

- i) Mr Watson said that mixed messages are coming from the Government about social distancing and mixed action from the Police service areas where one area was taking a different approach to their neighbour. In London, no action was taken when thousands of people were seen together at 'Black Lives Matter' gatherings or against the press gathered in numbers outside Dominic Cummings residence.

Mr Clark said that there is no legal requirement to maintain two metres distance as this is only a guidance note.

- ii) Mr Watson said there had been three cases of COVID-19 in the Village, one a hospital case, one a bedridden Doctor case and one a light illness case.

20.089 Correspondence: All correspondence had been issued to the Councillors before the meeting.

20.090 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Watson
 - a) reported that some parents are removing the tape and wire securing the Children's play equipment so that children can use them. Mr Watson has re-taped and wired the site and put a note on the Facebook page warning that if this breach of the regulations continue the Parish Council will have the play equipment taken away.
 - b) The posts have gone in as a temporary measure, and he has asked Mr Richards to get the grass cut.
 - c) Mr Hinton asked about the weeds on either side of the fence and whose responsibility it is to get them removed.

Mr Cutler said that he would trim them and then spray roundup onto them.

20.091 Street Lighting Matters: Mr Watson said that the streetlights have now been all repaired.

20.092 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that with regards to Norton Road the Hampshire Highways engineers have written to their contractor Amey and The MOD informing them that it is a public highway. They have requested a site meeting with the Amey representative on the 15th June at 2:30 pm to examine the work completed so far. Amey has sent them various documents and drawings; Mr Watson said he would attend the meeting and report back.

Mr Parkinson said that If Norton Road is going to be a one-way system, then the arrows going up to the right are in the wrong place. There are no no-entry signs which will mean there will be a real health and safety issue, particularly if you are having cars driving around clockwise with no entry sign up the slip-road.

Mr Watson said that Norton Road signs were incorrect.

20.093 Planning Matters: Nothing

20.094 Members Business:

- i) Mr Cutler said that there had been an attempt very close to Southwick boundary at the back of Rudley Mill to build a Travellers Site, but Winchester City Council very quickly avted to put a stop order on it.
- ii) Mr Hinton asked about the Southwick Trail, which is getting overgrown.

Mr Watson said that he has spoken to Winchester City Council. They said that they would make money available to Fund Match a project to open up the countryside to the public. This money is to supply equipment and training in Countryside maintenance.

20.095 Finance and Management Committee: The minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meetings held on the 10th March 2020, having been circulated were received.

20.096 Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020: Proposed Mr Cutler, seconded Mr Hinton and unanimously agreed that the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20 is approved and signed.

20.097 Statement of Accounts 2019/2020: Proposed Mr Clark, seconded Mr Watson and unanimously agreed that the Accounts for 2019/20 be approved and signed.

20.098 Bank Reconciliation Statement 2019/2020: Proposed Mrs Stallard, seconded Mr Clark and unanimously agreed that the Bank Reconciliation Statement for 2019/20 be approved and signed.

20.099 Electronic Payments: Mr Watson proposed, seconded Mr Cutler and unanimously agreed that the Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be amended to cover the use of electronic banking.

20.100 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List June 2020

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1502	001686	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	87.50	0.00	87.50
1499	Tran01	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	14.14	0.00	14.14
1500	Tran01	Viking Direct (Paid to Clerk)	Stationery	38.99	7.80	46.79
1498	Tran01	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1497	Tran01	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	257.71	0.00	257.71
1501	Tran02	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	64.40	0.00	64.40
1503	Tran03	BB Online Uk Ltd	Web Site	134.90	26.98	161.88
1504	Tran04	Viking Direct	Stationery	60.95	12.19	73.14
1505	Tran05	lightatouch	Internal Audit	245.00	0.00	245.00
1506	Tran06	Southwick Forestry Ltd	Grounds Maintenance	1105.00	0.00	1105.00
1507	Tran07	BCG Electrical Services Ltd	Street Lighting	943.63	188.73	1132.36
Totals Paid				2972.22	235.70	3207.92

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm

Date of the next meetings: 14th July 2020

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20.087 Public Participation:

i) Mrs Stallard

1. Booking System at Household Waste Recycling Centres

A new system for residents to book slots at a Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centre [HWRC] will begin on Monday 15th June 2020. Only residents who have made a booking will be able to access the sites from this date onwards. The system is being set up in response to some of the severe traffic congestion seen at many HWRCs since they reopened on 11th May with new social distancing measures in place.

From 15th June, all HWRCs will also revert to their normal summer opening hours of 9.00 am until 6.00 pm, seven days a week. People will be able to book a 30-minute slot up to 48 hours in advance. It is anticipated that over 30,000 booking slots will be available each week. Bookings will need to be made online. Arrangements are also being made for a telephone booking line for residents who do not have access to the internet. Those wishing to book a slot will need to provide their name, car registration and, for online bookings, an email address. Bookings will be limited to one slot per household per week. Further details will be provided on how to book later this week.

2. Making Space for People and Social Distancing

A range of temporary changes are being made across the County to provide more road space for people walking and cycling – keeping a safe social distance as they begin to go back to work and school after the Coronavirus lockdown. HCC has already made some immediate changes across the County to traffic signals and signs, to give pedestrians more space and time. The next stage will be work on the ground to install physical measures which provide more space for safe social distancing.

Changes already in place include:

- Following a review of all pelican, puffin and toucan crossings, waiting times at 166 crossings have been reduced in favour of pedestrians;
- Traffic signals have been altered at some of Hampshire's busiest town centre traffic signal junctions, increasing the frequency that the pedestrian stage appears, and the amount of green time provided to cross the road by foot;
- As well as national messages to Stay Alert and maintain social distancing, many electronic traffic information signs now inform motorists to slow down, share the road and look out for pedestrians and people on bikes.

Work started this week on some of the first schemes in Hampshire to provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists. Further schemes are in development to support retail spaces which mean taking traffic and parking out of our town centres to create space. These plans are being developed with Hampshire's District and Borough Councils, Business Improvement Districts, Town and Parish Councils. Communities, schools and residents are encouraged to make suggestions for schemes which support social distancing at: www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/hantscovidtravel with priority given to those ideas with the potential to make the most positive impact and which meet Government criteria for funding.

3. Road Works on A32

As part of Operation Resilience, Hampshire County Council's programme to make Hampshire's roads more resilient to the effects of extreme weather and heavy traffic, essential carriageway repair works on the A32 will take place on School Road, Wickham, from the junction with Hoad's Hill to the junction with the B2177 Southwick Road.

The works are programmed to start 11th June 2020 and are expected to last for 2 nights, during which time the road will be closed to vehicular traffic from approximately 20:00 – 06:00 hrs. The road will be open during the day.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, works will be carried out ensuring safe working practices and social distancing measures are maintained at all times. A minimum of 2 metres will be kept between site operatives and members of the public, with the appropriate traffic management in place to prevent any interaction.

4. Improvements to M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout

Hampshire County Council will start work this summer on the £23 million project to improve the M27 at Junction 9 and Parkway South. The works are jointly funded by Hampshire County Council and Highways England. Skanska are set to get to work on site from 1st June, initially carrying out earth works and ducting while observing strict social distancing measures. All work will be carried out in line with the Construction Leadership Council's Site Operation Procedures, which is based on Public Health England guidance.

At Junction 9, the overall project will involve carriageway widening which will provide an additional lane on both motorway off-slip roads, the westbound on-slip road and the Whiteley Way approach, together with additional lanes on the northern and southern sections of the circulatory carriageway.

At Parkway South Roundabout, a new, larger fully signalised roundabout will be provided, with carriageway widening to provide additional traffic lanes on all approaches and the circulatory carriageway. A shared use path for pedestrians and cyclists will be provided on the western side of Whiteley Way between M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South roundabout. This will have controlled crossings points at each junction to provide safe access and connections to existing pedestrian and cycle routes on Whiteley Way, Rookery Avenue and within the Segensworth Business Park. Work is due to last for up to 24 months until summer 2022.

For more information visit the scheme web page:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/m27junction9>

5. Foster Carers

At any time, around 1,138 children across Hampshire are in need of foster care. Fostering with Hampshire County Council is **not** dependent on marital status, ethnicity, sexuality or age – so long as you are over 21 years and have a spare room. Foster carers can receive up to £600 per week for each child they look after and a referral fee of up to £500 if they encourage their friends to also become foster carers.

There are several different types of fostering: short term [anything from an emergency overnight stay to a few months]; long term foster care; unaccompanied asylum seeking children, and specialist respite placements.

For a child, growing up with the constancy of a caring home where they feel safe and supported is the most important gift they can have. If you are interested in helping a child and want to find out more telephone 0300 555 1384 or visit the website

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adoptionandfostering/fostering/aboutfostering/whocanfoster>

6. Hampshire's 'SEND' Services are Good

Inspectors from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) recently looked at how well services for children and young people in Hampshire are implementing the Government's SEND reforms, as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014. Inspectors praised the ambitions of leaders in ensuring that children and young people with SEND can succeed. Cited as a strength of the area, was how professionals work together in the early years to identify young children's needs. Transitions between early years and school, and between children's services and adults' services was also seen as a strength. Alongside this, inspectors found that there is effective support for schools and settings to help them successfully provide an inclusive educational experience for children and young people with SEND. Also highlighted as a positive aspect of the services, is the way in which professionals are improving how they involve parents, children and young people in the development of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

7. School Places

The County Council has processed more than 15,000 applications for school places in Year R this year. Just over 98% of parents have been offered a place for their child in one of their three preferred schools - with 90.86% being allocated a place at their first choice of school, up from 88.92% last year. Of pupils transferring from Infant School to Junior School (Year 3), almost 99% received a place at one of their choices - with 97% obtaining a place at their first choice school. For the few cases where parents did not secure a place for their child in a school of their choice, parents have the right to appeal and can ask for their child's name to be added to their preferred school's waiting list. Places can become available if parents change their mind and decide not to accept the offer of a place, or if families move home. More information about the admissions process is available at: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

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