

## Southwick & Widley Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Eisenhower Room D-Day Memorial Hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 8:00 pm

#### Present:

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

**Also Present:** District Councillors A. Clear

#### In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

**21.073 Apologies for absence:** Mr Watson, Mr Clark, Lt. Cmdr. M. Thompson, PCSO B. Towler and District Councillor: T. Evans.

**21.074 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** - Proposed Mrs P Stallard seconded Mr T Parkinson and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

#### 21.075 Matters Arising:

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

#### 21.076 Public Participation:

- i) District Councillor Clear, having been reelected, thanked everyone for their support.

She added that there had been two successful fly-tipping prosecutions.

- ii) District Councillor N Cutler said that he continues as Deputy Leader of Winchester City Council with additional responsibilities as Cabinet Member for Finance and Service Quality.

The newly opened Winchester Sport & Leisure Park in Bar End Rd is proving, considering the lockdown, very successful.

- iii) County Councillor Stallard had provided a written report see Appendix A; she also added: The County Council Cabinet structure is undergoing significant alterations. With regret, she has had to turn down a position on the cabinet to reduce her work role.

The County Council are looking at ways to balance its budget, including holding public participation.

The Boundary Commission is examining the local area, and it looks as though Southwick will be moved from Winchester into Fareham.

#### 21.077 Community Safety:

- i) Mr Cutler said he had received only a few complaints about the pony trekking through the village

Mr Cutler reported that there had been many local incidents where travellers had been trying to access communal land.

**21.078 Correspondence:** All correspondences had been issued to all Councillors before the meeting.

#### 21.079 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Hibberd said that he is looking into getting a hedge.

Rev. Brocklehurst said that the Parish Council should write to the Estate and ask what works it would support with a grant,

- ii) Mr Cutler recommended that the Council develops a long term plan for the Playing Field.
- iii) Mr Hibberd proposed that the Playing Field Sub-Committee be re-established.

**21.080 Street Lighting Matters:**

- i) Mr Hibberd is acquiring a quotation for painting the lamp-posts.

**21.081 Roads & Highway matters:**

- i) Mr Cutler has asked the County Council to impose a 30mph speed limit from Bolter Lane to the outskirts of the village.

Mrs Stallard said that she had already raised this

**21.082 Planning Matters:**

- i) The Council was concerned that the Winchester City Council is not providing it with planning applications and, by doing so, denies it the opportunity to make informative decisions.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Head of planning and raise this.

- ii) Mr Hinton volunteered to act as the Council's liaison point for all planning applications

**21.083 Members Business:****21.083 Orders for Payment:**

- i) Proposed Mr Hinton, seconded Mrs Houghton and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay its bills:

**Cheque List June 2021**

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1605	TRAN63	Microsoft (Paid to Clerk)	Office Equipment	99.99	20.00	119.99
1604	TRAN63	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1603	TRAN63	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
1602	TRAN63	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	264.76	0.00	264.76
1606	TRAN64	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	66.20	0.00	66.20
1607	TRAN65	lightatouch	Internal Audit	285.00	0.00	285.00
1608	TRAN66	Viking Direct	Litter Collection	61.95	12.39	74.34
1609	TRAN67	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	98.01	0.00	98.01
<b>Totals Paid</b>				<b>903.99</b>	<b>32.39</b>	<b>936.38</b>

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of the next meetings: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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**1. Families Helped during Half-Term**

Hampshire's vulnerable children received food vouchers during the May half-term week thanks to a funding initiative from the Department for Work and Pensions [DWP] from their new covid Local Support Grant Scheme. More than £680,000 was awarded to the Authority by the DWP. Food vouchers - worth £15 per child for the half-term week - were offered to:

- All families whose children were eligible for free school meals
- All children who were open to early help services
- 16-18 year olds previously eligible for free school meals
- All 2-4 year olds accessing childcare and eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium

In addition, community grants totalling £112,000 helped to support families, young carers and care leavers with food, energy and water bills. Funds were also used by holiday activity providers and many provided a hot meal over the half term holiday. Schools and other education settings were also able to apply for this grant to support families who did not necessarily meet the criteria for the free school meal vouchers. To learn more about the 'connect4communities' projects and to apply for a Community Grant visit [connect4communities.org](https://connect4communities.org)

**2. Celebrating our Volunteers**

National Volunteers' Week was on 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June and Hampshire County Council Children's Services celebrated with more than 100 individuals who give up their time to make a difference to the lives of our most vulnerable children and young people.

Volunteers are DBS-checked, trained and matched with volunteering opportunities, which could include mentoring, family support, and acting as an independent adult to visit and talk with children in care. No previous experience or special skills are required and volunteers can give as little as an hour or two per week, or more if interested. Volunteers are given travel and out of pocket expenses to carry out their work. Current Children's Services volunteers range in age from 18 years to 85 years and some individuals have used the experience gained in these roles as a stepping stone into a social care career or becoming a foster carer. Anyone interested in volunteering with Hampshire County Council Children's Services can contact [innovation.volunteers@hants.gov.uk](mailto:innovation.volunteers@hants.gov.uk) or visit [hants.gov.uk/volunteering](https://hants.gov.uk/volunteering) to find out more.

**3. Living with Dementia**

The County Council is reminding residents that support is available for people affected by dementia, as well as for their loved ones. From 'take a break' schemes and wellbeing advice, to respite and day services, there are many resources that can help those with dementia and their carers to live well. A good place to start is the Carer Support and Dementia Advice Service - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/dementiacommissioned> - offered by the County Council and provided in collaboration with Andover Mind. Trained advisors offer a wide range of help and advice from one-to-one telephone, online or face-to-face support to advice on state benefits and planning for the future.

Families and carers concerned about the care of a loved one with dementia, should something unexpected happen and they are not able to provide the support needed, can contact the Carers Emergency Planning Services - [https://carercentre.com/emergency\\_planning.html](https://carercentre.com/emergency_planning.html). Run by the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, the service helps carers to develop a personal emergency plan to ensure the right support is in place.

Further details of community-based wellbeing support and advice is available on the Connect to Support Hampshire web pages: [www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk](https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk)

#### 4. September School Confirmed

All parents in Hampshire, who applied on time for a school place for their children starting school in September 2021 at age 4 years or 5 years, have been sent the outcome of their application by Hampshire County Council. The Council has processed more than 21,500 applications for children to start school in reception year (Year R) and to move from infant to their first year of junior education (Year 3). Just over 98 per cent (98.43 per cent) of parents have been offered a reception year place for their child in one of their three preferred choice schools, and just over 93 per cent (93.07 per cent) have been allocated a place at their first choice of school.

Of pupils transferring from infant school to junior school (Year 3), just over 99 per cent (99.1 per cent) received a place at one of their three choices, and just under 98 per cent (97.82 per cent) obtained a place at their first choice of school.

For the few cases where parents did not secure a place at a school of their choice, the County Council has advised them, in their notification, about the right to appeal and the arrangements for their preferred school's waiting list. Places often become available after the offer day and before September for a variety of reasons, including families moving house or out of the area, or parents choosing to decline the place originally allocated for their child after having secured an alternative place at another school.

To support social distancing measures, parents of children starting school in Year R in September 2021 are advised to wait to be contacted by the school about how to present their proof of address and child's date of birth, and to not attempt to visit the school ahead of this.

More information about the admissions process is available online at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

#### 5. Anti-tick Tips

With the cautious easing of lockdown measures and the warmer weather encouraging more people into the countryside, Hampshire residents are urged to be more 'tick aware,' especially when walking in wooded areas or long grass where ticks can attach themselves to people or animals as they pass by. These tiny insects, which can transmit bacteria such as Lyme Disease - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/> - can be found throughout the year but are most active between spring and autumn. 'Tick tips' for walkers include:

- Wear appropriate clothing (a long-sleeve shirt and trousers tucked into your socks);
- Use an insect repellent;
- Wear light coloured fabrics that may help you spot a tick on your clothes;
- Inspect your skin for ticks, particularly at the end of the day, including your head, neck and skin folds (armpits, groin and waistband)
- Check your children's head and neck areas, including their scalp (skin on top of their head)
- Check that pets do not bring ticks into your home in their fur.

If you do get bitten by a tick, removing it quickly and correctly can help to reduce any potential risk. The **only safe way** to remove a tick is to use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, or an easy-to-use device which can be purchased from pharmacies or vets. Then:

- Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull upwards slowly and firmly, as mouthparts left in the skin can cause a local infection
- Once removed, apply antiseptic to the bite area and keep an eye on it for several weeks for any changes
- Contact your GP if you begin to feel unwell or develop a circular red skin rash, often described as a bull's-eye rash, and remember to tell them that you were bitten by a tick.

#### 6. Councillor Grants

A reminder that my Councillor Grants fund opened for applications at the beginning of June. Groups and organisations can apply for funding for both revenue (one-off) and minor capital projects. Revenue grants should generally be used to support short term project related costs e.g. a time limited activity group for children. It is expected that the grants will benefit a wide range of groups/activities: for example, vulnerable children or adults, young people, facilities for older people, community facilities, parish councils (but only for specific projects), projects by a school's PTA, local environment projects, community safety, etc.

Projects must be discussed with me [by email] BEFORE application is made and RECEIPTED INVOICES MUST BE PROVIDED upon completion. Don't miss out, make your application as soon as you can. See full criteria at – <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

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