

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Virtually on Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 8:00 pm

Present:

Southwick & Widley Ward:

Mr J. Watson in the Chair
Mr N. Cutler
Mr T. Parkinson
Mr A. Hinton
Rev. S. Brocklehurst
Mr N. Hibberd

In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

20.150 Apologies for absence: Mr G Clark, Mrs J. Houghton, Mrs P. Stallard, Lt. Cmdr. M. Thompson, PCSO B. Towler, and District Councillors T. Evans and A. Clear.

20.151 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr Hinton seconded Mr T. Parkinson and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2020 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

20.152 Matters Arising:

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

20.153 Public Participation:

- ii) Mr Cutler in his position as District Councillor reported that:
 - a) The critical work at Winchester City Council is sorting out the budgets. The significant problem is establishing what income it will be getting, particularly in car parking, which accounts for about a quarter of the Council's income. Winchester Council is working on the principle of a twenty per cent decline in revenue; with the knowledge that this could be subject to huge variances. This reduction in income will mean a shortfall of about three and a half million pounds.
 - b) Fly-tipping is becoming a problem again with a significant incident which he reported at Common Lane. This incident is the second of this kind he has had to report, with one occurring a fortnight ago in Sheepwash Lane where 56 bags of insulation were tipped.

20.154 Community Safety: Nothing

20.155 Correspondence: The Councillors had received most correspondence before the meeting.

- i) The Council had received a letter from St. James Southwick and St Nicholas Boarhunt thanking the Parish Council for its Grant of £800.00.

20.156 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that the playing field is a mess and that we need to make up our minds about what we want to do about the fence and hedge around the footpath? The MOD has not replied, and if we do not hear by spring, the Parish Council will need to do some work to put the Playing Field back into a decent state. He recommends that we run a low-level steel fence along the path similar to the fence on the south side with Hawthorn hedging on the inside. The ironwork on the slide and the swings needs painting, the matting around the swings and slide needs some repair.

Mr Cutler said that we need to develop a plan of work with giving priority to the fence.

Mr Watson suggested that there should be a sub-committee set up to pursue this idea. The sub-committee to consist of Mr Watson, Mr Hinton, Mr Hibberd and Mr Cutler.

20.157 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Hinton reported that Back Lane light nine is not working.
- ii) Mr Watson asked the Clerk to get a quote for cleaning the lights.

20.158 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) The kerbstone replaced outside the Church was the wrong type; it should have been stone because it is in

a conservation area. Mr Watson said that he had reported this, but we would have to wait to replace it.

ii) Mrs Stallard is looking into getting a dropped kerbs between the Church and the Post Office pavement.

20.159 Planning Matters:

- i) Mr Watson spoke about 17 Castle Roads application, no comment.
- ii) Mr Cutler talked about the application for an additional building on the top of Portsdown Hill for a block of 27 residential flats with 81 parking spaces. Unfortunately, as this is permitted development, the Parish Council cannot object to it.

20.160 Members Business:

- i) Mr Watson spoke about confidential minutes.

Mr Cutler said that there is already a motion at the bottom of each meeting's agenda that can be moved, to exclude all members of the public and place it into a private session.

- ii) Mr Watson spoke about gigabit broadband which could become commercially viable for the Village.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Watson prints off and distributes a circular to determine the level of interest in the Village.

- iii) Mr Parkinson raised why Villagers are not allowed to walk around the lake anymore.

Mr Watson said that he would speak to the Estate about this

- iv) Mr Hinton asked why when walking the trail dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

20.161 Setting 2021/22 Precept:

- i) Mr Cutler as Chair of the Finance Committee went through the budget predictions and how our next year's expenditure is forecast to be about £19,000 plus any capital projects. Because the Parish reserves are a little high, it was felt that capital expenditure could come from the reserves and that we could reduce our Precept to £18,000 this represents a reduction of £4,000 from last year.

Proposed Mr Cutler seconded Mr Hinton and unanimously agreed that the Precept for 2021/22 be set at £19,000.

20.162 Finance and Management Committee:

- i) The minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meetings held on the 8th September 2020, having been circulated were received.

20.162 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List December 2020

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1548	Tran30	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.75	0.00	8.75
1547	Tran30	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	87.50	0.00	87.50
1551	Tran32	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1550	Tran32	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	264.76	0.00	264.76
1552	Tran33	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	66.20	0.00	66.20
1553	Tran34	Viking Direct	Office Equipment	139.00	27.80	166.80
1549	Trsn31	Fenland Leisure Products	Play Equipment	75.00	15.00	90.00
Totals Paid				661.21	42.80	704.01

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Date of the next meetings: 12th January 2021