

SOUTHWICK & WIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 8th December 2003 at 7.30pm.

Present - Mrs K. J. Bazalgette - In the chair
Mrs. S. A. Grant - Vice-Chairman
Mr. K. J. Carter
Mr P J. Hill
Mr. J. Houghton

Also present - Revd. H. Griffiths — Chaplain to Southwick/Boarhunt parishes
Lt. Commander P. Bailey RN.

In attendance - Mr. J. P. Whitbourn - Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mrs. Copping and Mrs. Luxmoore

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2003 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Southwick Surgery

A reply is awaited from Wickham surgery to the Council's complaints.

Proposed new Flats in Norton Close

No further news - planning application still to be determined.

60th Anniversary of D-Day 2004

The D-Day Hall complex has been booked for Sunday 6th June 2004 from 10am. Mr. Carter stated that he had some memorabilia from the 50th anniversary that could be put on display in the D-Day hall together with other items from those times that would be of interest.

It was agreed to place a block advertisement in the April edition of the Church Newsletter.

Southwick Church Wall

There is a meeting of the Hall Committee shortly where it was hoped the members would determine who was responsible for the section of walling between the church wall and the D-Day Memorial Hall.

Playing Field

Mr. Carter said that the gap in the playing field hedge would be stopped up by moving the post to the middle. The cost will be £25. The hedge is too wet at the moment to be trimmed.

MDA West of Waterlooville

There is to be a meeting in Winchester on the 15th December in which financial details of the project will be considered including contributions from developers.

Transport Forum

Mr. Hill stated that he had attended the recent forum held in Winchester on the 15th December held in Winchester and had asked about a possible CANGO for Southwick but was told there was no money available for a scheme here.

It was agreed to write to the Head of Passenger Transport County Council with a copy letter to Councillor Mrs. Hindson, expressing the Parish Council's disappointment at being informed of this.

The A3 corridor link up to the Hard, Portsmouth will be completed in four years.

Portsmouth West

It has been noted from the newspaper report that 500 extra staff are to be recruited to the 1,000 already in post.

Enforcement Notice The Barn Sheepwash Lane – Researchin site history.

Crooked Walk Lane

A letter was received from PC Geri Blunden which states; "The lane carries a width restriction of 6'6" which is about the width of a standard transit van. The police in the past have carried out random checks on vehicles using the road in excess of this width and issued fixed penalty notices. The police intend to pay passing intention over the coming weeks to dealing with this problem of large vehicle use on this road. If any member of the public takes details of any offending vehicles, make registration numbers of company details practical enquiries will be made to identify and deter offenders.

As regards the 30mph speed limit the highways department should be contacted to review the road. They in turn usually contact the local traffic management officer PC Laycock at Fareham police station for any comments. His input would include safety and accident statistics.

I will attend a future parish council meeting to update members on my results

Regarding the 30mph speed limit the council has already contacted the highways agency and PC Laycock.

Elections 2004

It is intended to move the 2004 English local elections to the same day as the European Parliamentary elections which will be on the 10th June. This will affect the holding of the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council which could be held in July if an extension is granted.

Street Lighting

Mr. Houghton stated that four lanterns in Castle road needed cleaning. The Hampshire County Council lighting engineer to be informed.

Open Space Strategy 2004-2005

It was noted that there is currently £1,629 held in the Winchester District Open Space fund for use in the parish.

External Audit of the Accounts - Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2003

Report from the external auditor: "On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met".

Lay-By Litter Bin

14 was reported that the above litter bin had been set on fire. To be replaced.

Orders for Payment

Audit Commission (fee) £141. 00 Clerk (salary+exp. Nov) £ 242.07

Dates of Meetings for 2004

12th January; 9th February; 8th March; 22nd March (APM); 19th April; 10th May; 14th June; 12th July; 13th September; 11th October; 8th November; 13th December. 60th Anniversary of D-Day landings 6th June.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.