

SOUTHWICK & WIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 13th December 2004 at 7.30pm.

Present - Mrs. E. J. Bazalgette – In the chair
Mr. J. Houghton - Vice-Chairman
Mr. J Cooper
Mr. K. Dabbs
Mr. S. Nicholls
Mrs. J. Luxmoore
Mrs. H. Ripper
Mr. B. Welch
Mrs. S. A. Grant

One member of the public

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

Apology for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Reverend H. Griffiths

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mrs. Sheila Grant signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed by the Chairman to the Council.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Business Arising from the Minutes

BMX Track

The Clerk stated that he had contacted the Clerk to Boarhunt Parish Council who had told him that their track was a simple figure of eight design dug out of part of the playing field and earthed up to form a bank. A competition had been held for the children to come up with the best design. There had been no cost involved.

Healthcare - Southwick

A letter was received from the Director of Primary and Community Care which stated that he has had a response from the practice manager confirming that although original transport arrangements have been adjusted in the light of experience, the practice is unaware of any current difficulties. Ms. Ashton also stated that she had ascertained that the Wickham Care Group gave an undertaking to provide the co-ordination once local drivers had been identified.

After discussion the Chairman said that she would investigate the matter and try and obtain clarification what system the practice had in place for Southwick patients.

It was still maintained that receptionists at the practice were not informing patients of the transport that they could use.

Norton Close Flats

Work there is continuing to be monitored. Paths are being concreted.

The Rowans

Work has started on the car park lighting

Highway Matters

'SOUTHWICK' village sign still needs replacing. A sign is needed to warn drivers of the narrow bridge (Rooks bridge) when turning off the by-pass. Norton Close sign flattened. Castle road white lining at the junction. B2177 hatching on the hill road, Damaged kerbstone in High street, West street and Castle road. Priors road needs sweeping. Widley Walk – water collecting from underground spring. One Way system-Back lane. Cast iron finger sign junction of West street and Fareham road.

Widley Burial Ground - Wall Repair

It was agreed to request that the rubbish be removed.

Playing Field

Landscaping Works

Mr. Houghton stated that he had accompanied a representative from Woodlake Garden Services to the playing field and indicated what the Council wanted by way of landscaping works. He would be submitting a written quotation but had said that clearing the undergrowth near the entrance to the playing field and to hedge layer the far gap in the hedge with all cuttings removed from site - £200.

To replace the chain link fencing would be about £60.

It was agreed to accept this quotation.

The Council considered a request for permission to use the playing field for a wedding reception next June and to put up a gazebo for the sale of alcoholic drinks which would be obtained from a local public house.

After discussion it was agreed that permission should not be granted for the sale of alcoholic drinks in the playing field but that guests could use the playing field as long as no glasses were taken outside. They should also be informed that the playing field was a public facility open at all times to the village children.

Trees

A report on the playing field- trees and Widley burial ground trees will be presented at the next meeting.

Protecting Older People from Doorstep Crime

Mrs. Luxmoore agreed to let the County Trading Standards department have details of her email facilities as an early warning system in the event of doorstep crime in the area.

Street Lighting

A number of lights still needed cleaning. Nos. 8 & 3 faulty.

Dates of Meetings for 2005

17.1.05 (changed) 14.2.05; 14.3.05; 21.3.05 (Parish Meeting); 11.4.05; 9.5.05; 13.6.05; 11.7.05; 12.9.05; 10.10.05; 14.11.05; 12.12.05.

Orders for Payment

Mr. Dillon (litter picking) £97.00; Hampshire County Council (Lighting) £758.96; Clerk (salary + exp.Nov.04) £233.34; Audit Commission (fee) £141.00.

The meeting closed; at 8.55pm.