

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room D-Day Memorial Hall on Tuesday the 10th May 2022 at 7:30 pm

Present:

Mr A. Hinton in the Chair
Mr T. Parkinson
Mr N Cutler
Rev. S. Brocklehurst
Mrs J Houghton
Mr G Clark

In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

22.027 Apologies for absence: Mr J Watson, Mrs P Stallard, Mr N Hibberd, PCSO B. Towler and District Councillors: T. Evans and A. Clear.

22.028 Election of Chairman: The Vice-Chair handed over control of the meeting to the Clerk for the election of the Chair.

The Clerk asked for nominations:

Mr Hinton nominated Mr Watson, who, although absent, had said that he would accept the nomination; Mr Parkinson seconded.

Mr Watson's nomination was unanimously agreed

Mr Watson's declaration of office would be sent to his home address to be signed.

22.029 Election of Vice-chairman: Proposed Mrs Houghton, seconded Mr Clark and unanimously agreed that Mr Hinton should be elected Vice-chairman of the Parish Council.

Mr Hinton signed the declaration of office and took the Chair.

22.030 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - Proposed Mr T Parkinson seconded Mr G Clark and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th April 2022 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

22.031 Matters Arising: Mr Hinton asked that matters arising should be raised at the appropriate points on the agenda

22.032 Election of Finance and Management Committee: It was unanimously agreed that the following be elected onto the Finance and Management Committee: Mr Watson, Mrs Houghton, Mr Cutler, Mr Hibberd and Mr Parkinson.

22.033 Election of Cheque Signatories: It was unanimously agreed that the cheque signatories should be: Mr Watson, Mr Cutler and the Clerk.

22.034 Standing Orders: Proposed Mr Hinton seconded Mrs Houghton and unanimously agreed that the Standing Orders should be adopted.

22.035 Financial regulations: Proposed Mr Parkinson seconded Mr Cutler and unanimously agreed that the Financial Regulation should be adopted.

22.036 Financial Risk Assessment 2022/2023: Proposed Mr Cutler, seconded Mr Hinton and unanimously agreed that the Financial Risk Assessment for 2022/2023 should be adopted.

22.037 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs Stallard, in her capacity as County Councillor, had submitted a written report see Appendix A.
- ii) Mr Cutler reported:
 - a) He had been re-elected as a District Councillor and thanked everyone for their support.
 - b) The Democratic group is in the same position as before; however, the Conservatives have lost one seat to the Green Party.
 - c) The District Council will be electing its leader tomorrow, and Mayor making is next week when Angela Clear will become Deputy Mayor.

22.038 Community Safety:

- i) Mr Clark asked that the Council finds out who the Police Liaison Officer is.

Mr Cutler said there is a South East Hants Country Watch meeting in which the Police and Crime Commissioner will be in attendance. Mr Cutler said that he would circulate details so that members of the Parish Council could attend.

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

22.040 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Parkinson reported:
 - a) The playing field entrance gate does not lock and needs adjusting, and he believes that the Company that put up the fencing should be held responsible for fixing it.
 - b) He had found plastic wine glasses, beer cans, a load of cups etc., inside the Children's Play area.

Mr Clark said that the Hall Committee needs to be informed about this, and he will ask Mr Hibberd to raise it at their next meeting.

- c) He had gone through the risk assessment in the Annual Playground Report and found it very contradictory. He gave the example that the report says that, according to British Standards, the rails on the slide are too far apart, whilst it concluded that no action should be taken to rectify them.

He has sent a report of his findings and recommendation to Mr Watson.

- d) He said the goal posts need to be removed.

Mr Hinton said that whilst he agrees that they need to go their replacements must first be obtained.

Rev. Brocklehurst proposed that the goal posts be removed and that the Council awaits to see if there is a response from the public.

Mr Cutler said that he believed that the goal posts should be replaced with the smaller five-a-side goal posts.

Mr Hinton said that he would investigate and report to a future meeting.

- ii) Mrs Houghton reported that the Yew Trees planted by the Council are not looking healthy.

22.041 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Hinton said that Mr Watson has not yet received any replies from the invitations he had sent out to quote for the street lighting maintenance contract.
- ii) Mrs Houghton reported that street light numbers 8 and 30 are not working.
- iii) Mr Cutler said that the Street Light painting has commenced, and the contractor is doing a good job.

22.042 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Cutler said:
 - a) That he would chase up Winchester City Council about supplying the new bins
 - b) He is awaiting a decision from Hampshire County Council on whether it will support a twenty miles per hour speed limit.
- iii) Rev Brocklehurst asked if Hampshire County Council could mark dropped kerbs to deter drivers from parking in front of them.

22.043 Planning Matters: Mr Hinton said that there was nothing to discuss this week.

22.044 Members Business:

- i) Rev Brocklehurst is looking for a celebrity to light Southwick's Platinum Jubilee beacon.
- ii) Mr Clark:
 - a) There was a post in the Southwick Village Social from Mr Mark Lawrence letting the village know that a garden party would take place on 21st May from daytime until the evening and there would be music that would finish at a reasonable time. He said he was offering the information to give neighbours a choice to go out if they prefer,
 - b) There is a problem in the village with visitors not clearing up dog excrement.

22.045 Orders for Payment:

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

Cheque List Retrospective Payment

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT
1698	TRAN92	SCS Carpentry	Grounds Maintenance	1140.00	228.00
1368.00					
Totals Paid				1140.00	228.00
1368.00					

Cheque List Retrospective Payment 2

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT
1696	TRAN91	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	8.91	0.00 8.91
1695	TRAN91	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	71.28	0.00 71.28
Totals Paid				80.19	0.00 80.19

Cheque List May 2022

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT
1705	TRAN93	Microsoft (Paid to Clerk)	Administration	66.66	13.33 79.99
1704	TRAN93	Zoom Video Communications	Administration	119.90	23.98 143.88
1701	TRAN93	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00 20.00
1700	TRAN93	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00 8.08
1699	TRAN93	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	269.56	0.00 269.56
1702	TRAN94	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	67.20	0.00 67.20
1703	TRAN95	Winchester City Council	Annual Play Equipment	46.50	0.00 46.50
1706	TRAN96	OJ Painting	Street Lighting	4000.00	0.00
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1708	TRAN97	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Play Equipment Inspection	9.50	0.00 9.50
1707	TRAN97	Mr David Tyman (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	57.00	0.00 57.00
Totals Paid				4664.40	37.31
4701.71					

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Date of the next meetings: 14th June 2022

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1. Primary School Places

The County Council has processed more than 21,000 applications (21,288) 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 (98.31 per cent) of parents have been offered a reception year place for their child in one of their three preferred choice schools, with more than 93 per cent (93.25 per cent) allocated a place at their first choice of school.

Of pupils transferring from infant school to junior school (Year 3), more than 99 per cent (99.31 per cent) received a place at one of their three choices, and just over 98 per cent (98.02 per cent) obtained a place at their first choice of school. For the cases where parents have not secured 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 a place at another school. More information about the admissions process, including how to make an appeal, is available online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

2. Fostering Hampshire Children

Hampshire County Council's 'Fostering Hampshire Children' team has been nominated for a Purpose Award for its winter 2021 'You Can Foster' campaign - which achieved a 300% increase in enquiries about fostering in Hampshire. The team has worked hard to develop the Fostering Hampshire Children identity to recruit more foster carers, and the 'You Can Campaign' is testimony to this work.

3. Holiday Activities & Food [HAF]

Total funding worth approximately £10m will be allocated to the County Council by the Department for Education to continue running the scheme, which offers healthy food and enriching activities to eligible children during the school holidays - a time when some families struggle with the extra costs, such as food and childcare. In Hampshire, there are over 33,000 children who are potentially eligible for free HAF places.

The HAF programme will continue to make free places available to eligible children for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year. This covers four weeks in the summer and a week's worth of provision in each of the Easter and Christmas holidays. Organisations will also be able to offer additional places to fee paying families.

To support the three-year programme, the commissioning process is changing from termly grant awards to service contracts which will offer more certainty to providers as well as allowing provision to be secured for a full year. Organisations are being invited to join the framework of providers who will have the opportunity to respond to a 'mini competition' to run the activities between now and 2025. These could be schools, childcare providers, community organisations, as well as sports coaching and outdoor education providers.

Families wanting to find out what is on offer locally should search the Family Information and Services Hub - <https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>

4. Green Initiatives

The County Council is leading on a range of initiatives to help reduce our carbon emissions and prepare for the impact of climate change. Initiatives to date:

- We are upgrading our street lights to LED
- have piloted on street EV charging in Winchester
- will plant one million trees by 2050
- launched the parish pollinator project
- installed £26m of solar panels, boiler and window upgrades on our schools
- partnered with Community Energy South to support local renewable energy projects

If you would like to get more involved or learn more about Hampshire's Climate Change initiatives: Join the Greening Campaign <http://www.greening-campaign.org/> The campaign helps communities to reduce their carbon footprint by taking simple actions at a household level, such as reducing energy and water use. The project creates a direct link between the Greening Campaign, communities and local councils.

Swap One to Local - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/swaponetolocal> by making one of our food shops or holidays a local one we can try something new, help our local community, save a few pounds and do our bit for the planet

5. Decarbonisation Programme

Did you know that Hampshire County Council has a decarbonisation programme for schools totalling £32.5 million? This includes -

Window replacement	83 projects
Oil/Gas burners	18 “
Heating controls	91 “
Solar PV	254 “
Wall cavity insulation	34 “

6. Pack a Picnic

Events are taking place across Hampshire as part of The Big Lunch Jubilee celebrations. There will be music, entertainment, fun activities for children, and on Saturday 4th June Staunton Country Park will also be live-screening the national event - the Platinum Party at the Palace. More information can be found about these events and other Jubilee celebrations across Hampshire, on the County Council's dedicated Queen's Platinum Jubilee webpage - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/platinumjubilee>

7. Reduced Emissions

CO2 emissions from County Council operations reported in 2020/21 were reduced to down to 72,394 tonnes compared with 75,868 tonnes the previous year, which delivered on the County Council's 74,700 tonne target ahead of the 2025 target date.

8. Over 65 year olds in the Winchester District

- The number of older people has increased as each decade passed, as has the proportion of the population occupying the older age groups
- The number of people aged 65 years and over grew by 4,430 between 1981 – 2001
- The number has grown by a further 3,380 between 2001 and 2011 Over the entire period the number of people aged 65 years and over has increased by approximately half
- The proportion of the population aged 65 and over has increased from 15.8% in 1981 to 18.7% in 2011

Estimated population of Hampshire, excluding Portsmouth and Southampton is 1,389,200

9. Housing Affordability

Hampshire is currently less affordable than England as whole, with the average house price in Hampshire being 9.25 times the average Hampshire salary in 2018, compared with 7.05 times the average salary for England overall.

The data comes from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2011 Census

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