

## Southwick & Widley Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Eisenhower Room D-Day Memorial Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7:30 pm

#### Present:

Mr J. Watson in the Chair  
Mr N Hibberd  
Mrs J Houghton  
Mrs P Stallard  
Mr T. Parkinson  
Mr N Cutler

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

#### In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

**21.073 Apologies for absence:** Mr A. Hinton, Mr Clark, Rev S. Brocklehurst, t. Cmdr. M. Thompson and PCSO B. Towler.

**21.074 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** - Proposed Mr T Parkinson seconded Mr N. Cutler and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

#### 21.075 Matters Arising:

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

#### 21.076 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs Stallard, in her capacity as County Councillor, had submitted a written report (see Appendix A)
  - a) She also added that Hampshire County Council had appointed Carolyn Williamson as its Chief Executive Officer.
  - b) Provided statistics from Hampshire Highways on the high level of road maintenance work undertaken, including repairing one pothole every 3 seconds.
  - c) And that there are five days left if anyone would like to comment on budget savings.
- ii) Mr Cutler, in his capacity as District Councillor:
  - a) Winchester City Council had just completed its emergency budget, where It had found that it had a 10.7 million pounds shortfall. This position is slightly stronger than expected, and the Government has made it clear that they will be financially fully supported.
  - b) The Council has received two plans for the building of affordable social housing,
- iii) District Councillor Evans said that she had had initial meetings on the Local Plan. The West of Waterlooville Committee had elected her to be their Chair.
- iv) District Councillor Clear:
  - a) She has been selected as the Lead Councillor for a new initiative, "Everyone together on Fly-tipping", This initiative has already led to further successful prosecutions.
  - b) Winchester City Council is trialling a CCTV camera scheme to improve the prosecution of perpetrators of fly-tipping.
  - c) Community groups can now apply to Winchester City Council for a grant of £300.00, and match funding is available of up to £2,000.00.

#### 21.077 Community Safety:

- i) Mr Watson said that there had been a series of burglaries in the area.

**21.078 Correspondence:** All Councillors had received correspondence before the meeting.

#### 21.079 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Cutler said he is chasing Winchester City Council about the waste bins.

**21.080 Street Lighting Matters:** Nothing

**21.081 Roads & Highway matters:**

- i) Mr Watson had received a complaint about the parking level in the High Street caused mainly by visitors to the shop or its café.

He said he would write on behalf of the Parish Council to the Southwick Estate, asking them to provide a car park.

- ii) Mr Cutler said that residents of Norton Road had complained about Norton Close Flats restricting their parking.

He said that a lady in Boulter Lane had expressed concerns about speeding, and she had suggested the imposing of a 30 limit.

- iii) Mrs Stallard suggested perimeter gates as these provide a visual deterrent to speeding.

Mr Watson said that he would get a Highways Officer down to provide advice.

**21.082 Planning Matters:**

- i) Mr Cutler said the Parish Council should hold the Southwick Estate accountable for its planning applications

**21.083 Members Business:**

- i) Mr Hibberd said that he had received complaints about the level of noise from the Red Lion's live music events.

Mr Cutler said that it is a licensing problem.

Mr Watson said that he would write to the Licensing Authority

**21.083 Orders for Payment:**

- i) Proposed Mrs Stallard seconded Mr Parkinson and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay its bills:

**Cheque List July 2021**

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1614	TRAN69	Abbyy (Paid by Clerk)	Stationery	61.25	12.25	73.50
1613	TRAN69	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1612	TRAN69	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	4.04	0.00	4.04
1611	TRAN69	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	264.76	0.00	264.76
1615	TRAN70	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	66.20	0.00	66.20
1617	TRAN71	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.91	0.00	8.91
1616	TRAN71	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	62.37	0.00	62.37
1618	TRAN72	BB Online Uk Ltd	Web Site	49.00	9.80	58.80
1619	TRAN73	Southwick Forestry Ltd	Grounds Maintenance	650.00	0.00	650.00
1620	TRAN74	WR & JH Bailey (Hedge)	Grounds Maintenance	801.60	147.00	948.60
<b>Totals Paid</b>				1988.13	169.05	2157.18

- ii) Proposed Mr Cutler seconded Mr Parkinson and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay its bills:

**Cheque List August 2021**

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1623	TRAN75	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	4.04	0.00	4.04
1622	TRAN75	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1621	TRAN75	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	264.76	0.00	264.76
1624	TRAN76	Eddie Mason	Clerks Tax	66.20	0.00	66.20
1625	TRAN77	K F Knight Fencing Ltd	Playing Field Fencing	7060.00	1412.00	8472.00
<b>Totals Paid</b>				7415.00	1412.00	8827.00

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of the next meetings: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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21.076 i)

1. Changes to Household Waste Recycling Service & Pedestrian Trial

Hampshire County Council has agreed changes to how its 24 Household Waste Recycling Centres [HRWCs] will operate when the relaxation of COVID 19 restrictions by the Government become effective - expected to be on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

A recommendation to a trial allowing people to take waste, on foot, to selected HWRCs (to assess the feasibility of pedestrian access) has been approved. The booking system enabling residents to choose and secure a time period for taking their bulky household waste to their nearest centre is to be extended. Originally introduced to manage the number of visitors on-site at any one time and ensure social distancing rules could be adhered to, the system has also successfully eliminated queuing, congestion and pollution on surrounding roads. The easing of restrictions and reduced need for additional space between parked vehicles will mean that the number of booking slots available for each site can be increased.

**Pedestrian access trial** - A six-month trial allowing pedestrian access will be undertaken at three HWRCs: Hedge End, New Alresford and **Waterlooville**; permitting residents living near to those centres, to walk-in and drop off their waste during dedicated, pedestrian only access times. This will be on a controlled basis for one hour, up to three mornings a week. The trial will be timed to start when national Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. The trial will be continuously monitored to ensure that any issues are identified quickly. A full assessment will be completed once the trial has ended.

**Glass recycling** - Glass banks have been removed from HWRCs, following a decision made in October 2020. This move was due to be implemented on 1st April 2021 but was postponed due to the pandemic response. The decision was made in the light of steadily decreasing deposits of glass at HWRCs, as well as the cost of the glass banks at HWRCs now outweighing the value of the material from re-sale, meaning that the service operates at a loss.

With the vast availability of glass banks across Hampshire - such as in supermarket car parks - and a clear indication that glass will become collected from all household kerbsides by district and borough councils (as a result of the Government's Consistency in Collection policies), the withdrawal of glass banks from the HWRCs should not unduly impact on residents' ability to recycle glass bottles and jars.

People can find out where their district/borough/city council collects glass, as well as where their nearest glass bank is, on the website - <https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/glass-0>

2. Waste Less

Hampshire County Council is offering grants of up to £5,000 to local community groups, charities, schools and small businesses, to support them in playing a part in helping Hampshire produce less household waste. Potential applicants must discuss their ideas with the County Council's Waste Prevention Team before applying - email [waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk](mailto:waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk) to arrange an informal discussion.

Grants are available for community projects which will introduce a new waste prevention, reuse or repair service to the local area - to help build a network of waste prevention services across the county. The fund is open to: community, neighbourhood or voluntary groups; registered charities; schools, colleges and universities; not-for-profit organisations (including social enterprises); businesses with fewer than 250 employees; and faith groups delivering community work; as well as parish and town councils. Full details of what can and cannot be funded, as well how to apply, are available online at: [www.hants.gov.uk/waste-prevention-community](http://www.hants.gov.uk/waste-prevention-community)

Originally introduced in 2017 to help kickstart or expand local initiatives which reduce household waste in Hampshire, the fund has supported over 52 projects to date. These include repair cafes, cookery and upcycling classes in schools, community fridges, community composting schemes and swap events. The projects have led to over 33,000 items being swapped, repaired or reused, as well as the involvement of over 250 schools and helped residents save over £100,000 through re-using, repairing and buying second-hand items in place of new.

### 3. Queen Elizabeth Country Park

Plans to provide more family-friendly cycling facilities at Queen Elizabeth Country Park have been announced, with the aim of helping more people to get on two wheels and also to enjoy off-road mountain biking. The 'Bike Base' project has been given the go ahead having secured funding from Sport England/British Cycling's Places to Ride fund and will deliver improvements to the existing cycle facilities especially for families or anyone who wants to try off-road biking for the first time.

The scheme will deliver a package of cycling improvements including:

- A mountain bike skills area will introduce riders to the different features and surfaces they will experience on the park trails. The area will enable them to hone skills and build confidence before venturing off-road
- The mini wheels track will provide a great place for young children to have their first adventure on two wheels
- A new 'green' cycle trail for mountain bikes - this short route close to the new skills area will provide novice riders with a chance to try out their skills. Green trails are aimed at novice riders with only basic bike skills required
- Improvements to the existing 'red' cycle trail to match the award-winning experience of the 'blue' trail already in the park (MTB Volunteer Trail of the Year 2018). Red trails are some of the most challenging trails and only for proficient mountain bikers with good off-road riding skills
- A bike wash and bike repair station
- Charge points for e-bikes
- Improved signage and information points
- Events and activities to encourage new or lapsed riders

The construction of Bike Base is expected to start later this year and complete in 2022.

### 4. Climate Change and Protecting our Harbours

The County Council has joined forces with Southern Water and other agencies to develop a sustainable long-term plan for Chichester and Langstone Harbours, with the aim of protecting the environment, supporting the local economy and the local community.

Chichester and Langstone Harbours are part of three linked harbours - the other being Portsmouth - on Hampshire's south-east coast. The area contains specially 'designated status' sites, which means they are protected for their wildlife or landscape qualities. However, climate change and human activities are putting increasing pressure on the natural environment which will be at greater risk from more unpredictable weather patterns in the future.

Now Hampshire County Council, along with 16 national and local organisations, have committed to an evidence-led way forward, to devise a 'natural capital' plan for the harbours. This involves looking at water quality, pollution, wildlife habitats and more, with the aim of producing a clear vision to describe the condition of the environment in and around Chichester and Langstone harbours in 2030 and beyond. This will then enable all agencies to have their say in how improvements to the area can be made and biodiversity encouraged.

Hampshire County Council is a member of the Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Langstone Harbour Board, the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, and Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority. As such, it has an important role in the planning and management of the coast, helping to conserve its unique qualities, and meeting the many challenges and pressures it faces.

### 5. Councillor Grants

A reminder that the Councillor Grant scheme is now open for the current year. Small grants are available for community projects. Visit [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) and search using the words - Councillor Grants. Read the qualifying criteria and discuss project with me *before* submitting an application. Receipted invoices, for the full amount of the grant, must be submitted when the project is completed.

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