

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Virtually on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7:30 pm

Present:

Southwick & Widley Ward:

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

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

In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

21.001 Apologies for absence: Mrs J. Houghton, Lt. Cmdr. M. Thompson, PCSO B. Towler.

21.002 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 8th December 2020 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

21.003 Matters Arising:

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

21.004 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs P Stallard in her capacity as County Councillor had given a written report see Appendix A. She also added:

That Hampshire Website is giving daily bulletins about COVID.

Mr Parkinson asked if the County Council is looking for donations of food.

Mrs Stallard said no although local charities might be interested.

- ii) District Councillor T. Evans:
 - a) Said the big issue is the budget and the shortfall in it; Neil is proposing a second budget tomorrow at the Council Meeting.
 - b) The Council is proceeding to install electric charging points two in Denmead and two in Wickham square.
 - c) David Townsend, the Head of Winchester City Council Enforcement, has left and has been replaced by Lorna Hutchings
- iii) Mr Cutler in his capacity as District Councillor said:
 - a) At tomorrow's Council Meeting it is proposed that the Council Tax reduction scheme of universal credits be replaced by a more straightforward banded approach without the complexity of means-testing.
 - b) The Council will discuss its budget at the February Council meeting. Budget meetings are notoriously long sometimes lasting as long as six hours. The most challenging job when setting the budget is trying to determine the income as this is reliant on unknown factors.
 - c) The Council successfully paid out Business Grants in the first lockdown; however, the second lockdown is proving to be far more complex.
 - d) The Minister is saying that the May election may be postponed until July although other Government advisers are recommending delaying them until November.

21.005 Community Safety: PCSO B. Towler had provided a written report see Appendix B.

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

- i) Mr Watson raised that he had received a grant request from the D-D Memorial Hall. The Clerk said he had not received this request. Mr Hibberd will forward it to the Clerk and the Parish Council would discuss giving the grant at its next meeting.
- ii) Mr Hinton said that he had received an email from Clara Young, who works for My Neighbourhood Plan and wondered why it had been sent to him.
- iii) Rev. Brocklehurst said that he and Mr Hibberd was at a Hall meeting where there was some criticism of the Parish Council's Grant application form and asked if the Council could simplify it.

21.007 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Watson has received two quotes from the company that provided the railings to the Southside of the Playing Field one is for a four-foot fence with a new set of double gates at the entrance at the cost of £7000. The second quote is for fencing off the children's play equipment so that the area is isolated. The site to have two gates; a pedestrian gate and a gate for access for grass cutting machinery at the cost of £7000.

Mr Clark said that he felt it would be a wise long term investment for the Parish Council

Mrs Stallard suggested that the Council obtain at least three quotes to ensure the best value for money.

- ii) Mr Watson asked for a volunteer to get quotes to paint the swings and the slide. Mr Hibberd volunteered.

21.008 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mrs Houghton had asked Mr Watson to report that light number 30 is not working.
- ii) Rev. Brocklehurst report that light number 13 flickers when it is on.

The Clerk said he would report both lights.

21.009 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson raised dog/litter bins and asked whether the three existing containers are adequate for the village needs.

Mr Hinton said that the one outside the park should be removed and replaced with a bin inside the park.

Mr Watson said that he felt that the black bins provided by Winchester City Council are more in keeping with a conservation area. A further suggestion was that the Bus Stop and Telephone Box should be provided with a bin.

Mr Cutler asked District Councillor Clear for advice on who should be contacted at Winchester City Council.

District Councillor Clear said that whilst the black bins look very nice, they are always asking for them to be emptied at Wickham.

District Councillors Evans said that being a dog owner, she believes the multi-purpose bins are the best. She added that the best person to contact at Winchester about containers is David Ingrams.

Mr Hibberd said that the bin outside his property is getting full and giving off anti-social smells in the summer.

Mr Watson said that he would contact David Ingrams and said that he would welcome support from other Councillors.

Mr Hinton said that he was more than happy to assist Mr Watson.

- ii) Mrs Houghton had asked Mr Watson to report that the bottle bank is full.

Mr Clark said that bottle bank has now been emptied.

21.010 Planning Matters:

- i) Mr Watson spoke about the Aquind planning application which the Clerk had sent him.

The Building is 20 meters high and is in the Denmead area. He saw nothing in it that impacted on Southwick and Widley.

Mr Cutler said that what was causing him concern is that the route for putting the cables in is along the London Road to Waterlooville. There are two cables five meters apart on either side of the road, and they can lay 30 metres a day, and the big problem will be the traffic log jam which will be displaced in the direction of the Southwick.

Winchester's is trying to get Aquind to put broadband fibre optic cable inside their trench. However, Aquind is proving to be particularly reluctant when it comes to providing any community provision.

21.011 Members Business:

- i) Mrs Stallard said that she has every sympathy with Mr Hibberd and his family having to live with the unpleasantness of a Dog bin outside their residence and everything should be done to get it removed.
- ii) Mr Cutler raised that there had been significant incidents of fly-tipping again in Sheepwash Lane, Common Lane, Creech Lane and Pittimore Lane. Mr Cutler asked that if anyone spots anything suspicious that they notify the authorities.

Mrs Stallard suggested that security cameras be provided. Mr Cutler said he would raise it with the District Council.

- iii) The Rev. Brocklehurst raised that the park is looking shabby and would like a Sub-Committee formed to look at it at a future date, and volunteered to participate in any Sub-Committee formed.

Mr Watson said a Sub-Committee does exist with the following members: Mr Watson, Mr Cutler, Mr Hibberd and Mr Hinton and they would be happy to have the Rev Brocklehurst join them.

Mrs Stallard suggested that the Sub-Committee should also look at provisions for the older person.

- iv) Mr Hinton said that a red car had been dumped on top of the gravel in the lay-by.
- v) Mr Watson said that the email address published on the Website had been incorrect and asked the Clerk to explain.

The Clerk said that when we purchased Serif WebPlus, they allowed free email forwarding using our Domain name, and he created one for the Clerk and one the Chair.

About two years ago Serif decided that it would no longer support WebPlus and discontinued its email forwarding service.

The Clerk immediately changed on the contact page; Mr Watson's email to his personal email address and clerk@ to clerk_swpc@logosoft.biz; He also changed the web page template to clerk_swpc@logosoft.biz. He forgot and offered his apologies for that when republishing the site, all that would change would be the Contact page and that all other pages would have to be republished individually. This error has since been rectified.

The Council did get a chance to rectify this error when the Internal Auditor suggested email addresses for all Councillors, but the Council rejected this suggestion.

Concerning the eddie-mason@sky.com email address, this ran alongside his @logosoft email address without any problems until Sky changed from Google to Yahoo.

The Clerk uses Microsoft's Outlook as his email client; when Sky changed from Google to Yahoo; he could no longer download emails from his Sky email address; He contacted Sky who after trying to help blamed Microsoft. He got in touch with Microsoft who after trying to help said the problem was with Yahoo. He then gave up and has never attempted to read the Sky emails since, and they presumably now reside on Yahoo's server until deleted.

21.012 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List January 2021

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1557	Tran35	Grammerly.com (Paid to the	Office Equipment	107.68	0.00	107.68
1558	Tran35	BB Online (Paid to Clerk)	Web Site	94.30	18.86	113.16
1559	Tran35	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1555	Tran35	Tesco Express (Paid to Clerk)	Clerks Salary	15.60	0.00	15.60
1554	Tran35	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	264.76	0.00	264.76
1556	Tran35	Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership Fees	95.00	0.00	95.00
1560	Tran36	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	66.20	0.00	66.20
1562	Tran37	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.75	0.00	8.75
1561	Tran37	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	87.50	0.00	87.50
1563	Tran38	Zurich Insurance	Administration	715.73	0.00	715.73
Totals Paid				1475.52	18.86	1494.38

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Date of the next meetings: 9th February 2021

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21.004 Public Participation:

Mrs P Stallard

1. Advice for Vulnerable Residents

We know that the new national restrictions are extremely difficult for everyone, but especially so for anyone who is being asked to shield at home. No one needs to tackle these challenges alone and if support is not available from family, friends or neighbours, the County Council can offer a helping hand. This might be help with shopping or prescriptions, signposting to financial advice or having a regular call from a local volunteer for a friendly chat. Anyone adversely impacted by COVID-19 can call the Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline seven days a week to talk to an advisor.

Call the Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline on **0333 370 4000** (local rate charges apply). For the duration of the national lockdown, the helpline is open as follows:

- Monday to Friday: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm
- Weekends: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Residents can also request a call-back from the helpline by completing a call-back request form. In recent weeks, since shielding was reintroduced, the Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline has received calls from, and provided support and/or advice to more than 1,150 local residents.

The Connect to Support Hampshire website also features a coronavirus resource page full of useful and links and information - visit <https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/coronavirus>

2. Helping Communities Affected by COVID-19 - First grants awarded

'connect4communities' comprises a planned programme of measures to support families and individuals facing hardship due to COVID-19. Providing Community Grants is one of these measures. Local community, voluntary and charity organisations are encouraged to apply for a grant to help fund activities in their area that aim to combat food and fuel poverty.

These grants will go toward helping vulnerable children over the winter. Many families are finding they are under extra pressure now because of the pandemic, perhaps because of a job loss, and are struggling to buy the basics like food and fuel. Our 'connect4communities' programme was created to address this need and it is wonderful to see that we can support community groups to provide practical help in their local area.

'connect4communities' is funded by the £2.89 million Covid Winter Grant Scheme allocation awarded to the Authority by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Its Community Grants are specifically intended to support families in need with food, energy and water bills. They can also be used for essential items such as warm clothing and bedding, as well to supply slow cookers to households who do not have basic cooking facilities. To learn more about the 'connect4communities' projects and to apply for a Community Grant visit [connect4communities.org](https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities) at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

3. Family Information and Services Hub

These County Council web pages - <https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page> - are designed to help families get help and support, plus information about what is going on in your area, details on how to access services, organisations and activities in Hampshire, and the advice and support that is available. It includes -

connect4communities - New directory of information

Our new Connect4communities directory has now been launched. This is your one-stop-shop for local help and support for those who may be struggling financially as a result of the impact of COVID-19.

If you are having difficulties in finding appropriate childcare and you are a key worker or a parent/guardian of a vulnerable child, you can complete an online form to request help. You can browse advice, information and local services by category eg

- [Childcare and Early Years Education](#)
- [Family Support](#)
- [Activities, Leisure and Play](#)
- [Young People](#)
- [Employment, Training and Learning](#)
- [connect4communities Directory](#)

4. Continuation of key services for Hampshire

The County Council has confirmed that all Hampshire household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) will remain open for those who need to use them. Booking slots are available seven days in advance at each of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs, and can be made online at

www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment or, for those without internet access, by phone on 02380 179 949, between Monday and Friday 9.00 am to 5:30 pm.

5. Award for championing more electric vehicle charging points

In April 2018 our Property Services team launched the [Central Southern Regional Framework for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure](#), in partnership with [Joju Charging](#) as the installation partner, to lead the way in getting more electric vehicle charging points installed across Hampshire and the south of England.

To date, more than 60 public sector bodies such as local councils and universities have used the framework to install more than 200 charging points across Hampshire, with a further 1,000 charging points already planned for installation over the next year. Our continued work to grow the use of sustainable transport has been recognised with an [Electric Vehicle Innovation and Excellence \(EVIE\) Award for Public Sector Infrastructure Strategy of the Year](#).

For further information about the Central Southern Regional Framework for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, visit www.hants.gov.uk/transport/ev-charging-points Residents who are interested in using an electric vehicle but do not have access to off street parking can also find guidance for electric vehicle charging at www.hants.gov.uk/transport/ev-charging-points/ev-charging-guidance

6. ChatHealth 0-5

This is a text messaging service to support parents, carers and families of under 5's in Hampshire. It has been launched by the Health Visiting Service of [Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust](#) to improve access to health information and support. This service provides a quick and easy way to access information and advice which is particularly important for parents and carers of very young children. They can ask about a variety of topics such as sleep, growth and development, parenting, breast or bottle feeding, diet and nutrition, and behaviour – by accessing this service, in some cases visits to the GP may not be required. For more information visit - <https://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/.../chathealth-0-5-parents.../>

7. Emergency Care

If you are caring for someone who needs your help due to a health condition, disability or frailty, you may find it useful to know that Hampshire County Council fund emergency planning for carers. Up to 48 hours free care may be available for the person you care for in the event of an emergency. This is a free service and no adult services assessment is needed. Telephone Freephone 0800 1691577.

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Police Incident Reports

December 2020 – January 2021

- 09/12/20** **Road Traffic Collision. Portsdown Hill Road.** Car vs cyclist. Car driver believed to have either suffered medical episode or sudden deflation of tyre. Minor injury.
- 23/12/20** **Suspicious Vehicle.** Burnt out vehicle found.
- 26/12/20** **Burglary Residential. Widley Walk.** Dogs stolen from address.
- 28/12/20** **Suspicious Vehicle. Widley Walk.** Car left in ditch by substation.
- 01/01/21** **Dangerous driving.** Southwick Road Layby. Stopped by police just after midnight...
- 07/01/21** **Road Traffic Collision. High Street.** Two cars collide. Minor injury reported by SCAS.

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