

SOUTHWICK & WIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Montgomery Room, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Monday 12* December 2005

Present

Mrs E J Bazalgette - in the chair
Mrs S A Grant - Vice Chairman
Mr J Cooper
Mr J Houghton
Mr S Nicholls
Mr B Welch
Mr K Dabbs

Also Present

Rev'd Bob Green - Chaplain to Southwick/Boarhunt Parishes
Major David Gorton
1 member of the public

In Attendance

Mr J P Whitbourn – Clerk to the Council

The Chairman welcomed Major David Gorton who had agreed to act as Liaison Officer between the Military Police at Southwick Park and the Parish Council.

Miss Stella Leppard was introduced to the meeting. Following interviews for a new clerk Miss Leppard was nominated as the successful applicant

Apologies for Absence

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Add: if was agreed to insure the new gates to the Playing Field.
The minutes were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman,

Business Arising from the Minutes

1-6 Norton Close Flats

The landscaping scheme continues to be monitored.

Playing Field

An estimate was received to replace the chain link fence in the Playing Field of £410.00. it was agreed to accept and request the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

Junior football posts and nets to be installed.

Street Lighting

It was reported that the street lights had been cleaned on the outside only.

No 8 light still not connected.

No 15 in Priory Road - the Perspex damaged. Cost of replacement £800+ No

No 19 light needs straightening.

Mr Nicholls to continue to liaise with the County Lighting Engineer.

Planning Service Improvement Plan

The two existing Development Control Committees east and west will combine into one meeting to be held in the Walton Room Guildhall every third Wednesday. All planning applications will be considered.

When a Parish Council comments on an application it should be on a proforma which will be attached. If they consider it should be dealt with by Committee it should be requested with reasons.

Parish Council's concerns will be reported in full. This improvement plan will take effect from 1st December 2005.

The Cold Park Farm development application is progressing with summer 2006 as the target.

The Grainger Trust are presently in talks with Winchester & Havant officers: 1,600 houses are planned. The application could be submitted in the New Year.

The southern access road to be reviewed. Traffic Engineers recognise that vehicles must be directed south.

Planning Applications - 20 Castle Road

Rear conservatory – support.

State of Denmead Road

Mr Nicholls agreed to contact the Highways Engineer,

To be investigated,

Portsdown - Cosham Road

Excess water running down. To be investigated.

Widley Burial Ground

Mrs Grant expressed thanks to the Military for helping to tidy the Widley churchyard. Major Gorton stated they would be prepared to consider future applications for tasks.

Christmas Tree Lights - Southwick

A request by the Christmas Tree volunteers for help with the payment of the electricity bill for the lights will be considered when the cost is known.

The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks to Mr Whitbourn who was retiring as Clerk to the Parish Council after 40+ years. Mr Whitbourn was presented with a cheque and champagne.

In thanking the Council the Clerk said that He had found the work very interesting over the years, mentioning several highlights including the building of Southwick By-Pass and the 50th Anniversary of D-Day when over 30,000 people visited Southwick and the hall was built.

Orders for Payment

D-Day Hall Committee	£ 24
J Whitbourn	£100
R Dillow	£101
Clerk	£233.34

Date of the Next Meeting

9th January 2006 at 8 pm