

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Virtually on Tuesday 9th February 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

Also Present: District Councillors A. Clear

In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

21.013 Apologies for absence: Mrs J. Houghton, Mr G Clark, District Councillor T. Evans, Lt. Cmdr. M. Thompson and PCSO B Towler.

21.014 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr T Parkinson seconded Mrs P. Stallard and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2021 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

21.015 Matters Arising:

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

21.016 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs P Stallard, in her capacity as County Councillor, had given a written report see Appendix A. She also added:
 - a) The support for families scheme is going very well, with children receiving over 94,000 meal vouchers and 38 slow cookers have been delivered to needy families.
 - b) Community grants are available to businesses with a commercial kitchen; to buy food for them to provide cooked meals for needy families.
- ii) District Councillor Clear
 - a) Winchester City Council is consulting on its next Local Plan: "Your Place Your Plan" from 15th February to the 12th April, which can be found on the Winchester Website, and she urged all Councillors to look at it.
 - b) Starting on 1st February, Biffa will be collecting batteries alongside their regular collection. She asked that Batteries must be put in a sandwich-type bag and to left on top of the bin.
 - c) Starting on 1st February, collecting electronic equipment small enough to fit in a standard shopping bag will commence. She asked that the bags be left by the side of the regular collection bin.
 - d) The District Council will consider it's budget at the next Council Meeting. The Council will continue to provide essential service during the lockdown, including supporting individuals, collecting waste, etc.
 - e) The two electrical vehicle charging points are up and running in Wickham, one in the square and one in the Station car park. Although charging is free electric vehicles are still subject to the standard parking fees.
- iii) Mr Cutler, in his capacity as District Councillor, said:
 - a) On 1st February, The wheely bin green waste collection service started, replacing the old green bag collection service.
 - b) Business Support Grants are still available, so please advise anyone struggling and needing support to contact Mr Cutler, who may able to provide help.
 - c) He is disappointed with the governments' decision to hold the May elections, which will place an unnecessary additional burden on the staff.

21.017 Community Safety: Nothing

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

- i) Mr Watson raised the email from Graham Olway about the noticeboard at Widley Cemetery needing replacing.

Mr Cutler recommended that the Council informs Southwick Estate who are the owners of of the Cemetery.

The Rev. Brocklehurst said his understanding is; that when a church is demolished, there is some form of the secularisation of what was previously holy ground. He said that he would look into this and report his findings to a later meeting.

- ii) Mr Watson said that the application form requesting a grant from the D-Day Memorial Hall had been circulated to all Councillors.

All Councillors unanimously agreed that that the Council should give a grant of £500.00.

21.019 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Watson. said that he had had a meeting with the Squire, who had said that the in his opinion the existing playing field fencing is utilitarian and to have a long fence down the side of the pathway and a second one around the children's play equipment was overkill.

We have received the quotes for a fence down the pathway, complete with a new gate and a separate inner fence around the play equipment.

The Squire suggested that we have double gates at the entry point with fencing going up the side of the pavement until it is level with the end of the swings then take the fencing around the back of the benches and the roundabout and back to the church wall.

- ii) After a lengthy debate, it was decided to refer the fencing to the Playing Field sub-committee and await its recommendations.
- iii) Mr Watson reported that quotes are coming in for painting the play equipment, to take out the hedging and take out a tree.

Mr Hibberd said that he had received four quotes for painting the play equipment.

Steve Jacobs quote appears to be the best value for money. Mr Hibberd said that he would ask Mr Jacobs for references.

21.020 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that BCG had come out last week and repaired the faulty lights.

21.021 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson raised dog/litter bins saying Winchester City Council have been helpful and that County Highways Department had given permission for the Council to place containers within 1.5 metres of the kerb line. The Squire has permitted the Council to dig out 1 metre by .5 metre of the bank as space for a dog/litter bin by the West Street bench, and permission to put a paving slab for a second dog/litter bin on the verge by the Wilderness entrance.

The Council is waiting for Winchester City Council to give it the cost for the swapping over the litter bins and any related expenses for the extra container and their collection.

- ii) Mr Cutler suggested that all the proposed quotes are looked at, at the Finance Committee Meeting to see the impact they will be having on the Council's budget.
- iii) Mr Parkinson said that the kerb had been destroyed on Norton Road/Castle Road entrance by heavy vehicles driving over it.

21.022 Planning Matters: Nothing.

21.023 Members Business:

- i) Mr Cutler said that he had received a complaint from a Fareham Councillor about the fly-tipping in Crooked Walk; who had asked what the Council was doing about it?

He said that he would write back.

Mr Cutler provided information that Winchester City Council is collaborating with other Councils investigating what can be done about the fly-tipping problem.

- ii) Mrs Stallard had complained at Hampshire County Council about fly-tipping and asked what they can do about it. Mrs Stallard was told that the Parish Council could have on loan a fly-tipping camera. However, the camera can only be loaned after the COVID-19 travel restrictions have been lifted.

Mr Watson asked Mrs Stallard to write back to Hampshire County Council, confirming the Parish Council's interest and asking the Officer in charge to contact him to discuss it further.

- iii) Rev. Brocklehurst said that the inside of the Church is being scaffolded, ready for redecoration.

21.024 Orders for Payment:

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

Interim Cheque List January 2021

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1564	TRAN39	Studio 6	Stationery	30.00	0.00	30.00
1565	Tran40	Archer Safety Signs	Street Signs	309.25	61.85	371.10
1566	Tran41	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play Equipment	279.06	55.81	334.87
Totals Paid				618.31	117.66	735.97

Cheque List February 2021

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1568	TRAN42	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	38.86	0.00	38.86
1567	TRAN42	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	264.76	0.00	264.76
1569	TRAN43	HM Revenue & Customs (Paid	Clerks Tax	66.20	0.00	66.20
1571	TRAN44	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.75	0.00	8.75
1570	TRAN44	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	61.25	0.00	61.25
1572	TRAN45	Sign Trade Supplies	Street Signs	42.95	8.59	51.54
1573	TRAN46	Amazon (Paid to Mr Watson)	Street Signs	14.95	2.99	17.94
Totals Paid				497.72	11.58	509.30

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Date of the next meetings: 9th March 2021

21.016 Public Participation:

i) County Councillor P. Stallard

1) **Support for Families in Need**

Following the receipt of £2.89 million funding from the Department of Work & Pensions I have been able to authorise the distribution of funding, across all communities in Hampshire, in order to relieve some of the pressures placed on families as a result of the covid pandemic, eg job loss and difficulties paying for basics like food and fuel. Last December I launched a scheme called "connect4communities" which is designed to enable local organisations to provide practical help in their area.

'connect4communities' Community Grants are specifically intended to support vulnerable families and individuals 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 grant visit

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

Grants are available for communities; holiday activities and meals; food and fuel vouchers and community pantries. Community Pantries are being set up all around the county, locally they are in Wickham and Waterlooville but more are being set up daily. Visit the web site to find out more.

2) **National Apprenticeship Week**

As the Cabinet member with responsibility for corporate apprenticeships I am, this coming week, helping to launch a £3 million Apprenticeship and Skills Hub. The new Hub, partly funded by a grant from the European Social Fund, is a central pillar of the County Council's Employment and Skills Action Plan. Working with the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership, the Hub will provide an impartial brokerage service to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and will work with businesses to match unemployed people with apprenticeship opportunities and tackle skill shortages.

I am also happy to report that not only have our school and corporate apprenticeships continued despite the pandemic, at the end of 2020 we surpassed the milestone of 1000 County Council apprentices funded by the Apprenticeship Levy. A year ago, most of our apprenticeship training was delivered face to face, but in response to lockdown, we worked with training providers to change to completely online learning. Since then, we have welcomed nearly 200 new starts in 37 different apprenticeships – a fantastic turnaround in a very short time, thanks to the efforts of our staff, managers and services. To learn more about apprenticeship transfer opportunities for employers, visit Hampshire Futures at <https://www.hampshirefutures.co.uk/course/index.php?categoryid=176>

3) **Children's Mental Health Week**

This took place during the week 1st -7th February and as the County's Mental Health Champion I was pleased to highlight the support available to children, young people, their parents and carers.

As restrictions continue due to the pandemic, we all recognise the vital importance of looking after mental health and wellbeing. We can help our children and young people by giving them the space and inspiration to express themselves. Whether it be through art, music, writing, sport and movement, drama or baking, every child can find an activity which allows them to be creative, express who they are and open up about how they are feeling.

The County Council's website includes advice for parents/carers/guardians -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus?second=education&third=resources-wellbeing> - and our educational psychology team provides expertise, training and support to schools to enable them to help pupils to maintain good mental health and well-being. The Educational Psychology Team also has a telephone line which parents and carers, as well as teachers and other professionals working with children, can call for advice: ring 02392 441497 on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursday between 9.30 am – 11.00 am.

[Chathealth](#) is a text messaging support service run to help parents, carers and young people with a wide range of health and wellbeing worries. ChatHealth is a suite of text support services for parents, carers, families and young people in Hampshire. There are three ChatHealth services for:

- Parents and carers of children under 5
- Parents and carers of children and young people aged 5-19 years
- Young people aged 11-19 years
- Visit - <https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/chathealth>

4) **Freephone Crisis Line**

A Freephone Crisis Line is also available for children and young people, across Hampshire, aged from 11 to 17 years old. Operated by [Havant and East Hampshire MIND](#), the line provides access to help, support, and advice for young people experiencing difficulties with their mental health. For more details visit <https://www.easthantsmind.org/cyp-crisis-line/> or ring Freephone 0300 303 1590 between 3.00 pm – 8.30 pm on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays or email them at cypcrisisline@easthantsmind.org

5) **Improving Energy Efficiency**

Two decarbonisation programmes have been approved for eligible local schools and County Council corporate buildings: a £6.7 million programme for the installation of solar panels (solar photo voltaics (PV)) and a £20.2 million window replacement programme to improve buildings' insulation levels by replacing inefficient single glazed windows and doors with modern, double glazed units. Across the two programmes, in total around 370 Hampshire schools and several County Council corporate buildings are expected to benefit. The programmes are being funded through central Government's [Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme](#), which offers 100% funded grants for public sector organisations to fund energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation projects across their estates.

Together these programmes are expected to save more than 3,600 tonnes of carbon per year and support local schools and the County Council to save on energy bills. The work is expected to commence in the spring, subject to further individual feasibility checks, and be completed in the autumn of 2021.

Find out more about how Hampshire County Council is responding to climate change at www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange

6) **Hampshire Local Transport Plan**

We are asking residents to take part in our online survey to give us your views on the principles and vision of the Hampshire Local Transport Plan. We need your thoughts, your expertise and your local knowledge to help us shape a clean, healthy, fair and sustainable transport future for Hampshire.

The new Local Transport Plan will set the objectives, policies and strategy for transport across the county for the next 30 years.

Find out more and get involved: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan>
Please submit your feedback by 28th February 2021

7) **Hampshire's Rights of Way**

The County Council has adopted a new enforcement policy for Rights of Way in the County. Hampshire County Council looks after 4,600km of footpaths, bridleways and other rights of way and has a statutory duty to protect these routes. Although many people support us in this work, by reporting any problems they find on the paths, so that we can look into them, more than a third of the reports we have received this year describe obstructions on the path, such as fences, or use of the path for farming crops. We also hear reports of other activities that may spoil the paths and deter people from using them, such as illegal vehicle use.

The adoption of an Enforcement Policy is designed to support the County Council in taking the appropriate course of action and to make the process publicly available for reference by residents and landowners.

The policy will be available at www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway and can be read in full in the decision reports pack at <https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=747&MId=7559>
Remember, you can report a problem on a right of way at www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway

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