

Minutes of the Meeting of South Warnborough Parish Council
VIRTUAL
Monday 14th September 2020
Draft Minutes Subject to Confirmation

Present Cllr Lady Belinda Hall
Cllr Chris Preston
Cllr Stephen Spreadborough
Cllr Ed Clark
Cllr Gavin McBride

County Councillor Jonathan Glen
District Cllr John Kennett
Mrs Elizabeth Ford (Clerk)
8 members of the public

1. Introduction

All attendees were welcomed.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Cllrs Ken Crookes and Chris Dorn.

3. Declaration of interests

Cllr Hall declared a personal interest as a neighbour in item 7 c) and Cllr Spreadborough declared a personal interest in item 7b).

It was resolved to bring items 9 and 10 forward.

10. Update from District Councillor

A District Council meeting on 24th September would discuss the proposals for the pedestrianisation of Fleet. It was supported by traders but opposed by occupiers of the adjacent streets along which the diverted traffic would be routed.

Devolution and, locally, the merging of several District Councils was being revisited (Rushmoor, Hart and Basingstoke). This which would have planning implications for the Hart District with its reservoir of development land. County Councillor Jonathan Glen advised that similar discussions were being held at county level but advised against sub-county groupings of Councils. The devolution debate was expected to intensify after the local government elections in May.

Cllr Kennett reported on the government proposals for new planning designations of land with no local involvement on planning applications once the designations were made. Consultation on the proposals were ongoing. Parishes were advised to consider the implications of the proposals on the rate of development in their area.

9. Update from County Councillor

The proposal for a new Energy Recovery Facility (waste incinerator) at the Veolia waste recycling site on the A31 was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Clerk would submit a Parish Council comment to object. Councillor Glen then left the meeting.

4. Approval of minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 20th July 2020

This was deferred.

5. Financial Reports

a) **Bank reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation was checked against the bank statements and all signed. Bank balances on 14th September 2020 were:

SWPC Treasurers (current) account	£ 39,065.00
SWPC Burial Ground Account	£ 3,469.01
SWPC Recreation Area Trust Account	£ 9,758.70
SWPC - SWAGA CMM Account	£ 2,234.74
NS&I Savings Account	£ 6,115.24

b) **Minute agreement to payments**

It was resolved to approve the payments listed below (total £1,134.89)

<u>Retrospective Payments to be Authorised 14th September</u>			
02/09/2020	Lawnmaster Inv 75293		£ 24.00
04/09/2020	E Ford Refund payment for tree guard		£ 147.49
			<u>£ 171.49</u>
<u>Payments to be Authorised 14th September</u>			
21/07/2020	Clerk expenses & back pay		£ 132.40
27/09/2020	Clerk salary Sept		£ 455.00
30/09/2020	Swadling Garden Services		<u>£ 376.00</u>
			<u>£ 963.40</u>

It was also resolved to:

- spend £75 on two/three holly shrubs for the burial ground and £50 on rabbit fencing from the Burial Ground Account.
- that the purchase of the tree guards for the Village Green would be funded using the allocated reserve for garden projects (£964.97)

6. **Project and consider if the Parish Council would act as the legal entity in partnership with Openreach in the event that the project costs exceed grant support**

A detailed report on the SW Gigabit Broadband Project was presented. A team of five local residents were managing a community project for Openreach to upgrade the existing broadband network to "Fibre to the Premises" connections. An initial costing for a tranche of 295 addresses (South Warnborough and some in Long Sutton) had been obtained from Openreach and was within the identified level of grant funding. The project would now limit itself to a South Warnborough network upgrade as the project team considered this would give the greatest chance of the project being delivered without cost to South

Warnborough villagers. The team would provide support to Long Sutton residents in making a separate upgrade application to deliver an upgrade for their village. Coverage and other details were being checked with Openreach, and a firm quote would be obtained in four weeks. If, as expected, grant funding exceeded cost, a legal entity would not be required. The Parish Council did not make a decision on whether to act as a legal entity at the meeting. The alternative "demand led" form of agreement would still require householders to commit to apply their grant vouchers to the project and to agree to taking a 12 month broadband contract of at least 30 Mbps with an Internet Service Provider.

Clarification of the form of upgrade being proposed was made to the meeting with the new project installing a heavier fibre to each premises with its associated higher performance as compared to the "fibre to cabinet" system already in place in parts of the village.

Cllr McBride thanked the project team for the great job they had done in developing the project.

7. To consider the following planning applications:

- a) **20/02107/CA, Lees Hill House, Lees Hill.** T1 Lime - Crown lift off garage roof to give 3m clearance above roof and tip reduce branches overhanging drive by c 1 - 1.5m to take branches off fabric of the roof and from overhanging drive G2 Group of x2 Conifer, x1 Mt Ash - Fell T3 Ash tree - Remove x3 branches growing through crown of Cherry Plum tree to rear.
The application was discussed, and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.
- b) **20/02073/FUL, Ford Farm, Ford Lane, Upton Grey.** Erection of storage and office building for use by PHL Limited following demolition of existing grain store and removal of temporary offices, erection of grain store, lean-to crop sprayer building, associated hard standing, new access from Bidden Road and access track, and formation of balancing pond.
Cllr Spreadborough declared a personal interest. The application was discussed, and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.
- c) **20/01981/HOU, High Beeches, Swaines Hill.** Replacement of existing outbuilding with oak framed outbuilding.
Cllr Hall declared a personal interest as an immediate neighbour of the property. The application was discussed and it was decided to make a site visit before the closing date for comment on Friday 25th September.
- d) **20/01801/HOU, The Walled Gardens, Orchard Lodge Froyle Lane.** Remove the existing garage flat roof and replace with a new pitched roof and clad the existing external walls with timber.
The application was discussed, and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.
- e) **20/01783/OUT, Granary Court, Alton Road.** Outline planning application for the erection of 6 detached dwellings.
The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment to object. The Council would add that it was happy to review the proposal for housing on the site, but required more information on the size and design of buildings, management of surface and foul drainage, connectivity to the village and highway safety.
The Clerk would make a further request to Hart DC for enforcement against the new Alton Road access from the site.
- f) **20/02155/CA, Cavok, Lees Hill.** Ash (T1) - Fell Ash x 2 (G2) - Reduce height by c4m to leave 10m high.
The application was discussed, and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.

7. Update on other previous applications.

Since the last meeting the update on previous planning applications was as follows:

20/01658/EIA, Chosley Farm Bidden Road North Warnborough. Request for screening opinion for development of a solar photovoltaic farm etc. Status: Decision now issued that EIA not required.

JUTA/19/01949/HOU and JUTA/19/01950/LBC, Lees Cottage, Lees Hill. Planning Appeal by written statement for refusal of: Erection of a two storey rear extension, creation of basement. Single storey outbuilding etc. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: Ongoing.

20/01412/FUL, Swaines Hill Manor, Swaines Hill. Change of use of two Agricultural Buildings into two three bedroom dwellings etc. Parish Council comment of no objection. Status: Granted 25th August 2020.

20/01155/PREAPP, Land Adjacent To Poachers Field, Alton Road. Erection of 16 residential dwellings (including 8 no. open market and 8 no. affordable dwellings) together with associated infrastructure, landscaping, car parking and creation of a new pedestrian and vehicular access from Alton Road (B3349). Parish Council comment highlighted that problems with several aspects of the proposals. Status: Pre-app statement yet to be issued.

9. Update from County Councillor

See after item 3.

10. Update from District Councillor

See after item 3.

11. To consider purchase of new goals for SWAGA area

It was resolved to purchase two free-standing goals for the SWAGA area at a cost of up to £1.5K exc VAT, and requested that they be in place in time for the Autumn half term holiday. The Clerk would request that S106 funding be released to cover the cost and if not available request a grant from County Councillor Jonathan Glen. If no S106/grant funding was available the purchase would be made using SWPC funds.

12. To consider the proposed improvements to the bus stop opposite the Village Shop

A meeting had been held the week before with Hampshire County Council to discuss improvements to the bus stop opposite the Village Shop. A “build-out”, being a low platform, was planned by HCC and would be across the layby at the bus stop location to aid access to the bus. Provision of a bus shelter and RTI signage were also requested by the Parish Council. It was decided at the Parish Council meeting that the bus shelter (metal and of a contemporary design) which could be supplied by Hampshire County Council would not be suitable for the village location. Options for funding and/or supply of a bus shelter of a more traditional design would be looked into by the Parish Council.

13. Questions and answers from the floor

The Clerk would contact HC Highways to request a copy of the recent drain survey on the Alton Road to determine if tree root ingress into the sewer was a problem.

The Clerk would contact Hart DC to request that a road-sweeper visit the village (in particular the layb-bys outside the Village Shop and Wychwood House)

14. To confirm date of next meeting.

The next meeting would on Monday the 10th October at 7.30pm and was planned to be held in the Village Hall (Since the meeting new Covid-19 safeguarding measures were introduced. Residents were requested to check the agenda when issued on Wednesday 7th October for confirmation of the venue).

The meeting finished at 9.03 pm.

Signed Chairman _____ Date _____

Parish Clerk Elizabeth Ford

Appendix A- Financial Summary for September 2020

<u>BANK BALANCES AS AT 14th September 2020</u>			SWPC Treasurers Account	£	39,065.00		
			SWPC Burial Ground Account	£	3,469.01		
			SWPC Recreation Area Trust	£	9,758.70	as previous	
	01-Sep-20		SWPC - SWAGA CMM	£	2,234.74		
	10-Mar-20		NS&I Savings Account	£	6,115.24		
				£	60,642.69		
<u>SWPC TREASURERS ACCOUNT</u>			BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 20th July	£	41,326.53		
			<u>Receipts to 14th Sept</u>				
			nil	£	-		
				£	-	£	41,326.53
			<u>Payments to 20th September</u>				
Trf	21/07/2020	Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance		£	56.50		
Trf	21/07/2020	Clerk expenses & back pay		£	553.54		
SO	27/07/2020	Clerk salary July		£	364.00		
SO	31/07/2020	Swadling Garden Services		£	376.00		
SO	27/08/2020	Clerk salary August		£	364.00		
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				£	2,090.04	£	39,236.49
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SO	30/09/2020	Swadling Garden Services		£	376.00		
				£	963.40	£	38,101.60