

SOUTHWICK & WIDLEY PARISH COUUCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 19th April 2004. at 7:30pm.

Present - Mrs E. 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

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

5 members of the public

Apologies for Absence

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Southwick Youth Club

The various items had now been ordered and someone from the Youth Club will need to sign for the equipment when delivered sometime after 30th April. A request has been made for locks to be installed on the club's storage area.

60th Anniversary of D-Day

Further details were discussed including printing of the Church Service sheets, the 3 minutes video recording made at Southwick House In 1944 various other items of memorabilia.

Ride-on Mower for Widley Burial Ground

The Council members were shown the Ride-on mower recently purchased and the trailer that Mr.Grant had made for it, and expressed their appreciation.

West of Waterlooville MDA

Mr. Carter showed members the draft Masterplan that had been drawn up for the west of Waterlooville development. He gave details of the amount of land calculated for the phase 1 development, which included residential, leap, mixed use, employment, school, local centre, cemetery (now moved to the A3 near Plant Farm), hospice, existing allotments, new allotments, playing field, and open space. There were also details of the reserved development area calculations.

Mr. Carter stated that the development .interest would be submitting outline planning applications in June and this will be fed into the Local Plan Inquiry. Fifty houses should be built by the end of next year.

The City Council will be approaching the Parish Council on how this situation should be dealt with. The parish population will grow, by about 7,000 and the parish will be the largest in the district. Full time admin, staff will be needed to cope with the extra 'work involved in administering the parish, and the Parish Council will have to decide whether it wants to take on this responsibility.

Mrs. Bazalgette said that if the council decided to take on the MDA it would no longer be a rural parish but would become an urban one, and this is a matter that would need careful consideration in the coming months..

Mock-up Mast for Type 45 Destroyer - Portsdown Hill

It was stated that the mock-up mast for the new Type 45 destroyer is taking shape on Portsdown Hill. Already 90ft.high it will grow, by another 15ft.when a spherical radar dome is fitted next year. It completely dominates the skyline and is visible for miles around. It comes within the Portsmouth boundary area.

Street Name Signs

Mr. Carter stated that name signs for Portchester lane and Crooked Walks lane are to be installed, together with the re-instatement of the Southwick sign at Rooks Bridge.

Utilisation of Part of Dryad Land for BMX park

Representations were made by four village lads suggesting that part of the former Dryad base be used as a BMX park. They had a certain area of land in mind which they thought was now surplus to MOD requirements which could be used.

After discussion it was agreed that the request should be more specific with the lads producing a sketch map of the area they had in mind, and suggestions for storing the ramps, and firm numbers of those children who would be interested.

Mr. Carter said that the Defence Land Agent was fairly certain that the base will in due course be used once again by-military personnel, but not for some time.

Playing Field

Play Equipment Inspection

Members were informed that the play equipment inspection had been carried out and report received. The overall site risk score was given medium risk which meant take action to reduce if possible.

For the low pedestal Slide the action recommended was, remove trip hazards, prepare metal and repaint, no action was recommended for the 1bay 1 cradle seat. 1 bay 2 flat rubber seats, action recommended, remove surplus hangers, replace bushes, remove trip hazard and repair rubber (medium risk). Honeycomb whirl, action recommended; remove raised edge, (low risk)

The Chairman stated that she would investigate the equipment with a view to taking action on the recommendations in the report.

Basket Ball Court

Two quotations were received one for £5,620.23 and the other for £4519.00. After discussion it was agreed to choose the higher quote on the grounds that, the base will be more substantial, robust and longer lasting. The application has now to be presented to the Open Space Funding officer requesting release of the funds.

Goal Post Nets

Mr.Houghton stated that he had examined the goalpost nets and they were unsuitable. It was agreed to sell them.

Protecting Older People - Reducing Doorstep Crime

Mr. Bazalgette agreed to attend the start of the new initiative by Hampshire County Council to tackle doorstep crime.

Litter

It was agreed to put in a request for help with litter picking in the village to the Probation service in conjunction with the community service programme.

Brownie Pack Holiday

Permission was given for a Brownie Pack to use the playing field from 30th.May to the 1st June.

Elections for Parish and District Councillors 2004

Notice was given that an election will be held on the 10th.June 2004 for Parish, District and MEP¹ s.

Nomination papers have to be delivered to the Returning Officer at Winchester no later than 4pm. on Thursday 13th.May2004.Notice of poll not later than noon 2nd.June 2004, counting of votes 9:30am. Friday 11th June 2004.

The timing of the Annual Parish Council meeting will depend on whether there will be an election.

Other Matters

Castle road pavement, tree roots; Widley Walk, wet patch and mud near the sewage plant; Mill Lane Bridge damaged.

Orders for Payment

Southwick Church £100 (grant for parish magazine)

HAPTC (subs) £137

Clerk (salary + exp. April) £242.36;

WCC (fee play equip. inspection) £37.60

HCC£22.98 (lights)

Date of Next Meeting – 10th May at 7.30pm'

Meeting closed at 9:55pm.