

## Southwick & Widley Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Montgomery Room D-Day Memorial Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7:30 pm

#### Present:

Mr J Watson in the Chair  
Mr A. Hinton  
Mr N Cutler  
Mrs J Houghton  
Rev S. Brocklehurst  
Mrs P. Stallard  
Mr G. Clark  
Mr T. Parkinson  
Mr N. Hibberd

**Also present:** District Councillor A. Clear and Mrs S. Phillips-Lee

#### In Attendance: -

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

#### 22.014 Clerk's Resignation:

- i) Mr Watson opened the meeting by announcing that the Clerk had tendered his resignation. He said the Clerk had given up to six months' notice to allow time for the parish council to find a suitable replacement and have a good change over.

Mr Watson said that it was with regret that he had accepted the notice.

- ii) Mr Watson asked for volunteers to help with the recruitment process. Volunteers: Mr Watson, Mrs Stallard, Mr Hinton and Mr Cutler.

**22.015 Apologies for Absence:** PCSO B. Towler and District Councillor T. Evans.

**22.016 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** - Proposed Mr A Hinton seconded Mrs J Houghton and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

**22.017 Matters Arising:** Mr Watson asked that matters arising should be raised at the appropriate points on the agenda

#### 22.018 Public Participation:

- i) Mrs Stallard, in her capacity as County Councillor, had submitted a written report see Appendix A.

She added that the point she is particularly pleased about is with the young people who voted on environmental issues in the 'Make Your Mark' consultation. See item 7 of Mrs Stallard's report.

Mr Parkinson asked if there had been any feedback on accidents on the smart motorway part of the M27?

Mrs Stallard said that Motorways come under the control of Highways England, not the County Council.

- ii) Mr Cutler, due to the pre-election period regulation, previously known as 'purdah', chose not to say anything, leaving it instead to his colleague District Councillor A Clear.
- iii) District Councillor Clear said:
  - a) The Council is very quiet, with Council meetings on hold until after the elections on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.
  - b) Winchester City Council has been awarded a Fly-tipping grant of £ 27,500.
  - c) The Ukrainian Crisis; Winchester City Council is working with Hampshire County Council to vet families for suitability to house Ukrainians. People are impatient, but vetting is a long process.

#### 22.019 Community Safety:

- i) Mr Clark reported. that there had been an invasion by Travellers of the car parks in Porchester, from which an illegal van had driven around the village asking various questions. The Transit van had a number plate that belonged to a Renault Espace. He did not know if the Police had progressed on this.

**22.020 Correspondence:** Councillors had received all correspondence before the meeting.

#### 22.021 Playing field matters:

- i) Mr Hibberd reported that there had been a community attempt to clean up the basketball pitch

#### 22.022 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) Mr Hibberd said that contractor would commence painting the street lights soon.
- ii) Mr Cutler raised the lamp in Widley Walk that is badly damaged.

Mr Watson asked the Clerk to get BCG to replace it.

- iii) Mrs Houghton reported that light number 8 was not working, and light number 12 was continuously flashing.

The Clerk to report the faulty lights to BCG.

#### 22.023 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that the foundations for the new rubbish bins are almost complete.

Mr Cutler said he would chase up Winchester City Council to supply the rubbish bins.

- ii) Mr Clark raised the signs in part of Norton Close, saying that security cameras are in operation.

Mr Cutler said that he has looked into this and the parking for flats 7-12 is privately owned land, so it is legal for them to restrict who can park on it.

- iii) Mr Hibberd asked if there had been an answer to the Parish Council's request for a 20's Plenty campaign.

Mr Watson said that he had written to Hampshire County Council confirming that Southwick would endorse the campaign.

#### 22.024 Planning Matters:

- i) Mr Cutler said that there had been several planning applications over the last few months for farm buildings. The Lye Heath application extended the Farm's footprint and asked that the Council scrutinise that application.

Mr Cutler proposed that there should be a Planning Committee that meets regularly and reports monthly to Full Council.

Mr Watson asked who would like to be on the Planning Committee. Those accepting: Mr Hinton and Mr Clerk,

#### 22.025 Members Business:

- i) Mr Hinton thanked Mr Cutler for his work sorting out the problem about the bins raised in Minute **22.012 iii)** at last month's meeting.
- ii) Rev Brocklehurst gave an update on the arrangements for the Queen's Jubilee:
  - a) All the printing advertising the events has been done.
  - b) There will be a pomp and circumstance evening with the Horndean band at 9.00 pm Thursday, and this includes the lighting of the brazier
  - c) Saturday there will be a street party and
  - d) Sunday morning, there will be a church service.

#### 22.026 Orders for Payment:

- ii). Proposed Mr Parkinson seconded Mr Hinton and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay its bills.

#### Cheque List Retrospective April 2022

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
1697	DD5/5/22	Hampshire Playing Fields	Administration	20.00	0.00	20.00
<b>Totals Paid</b>				20.00	0.00	20.00

**Cheque List April 2022**

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1691	TRAN87	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
1690	TRAN87	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	269.56	0.00	269.56
1692	TRAN88	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax	67.20	0.00	67.20
1693	TRAN89	D-Day Memorial Hall - Hall Hire	Hire of Room	138.00	0.00	138.00
1694	TRAN90	Southwick Parent & Toddler	Grants	78.00	0.00	78.00
<b>Totals Paid</b>				<b>572.76</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>572.76</b>

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm

Date of the next meetings:10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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22.018 i)

**1. £41.25 million agreed for M27 Junction 10 construction**

Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council have welcomed news of the award of £41.25 million of Housing Investment Grant by Homes England towards the upgrade of Junction 10 of the M27. The upgrade will involve the provision of a new motorway underpass and three new slip roads to facilitate the development of Welborne Garden Village in North Fareham.

The completion of the Funding Agreement with Homes England is a significant milestone for the County Council who have been working hard with Homes England to get to this point. The Government funding will make a substantial contribution to the cost of the scheme with the remaining £50 million being provided by the Welborne project. Subject to all the necessary funding being in place, the County Council's Cabinet has agreed that the County Council will take on the role of delivery body for the Junction 10 project.

A recent agreement with National Highways (formerly Highways England) has also been secured so that the County Council can deliver this highly complex engineering project on the Strategic Road Network once design work has been completed and all remaining approvals are in place. The works at Junction 10 will be largely undertaken without directly impacting motorway traffic and will follow the completion of National Highways' Smart Motorway works and also the County Council's improvement scheme at Junction 9 of the M27.

An Invitation to Tender for the completion of the design and construction for the new Junction 10 has now been issued by the County Council. It is currently anticipated, that assuming all outstanding approvals following the completion of the junction design by the contractor can be completed to programme, that construction of the new junction would begin in 2023. For more information visit:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/m27junction10>

**2. Homes for Ukraine**

The County Council is working with local district and borough councils, as well as key local partners such as the NHS and Hampshire Constabulary, to prepare for the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. An initial £100,000 has been set aside to provide immediate support and assistance. Several key areas of activity are currently being prioritised:

- a process for home visits is being put in place; individual sponsors will be contacted by the County Council regarding these, as soon as they have been formally notified by Government of an impending arrival
- a process is also being set up to allow sponsors to receive a 'thank you' payment of £350 per month direct to their bank accounts.
- DBS checks are required of all sponsors under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, as well as enhanced DBS checks for hosts who will have Ukrainian children staying with them. These will commence as part of the home visit process and will be undertaken by HCC.
- guest families will be assisted with school admissions so that formal education can continue as soon as possible; queries about school places can be directed to [https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/contacts\\_places](https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/contacts_places)
- the County Council's adult social care team is liaising with NHS representatives regarding how support will be provided. GP support and the provision of crisis mental health assistance is a key consideration.

A dedicated 'Support For Ukraine' webpage ([www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine](http://www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine)) has been set up and is being regularly updated with the latest information, together with signposting to updates from central Government.

### 3. Roads

The countywide clear-up following the severe storms in February continued into March. Storm Eunice alone generated over 5,000 reports with the highways team attending to almost 2000 fallen, damaged or dangerous trees, many of which needed emergency or urgent works. Specialist teams continue to inspect and prioritise tree related issues. In addition, across the County 11,395 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced in February, 16,521 gullies and other drainage was cleared and 4,905 potholes were repaired.

### 4. 20 mph Speed Limit

Last January the County Council agreed to set up a Task and Finish Working Group to investigate 20 mph speed limits in residential areas across the County. That group is now gathering evidence and is expected to report its findings to the Economy, Transport & Environment Select Committee in September.

### 5. New Community Pantries

Five new Community Pantries are opening in Hampshire with support from the connect4communities programme, led by Hampshire County Council. Each pantry will help families who are facing hardship to access food at reduced prices. There is now at least one community pantry in each of the 11 districts in the HCC local authority area, with a total of 20 across Hampshire. For more information visit [www.connect4communities.org](http://www.connect4communities.org)

### 6. Leader's Community Grants Scheme

Communities across Hampshire are being invited to apply to Hampshire County Council for support from the Leader's Community Grants Scheme - which can help fund projects designed to help communities thrive. Examples of previous award recipients include the Blue Apple Theatre, based in Winchester, to help fund outreach work in other areas of the county, the Titchfield Village Trust for roof maintenance of the village hall and to improve disabled access, and Action Hampshire to support women in start-up or existing social enterprises.

Applications are now open for the financial year 2022/23. Those wishing to apply should visit the Leader's Community Grants page - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants>. The scheme will consider applications between £1,000 and £25,000 to use for activity costs and/or capital costs. Amounts in excess of £25,000 will occasionally be considered in exceptional circumstances. Applications are welcomed at any time and will be dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis.

### 7. Young people Highlight their Key Priorities

Young people across Hampshire voted environmental issues as their top concern in this year's 'Make Your Mark' consultation. Hampshire ranked second in the UK for participation in the consultation, with 17,385 votes cast in total. The results will help to shape what the Hampshire Youth Parliament focuses on locally over the next two years.

Make Your Mark is the largest youth consultation of its kind in the UK and gives all young people aged 11-18 years a chance to have their say on the biggest issues facing them. This year's consultation, which ran from 1 - 28 February, was supported across the County by 36 schools, colleges and youth groups, and nationally by the British Youth Council, UK Parliament and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

Young people in Hampshire were able to vote on a number of topics through the Hampshire Youth Parliament network and, for the second year running, placed 'Environment' at the top of their priorities with 4,260 votes. Jobs, money, homes and opportunities came in second place with 3,532 votes and health and wellbeing followed closely behind with 3,457 votes. This aligns to the national picture, which saw health and wellbeing and jobs, money, homes and opportunities voted in first and second place respectively. The full breakdown of the results for Hampshire is below:

- **Environment** (Climate Change, Plastic Pollution) - 4,260 votes
- **Jobs, Money, Homes and Opportunities** (More Training and Apprenticeships, Ending Homelessness) - 3,532 votes
- **Health and Wellbeing** (Improved Access to Mental Health Support, End Food Poverty, Conversion Therapy) - 3,457 votes
- **Education and Learning** (Improved Climate Education, Free University, Better Mental Health Education) - 2,706 votes
- **Poverty** (End Child Poverty) - 2,019 votes
- **Our Rights and Democracy** (Votes at 16, Freedom of Speech, Building a Better Relationship Between Young People and Government) - 783 votes
- **Covid-19 Recovery** (Involve young people in the Recovery plan) - 628 votes

The Hampshire results will help to steer the direction of Hampshire Youth Parliament's campaign plans from 2022-2024 which will be published in due course on the Make your Mark webpage - <https://hampshireyp.org.uk/make-your-mark/>

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