

SOUTHWICK & WIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick Monday 12th July 2004 at 7.30pm

Present - Mrs. E. J. Bazalgette - In the chair
Mr. J. Houghton - Vice-Chairman
Mr. J. Cooper
Mr, K. Dabbs
Mrs. J. Luxmoore
Mr. S. Nicholls
Mr. B. Welch

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mrs. Ripper and Revd. Griffiths

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Add Agendas of Meetings to be posted on Notice Board.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th June 2004 were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Proposed BMX Track at Former HMS Dryad

Mr. Cooper stated that he would be having a meeting with the Defence Land Agent shortly to discuss the matter.

Basketball Court

It was agreed to obtain a quote from Playsafe to add basic markings to the basketball court.

Back Lane One Way System

Mr. Cooper stated that he had taken this matter up with the Highways Authority.

Castle Road Pavement

It was stated that Mr. Ken Matthews, Highways Engineer had telephoned to say that his men would be repairing the pavement in Castle road shortly.

Overgrown Vegetation at Junction of Castle road and Denmead Road

Mr. Ken Matthews in his telephone conversation said that he would investigate the matter but he thought the hedge was the responsibility of Winchester City Council Housing and he would contact them.

Football Nets

Mr. Nicholls stated that he would be seeing a prospective buyer in the near future.

Planning Application - Decision

J and S Estates Ltd. New car parking area, replacement roof over existing garage block and new entrance porch to each block of flats 1 - 12, Norton Close

Application permitted. No development shall take place until details of both hard and soft landscape works have been approved. Details should include existing trees and hedges existing and proposed finish levels or contours. Hard surfacing materials; planting plans. Any damaged or deceased trees must be replaced with same sized species. A schedule of landscape maintenance for a minimum of five years must be submitted and approved. The existing trees shown as being retained on the approved plan shall not be touched and be protected during building operations by fencing at least 5 metres from the tree trunks.

Planning Application - For decision

J and S Estates - 2 storey extension to existing block of flats to provide 2 x 2 bedroom and 2 x 1 bedroom flats at 1 -- 6, Norton Close

After discussion it was agreed to object to the proposal on the following grounds:-

"The building would be out of character. The newly designed roof is visually worse than in the original plan; the south east facing side is the same as the plan that was rejected. Still problems with density overlooking and drainage. Lack of transport and facilities.

HMS Dryad decommissioned. Mr. Cooper stated that he had been in contact with the Planning Officer dealing with the application. It was likely to go to Planning Committee on the 9th September.
West of Waterlooville MDA

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It was stated that the West of Waterlooville forum has been disbanded. When the community aspects come to be fully considered parish councils will be invited to participate together with the developers.

Annual Flower Show

A request from the Southwick Sports and Social Association for a grant towards the cost of hiring a local jazz band to perform at the event (approximately £60) was rejected on the grounds that it would set a precedent for all sorts of application that the Parish Council would not be able to meet.

Unauthorised Use of the Playing Field by the Dance Group

Parish Council members were concerned to discover on arrival for the meeting that a Dance Group party was being held, partly in the Playing Field*of which they knew nothing about because permission had not been sought, in addition to the noise emanating from the party (which made it difficult at times to follow proceedings at the meeting) it appeared that there had been trouble in the playing field when the group tried to exclude village, children from the park. This was made clear in a letter to the Council from a resident who complained about the behaviour of some members of the dance group.

After discussion it was agreed to write to the organiser of the dance group pointing out that permission should have been sought if they wished: to use the playing field and that it is a public recreation ground that is open at all times to village children irrespective of whether there is a private party in progress.

It was also agreed to make clear to the D-Day Memorial Hall committee that when the hall is booked for a function and organisers wish to use the playing field permission is first obtained from the parish council, pointing out that it is a public recreation ground.

Information Super Highway

Hampshire County Council has introduced a new website to keep residents informed about highway repairs and maintenance. Repairs can be reported to the County Council 24 hours per day on www.hants.gov.uk/highways. Problems such as broken streetlights, potholes, blocked roads, drains or damaged traffic signs can be reported on the website or by telephone 0845 850 4422. Reports made via the website are acknowledged, provided the appropriate field ("Do you want us to respond to you") is ticked. Progress reports on repairs can be ascertained by telephoning the above number.

HAPTC Training Seminar for Hew Councillors

Messrs, "Dabbs, Nicholls, Welch and Mrs. Ripper were nominated to attend the above course in Winchester on the 4th August.

Council Elections

A letter of apology was received from the Returning Officer regarding the incorrect details on the election results notices. He has also sent a letter of apology to Mrs. Sheila Grant explaining the situation. The correct declaration was made at the count and the original written form was correct but later inaccurately entered onto the computer system. —

Election expense forms have to be sent to Winchester even if it is a nil return.

Register of Member's Interest Forms It was noted that the majority of members had completed their Register of Member's Interest forms.

Community Chest - Winchester City Council

Community Chest is a new initiative from the City Council which offers local bodies the chance to apply for funding projects focussed on promoting and benefiting their community: Grants of £500 can be used for a variety of purposes such as new equipment for a facility or publicity for a residents association. Publicity cards have been supplied to City Councillors, local community facilities, libraries etc.

Other Matters From October all licensing goes to committee. Disability Act comes into force 1st October.

Accounts for Year Ended March 31st.2004 (Ref.624)

The Annual Return was duly signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

Orders for Payment

J. Murray (Audit Fee) £87.50; Clerk (Salary + Exp. May/June) 483.76; Cannon Hygiene (Grass Cutting) £105.75; R. Dillon (Litter Picking) £72.00; HAPTC (Course Fees) £100;

Date of Next Meeting

13th September 2004 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm,