

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Virtually on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 8.00 pm

Present:

Southwick & Widley Ward:

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

North East Ward:

Also Present: District Councillors T. Evans

In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

20.113 Apologies for absence: Mrs J Houghton, Rev. S. Brocklehurst, Lt. Cmdr. M. Thompson, PCSO B. Towler, and District Councillor A. Clear.

20.114 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr Hinton seconded Mr G. Clark and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2020 should now be signed as a true and accurate record.

20.115 Co-option of a Parish Councillor: -

- i) One application for the vacant position had been received, from Mr N. Hibberd.

Proposed Mr Watson seconded Mr Hinton and unanimously agreed that Mr N. Hibberd be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

20.116 Matters Arising:

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

20.117 Public Participation:

- i) Mr Watson raised the following on behalf of Emma Holding; Emma is a registered disabled mother living with her three-year-old daughter in Common Lane and Emma, who does not drive, wants to send her daughter to pre-school and would like transport to be provided. Mr Watson said that he had raised this with both County Councillor Stallard and District Councillor Cutler, who referred it to the Entitlement Officer. The Entitlement Officer has stated that in Hampshire County Council; transport costs are discretionary until the child is of school-age, and It will take at least three months for him to work out her entitlement if any. If she wants in the meantime for her child to continue going to pre-school, she will have to pay the £60 per week transport cost.

Mr Hinton asked what pre-school the child would be attending.

Mrs Stallard said that it was the YMCA Newtown Pre-school. Mrs Stallard went on to explain that because the child is not yet of compulsory school age, she is not entitled to free transport. What she has arranged, however, because of Mrs Holding's disability, is to refer her case to a specialist panel, the outcome of which is, at present, unknown.

- ii) County Councillor Stallard in her position as County Councillor
 - a) Said she had sent a copy of her monthly report to all Parish Councillors.
 - b) Her particular focus at the moment is getting children to school, and this includes making the arrangements for transport for over 9,000 children per day plus 1,600 children who have special educational needs, this is costing well over £31 million per year.
 - c) Councillor Stallard said that at the end of October beginning of November the Central Government would again be issuing a paper on devolution; she will report on this, as or when she has more information.

- iii) Mr Cutler in his position as District Councillor reported that:
 - a) Winchester City Council is opening the High Street.
 - b) There is a 10 million pounds shortfall in the Councils budget, mainly due to the loss of car-parking revenue, the Government has agreed to make up about half of this loss.
- iv) District Councillor Therese Evans:
 - a) Said that initially, the housing building requirement for Winchester was for 666 dwellings per annum, but this had now increased to 1024 homes per annum.
- v) Mr Watson raised on behalf of Mrs Houghton; that she is unhappy with Winchester City Council's decision to charge household £59.00 per annum for a garden waste emptying service. It is her view that a lot of pensioners will be unable to afford this service, and it could lead to more fly-tipping.

Mr Cutler said that he would speak to Mrs Houghton.

20.118 Community Safety:

- i) Mr Watson said that there had been more incidents reported about drifting on the roundabout.
- ii) Mr Clark noted that there had been an illegal rave on the top of Portsdown Hill.
- iii) Mr Watson said that a resident of Castle Road had complained about the noise coming from the Red Lion.

Mr Hinton stated that the complaints were made the same night as the rave and this was more likely to have been responsible for the noise.

- iv) A discussion took place as to whether the Red Lion is acting legally.

Mr Watson said that before the Council takes any action, he would speak to the Landlord of the Red Lion and discuss the resident's complaints.

20.119 Correspondence: The Councillors had received all correspondence before the meeting.

- i) Mr Watson drew to everyone's attention that virtual training courses for new Councillors are available from HALC.

20.120 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Watson raised that.
 - a) The zip wire had been broken in the children's play area; he dismantled it and has ordered replacement parts. When they arrive, he will get it repaired.

Because of Health and Safety, the assembly will need to be undertaken professionally, so he will authorise Barry Ring to do the work.

- b) Mr Watson said that the MOD will not be taking down the trees on the Playing Field but will only be pruning them back. Once the work is completed, the Council will need to consider what it wants to put along that side; the choice is between a hedge or railings.

20.121 Street Lighting Matters: Mr Watson reported that Street Light 29 is not working and asked the Clerk to report it.

20.122 Roads & Highway matters: Nothing

20.123 Planning Matters: Nothing

20.124 Members Business:

- i) Mrs Stallard said that she has money available for projects and requested that bids be submitted. She added: if the money is not used within the next 12 months, it will be returned to central funds and lost.
- ii) Mr Hinton said that there is a new CO at Southwick Park, Squadron Leader Mike Alabaster and asked whether he should be invited to the next meeting.
- iii) Mr Watson raised whether the Council should return to live Council Meetings.

It was unanimously agreed that for the time being the meeting should remain virtual.

20.125 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List September 2020

| Transaction | Cheque No | Creditors Name | Payment For | Nett | VAT | Gross |
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| 1525 | Tran15 | Nice Page (Paid to Clerk) | Web Site | 60.19 | 0.00 | 60.19 |
| 1524 | Tran15 | Eddie Mason | Clerks Expenses (Mileage) | 4.04 | 0.00 | 4.04 |
| 1523 | Tran15 | Eddie Mason | Clerks Expenses | 20.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 |
| 1522 | Tran15 | Eddie Mason | Clerks Salary | 202.81 | 0.00 | 202.81 |
| 1526 | Tran16 | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerks Tax | 172.40 | 0.00 | 172.40 |
| 1530 | Tran17 | Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker) | Play Equipment Inspection | 8.75 | 0.00 | 8.75 |
| 1528 | Tran17 | Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker) | Play Equipment Inspection | 8.75 | 0.00 | 8.75 |
| 1529 | Tran17 | Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker) | Litter Collection | 70.00 | 0.00 | 70.00 |
| 1527 | Tran17 | Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker) | Litter Collection | 78.75 | 0.00 | 78.75 |
| 1531 | Tran18 | Whitedell Engineering Ltd | Play Equipment Inspection | 75.00 | 0.00 | 75.00 |
| Totals Paid | | | | 700.69 | 0.00 | 700.69 |

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of the next meetings: 13th October 2020