

Minutes of the Meeting of South Warnborough Parish Council
The Ridley Hall
Monday 6th September 2021

Present Gavin McBride (GMC)(Vice Chair), Edward Clark (EC) (Vice Chair), Stephen Spreadborough (SS) and Stephen Highley (SH).
In Attendance Susan Richardson (Clerk & RFO)
Also Present HDC Cllr John Kennett.

34/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Belinda Hall.

35/21 Declarations of Interest no declarations were noted.

36/21 Public Participation no members of the public were present.

37/21 Approval of Minutes from Parish Council Meeting held on 5 July 2021. Cllr Clark **Proposed**, Cllr McBride **seconded** that the Minutes of 5 July be approved. **It was resolved** to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on Monday 5 July, items 20/21 to 33/21.

38/21 Financial Update

(a) The Q1 Summary of Receipts & Payments to 30 June as presented was approved. (Appendix One)

(b) The Financial update to 23 August together with listed Payments and Bank Reconciliation as presented were approved.

Payments since 1 June to 23 August

01.06.21	Swadling Garden Services	Parish Maintenance	384.00
21.06.21	Susan Richardson	Clerk's Salary	455.00
30.06.21	Swadling Garden Services	Parish Maintenance	384.00
06.07.21	Belinda Hall	E Ford's leaving gift	138.00
05.07.21	Playsafe Inspection	Annual safety inspection	103.20
21.07.21	Susan Richardson	Clerk's Salary	455.00
05.07.21	Susan Richardson	HP parish laptop	809.99
30.07.21	Swadling Garden Services	Parish Maintenance	384.00
23.08.21	Susan Richardson	Clerk's Salary	455.00
17.06.21	Webdirect	www.SWAGA	1.50
15.07.21	Webdirect	www.SWAGA	1.50
29.07.21	Southern Electric	SWAGA Electricity	172.91

Receipts since 1 June to 23 August

09.08.21	HDC	S106 Monies	738.00
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Bank Reconciliation - Account Balances as 23 August 2021

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Current Account (Lloyds 30-93-32, A/C 0100741)	71,704.95*
Burial Account (Lloyds 30-80-42, A/C 38449968)	3,469.01
SWAGA Account (30-90-53, A/C 35822560)	1,341.50*
NS&I Account	6,150.56
	82,666.02

**£10,000 transferred from SWAGA Account to Treasurer Account (playground)*

Chairman

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39/21 To consider the following planning applications and/or appeals:

(a) 21/02102/CA Lees Hill House, Lees Hill fell Cupressus (G1) as in poor condition (brown on one side) obstructing the parking of cars and lifting the paving. Of no aesthetic value. **It was AGREED** to offer no objection.

(b) 21/01941/CA Latymer House, Alton Road to fell T1 Walnut which has several large cavities throughout the canopy and main stem, with signs of canker where the crown breaks. **It was AGREED** to offer no objection.

(c) 21/02039/HOU Denver House, 4 Nash Meadows for erection of a porch, single storey infill extension, first floor side extension alterations to roof and replacement of garage doors. Comments invited by 13 September. **It was AGREED** to offer no objection.

(d) 21/02218/LDC Denver House, 4 Nash Meadows for erection of a two-storey rear extension. Comments invited by 17 September. **It was AGREED** to contact HDC to ask if any application and/or support documents are yet available. **Post Meeting Note:** Wrongly identified, no action required by SWPC.

(e) 20/03185/FUL Chosley Farm Bidden Road for erection of Solar Photovoltaic Farm, with output capacity not to exceed 49MW of energy, with associated battery storage and supporting infrastructure including inverters and a transformer, fencing CCTV, installation and landscaping works. (HDC have now received amended plans of the above proposal.) Any additional comments, following amended plans, invited by 21 September. **It was AGREED** SH would circulate proposed wording to be approved by all Members ahead of submission date. **Post Meeting Note:** (Appendix Three).

(f) APP/N1730/W/21/3273657 1 The Old Orchard, Nash Meadows appeal following HDC's refusal of PA 21/00060/HOU to which the PC offered no objection. Comments are invited by 9 September. SH proposed that additional comment should be made by SWPC and to this end he will provide wording, to be approved by all Members, for submission to the Planning Inspector. **Post Meeting Note:** (Appendix Four).

40/21 Projects Update

(a) Playground – The installation which was completed circa. 17 August has undergone an independent safety inspection by the PI Company Limited. Their report dated 18 August raised some 'low risk' safety concerns many of which have been addressed by the installer.

However, two pieces of equipment remain unsatisfactory for PC sign off; (a) Multi Play Junior which had 6 Findings reported including a broken/split slide and (b) Cable Runway which had 5 findings. Following the concerns raised the Cable Runway was decommissioned and remains so.

It was AGREED that (a) the Clerk and EC would continue to press for an onsite meeting so that the problems can be resolved and (b) that the Installation Sign Off report would not be signed by the Clerk and no monies handed over until all Members are satisfied with the safety aspect of the equipment.

(c) Eibe would be asked to provide the Risk Assessment for use of the play equipment as mentioned in the independent inspection report. **Post Meeting Note:** Meeting arranged for Thursday 30 September.

IT WAS AGREED that Larkstel Limited would be invited to quote to empty the 4 waste bins, on site, fortnightly. **Post Meeting Note:** Contract in place, £468 pa.

IT WAS AGREED to update the current signage to include site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details.

IT WAS AGREED EC would make contact with the Gardening Society following receipt of the £738 S106 monies allocated to landscaping on site.

(b) Village Gates - Following receipt and circulation of the email from Kevin Hyde, Senior Traffic Engineer at HCC **it was AGREED** that an onsite meeting would be requested. Community Funding has been secured for the two gates on the entrance to the village along the Alton Road (B3349). An additional quotation will be obtained for the Lees Hill entrance although there is no available funding for this presently. Uniformity in design was agreed.

(c) Bus Stop - **It was AGREED** the Clerk would contact Externiture requesting a site meeting

to agree the installation of HCC's funded base for the bus shelter opposite the village shop on the Alton Road. The two quotes, for the bus shelter itself, will be revisited to accommodate any rises in material prices etc. **Post Meeting Note:** Meeting arranged for Wednesday 22 September.

41/21 Ridley's Piece Update

The Clerk met with Vivid's Neighbourhood Officer Tom Chuter, on 26 July, who confirmed that a works order had been raised to repair the potholes. The ongoing concerns regarding resident parking, lighting etc. have all been raised with the appropriate departments Vivid Homes (as the landowners/landlords) and Tom Chuter will continue to update and liaise with the RP's residents.

42/21 Defibrillator - It was AGREED to purchase a replacement adult pads/battery as the current one expired in January of 2021. The cost is circa. £100. The location of the defibrillator has been advertised within the Parish Magazine as noted at the last PC meeting. **Post Meeting Note:** A pro-forma invoice has been raised for new pads/battery.

43/21 Lengthsman - A SW resident has asked if some additional stones could be laid on public footpath steps at Lees Hill leading to Gaston Lane (behind the large hedge). Over the years they have become quite sparse in places. EC suggested that the unused stones at the SWAGA be utilised asking the Lengthsman to collect and redistribute. GM will check if they are suitable and report back. No additional works for the Lengthsman were identified, currently SWPC holds 55.5 hours of lengthsman hours to be used.

44/21 District Councillor's Report

Hart DC Kennett reported on Hart DC planning matters:-

- Stephanie Baker has been appointed at Head of Planning replacing Emma Whittaker.
- Cholsey Farm solar farm application wasn't listed for September planning meeting so, October now likely. The proposal has been reduced by circa. 10%.

County Councillor's Report

HCC Cllr Jonathan Glen provided an emailed report which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting (Appendix Two).

45/21 To confirm date and location of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 15 November 2021 @ 7.30 p.m. in Ridley's Hall.

SOUTH WARNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL						
SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT						
<u>1st QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2021</u>						
Annual Budget	Actual-v-Budget		Figures shown exclusive of VAT			
			£		£	
RECEIPTS						
30,418.00	100%	Precept (1st instalment)	30,418.00			
25.00	0%	Bank Interest	-			
7,000.00	8%	Other	-			
250.00	#REF!	VAT	532.85			
37,693.00		TOTAL RECEIPTS			30,950.85	
PAYMENTS						
6,006.00	28%	Net Salaries & Allowances (Apr-June 0)	1,701.00			
400.00	18%	Clerk's Expenses Net VAT (1st Quarter)	70.18			
100.00	3%	Administration	3.00			
125.00	0%	Chairman's Allowance	-			
22,000.00	0%	Projects (Playground & Village Gates)	-			
800.00	135%	Insurance Premium	1,079.10			
1,000.00	0%	Grants & Donations: (Fete Donation)	-			
250.00	0%	S137	-			
250.00	0%	Training	-			
125.00	0%	Hall Hire	-			
500.00	40%	Audit Fees	200.00			
400.00	71%	Subscriptions	285.32			
300.00	0%	Website	-			
3,800.00	21%	Grounds Maintenance	792.00			
1,575.00	25%	Playground & SWAGA Costs	401.18			
800.00	25%	Miscellaneous	199.99			
250.00	3%	V.A.T.	7.55			
38,681.00		TOTAL PAYMENTS			4,739.32	
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD on 01/04/21					58,621.59	
ADD Total Receipts (as above)					30,950.85	
LESS Total payments (as above)					4,739.32	
Balance Carried forward 30/06/21					84,833.12	
These cumulative funds are represented by:						
Current Account (per bank statement)			63,696.14			
Burial Account (per bank statement)			3,469.01			
NS&I Account (per bank statement)			6,150.56			
SWAGA A/C (per bank statement)			11,517.41			
Less: Cheques o/s			-			
					84,833.12	
Signed:						
Clerk, RFO South Warnborough Parish Council					Date: 06.09.21	

Report from County Councillor Jonathan Glen

I hope everyone had some sort of summer break, and enjoyed watching the fantastic performances of our athletes at the Tokyo Olympics as much as I did. Now it's September we're all back to school and work. The elephant in the room this month, of course, is the debate about Shapley Heath New Town. I have had many phone calls and emails regarding the proposed development on our doorstep but I need more! Hart District Council (HDC) has now launched a communities survey on its plans to build up to 10,000 new houses at Shapley Heath, which is now the name for the woodland and fields separating Hook, Hartley Wintney, Winchfield and Fleet-- pretty much all our neighbouring villages.

The survey as it stands fails to ask any questions for or against this development of our rural setting, basically presenting the proposal as a fait-accompli.

I believe we have a right to express our opinion about this. The survey locates the development at Shapley Heath, but explores NO alternatives for meeting future housing demand, and asks NO questions about whether residents want Shapley Heath to go ahead. No use asking us how many parking spaces we would like if we don't want the houses at all! Just think...10,000 houses will produce a minimum of 20,000 transport movements in the morning rush hour, and a further 20,000 vehicles trying to get home at 5pm. Ever queued to get on the M3 through Hook? We will all have to add an extra hour to our commuting times. Not to mention the added pressure on our local services, shops, and medical practices. This super-sized urban extension will merge Fleet with Hartley Wintney, Winchfield and Hook. It will have a devastating impact on our local infrastructure and will deprive surrounding towns and villages of much-needed investment.

This year, HDC plans to spend a further £279,000 of OUR money on this unpopular development. There is insufficient government funding to support this project, in addition to the District Council already having a budgeted deficit of £381,000.

If you are as concerned as I am, please share your thoughts with me by emailing me on jonathan.glen@hants.gov.uk and giving me permission to send on your responses directly.

On a more global note, I'd like to update you on what Hampshire County Council (HCC) is doing to address the climate change challenge. HCC has recognized the severity of climate change and the urgent need for action at home. We have declared a climate emergency and set two targets. The first, is to be Carbon Neutral by 2050; the second is to be resilient to the impacts of a two-degree temperature rise. The Hampshire Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan includes key programmes on transport, energy, residential emissions, and the green economy.

More information on what we are doing and how to calculate your own carbon footprint can be found at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>.

In addition, HCC also now has a **Pollinator Strategy** and is working closely with Parish Councils on the Pollinator Pledge Project. Did you know there are around 1500 species of insect pollinators in the UK? They are vital to growing much of our crops and for plants to flourish in our fields and gardens. Unfortunately, they are facing a number of threats meaning populations are in decline.

We're looking for local communities to pledge to help enhance their local environment for pollinators and raise awareness of how important they are. Simple actions such as not cutting your grass verges could make a big difference to the pollinators in your area.

Further details are available on <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/parish-pages/parish-pollinator>. We are also keen to help residents who elect to drive Electric Vehicles (EVs) as an alternative to traditional petrol and diesel cars. Trials are already underway of publicly available EV charge points for on-street locations to improve the EV network across Hampshire. We'd like to hear your views, so please take a few minutes to complete our survey on <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx>.

More information about our work on electric vehicles as part of our strategy to tackle climate change can also be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/electric-vehicles>.

APPENDIX THREE - Agenda Item 39/21(e)

South Warnborough Parish Council OBJECT to 20/03185/FUL Chosley Farm Bidden Road's amended plans the for erection of Solar Photovoltaic Farm, with output capacity not to exceed 49MW of energy, with associated battery storage and supporting infrastructure including inverters and a transformer, fencing CCTV, installation and landscaping works. (HDC have now received amended plans of the above proposal).

South Warnborough Parish Council having discussed the amended plans at its meeting on Monday 7th September 2021 agreeing to submit additional representation in the form of an objection. It does not feel that the amended plans go anywhere near to addressing major concerns raise.

Hart District Councils planning officer requested that any future design and layout of the development should demonstrate how any adverse landscape and visual impacts have been minimised through minimising the quantum and massing of built form, careful siting and any necessary mitigating. The revised LVIA by Weddle Landscape Design outlines their opinion on the impact of the proposed scheme with proposals to mitigate the adverse aspects of the proposed plan. However, in SWPCs opinion, the proposed mitigation appears inadequate in addressing the following planning policy requirements:

HLP32 Policy NBE2 Landscape - development must respect and wherever possible enhance the special characteristics, value or visual amenity of the District's landscapes. This should be done with reference to the HDLCA (a), visual amenity and scenic quality of the landscape (b) and other identified criteria.

ONWNP Policy 12(ii-iii) - development should not adversely affect the distinctive character of open landscapes or harm public views or vistas. PRoW should be protected and/or enhanced.

Additionally, SWPC comment that;

1. Page 44 of the revised Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Report (submitted 27 August 2021) prepared by Weddle states that The Introduction of the solar arrays on arable farmland would have an adverse landscape effect, although this would be restricted to the site and small number of receptors.

The Parish Council agrees that 95.47 hectares of solar panels will have an adverse impact and is therefore in direct conflict with policies NBE2 and ONWNP Policy 12. Due to the dominant scale and its consequent visual impact, however it does not agree that this will be restricted to a small number of receptors or that the planting of grassland beneath the solar panels, where it may struggle to grow in the shade, would mitigate the significant adverse impact of the development. The report identifies 19 areas of adverse impact. Furthermore the LVIA review completed on behalf of Hart District Council by LDA design considers impacts to character, particularly to those of the Site which are concluded to be neutral for year 0 and negligible beneficial for year 15 (Appendix 4) are considered to be underestimated.

2. In addition, page 46/47 of the revised LVIA (submitted 27 August 2021) regarding the views of motorists on the B3349 Alton road admits the screening required will change the character of the road and reduce the perceived openness. Openness is a key aspect of the landscape character. Additionally, it also concludes that

the proposed screening cannot mitigate against the visibility of the solar farm when travelling north which keeps its adverse effect even in the long term.

3. Page 45 of the revised Landscape and Assessment Report (submitted 27 August 2021) states that Regarding landscape character effects, the proposed development would not impact on the landform, field pattern, boundary vegetation features which are key characteristics of both the NCA and the Harts Down Character Area.

This statement partly contradicts their prior conclusions that it would have an adverse impact. Importantly 95.47 hectares of solar panels will have a significant impact on landscape character despite following the form of the land. Solar panels are not a key characteristic of the NCA or Harts Down Character area and do not enhance the current landscape.

APPENDIX FOUR - Agenda Item 39/21(f)

APP/N1730/W/21/32736571 1 The Orchard, Nash Meadows appeal following HDC's refusal of PA 21/00060/HOU

On reviewing the detailed report as submitted by the planning officer a number of critical issues were identified that we feel are not adequately addressed in the original application or the subsequent appeal. We feel that these need to be clarified to the satisfaction of the planning officer. Until this is done, the Parish Council's earlier objection remains unchanged.

Points to be addressed:

1. The proposed siting of the brick wall would appear to fall outside of the residential curtilage of the application site and would therefore result in a change of use of land to private garden which is development outside the scope of the current householder application.
2. The proposed plans are silent on any detail of the landscaping, and, given the siting of the proposed wall in close proximity to the site boundary, the feeling is that there will not be sufficient space to provide the level of soft landscaping required to offset the impact of the new brick wall.
3. The noted conflict with the original design principles when the estate was first built that states that open, soft landscaped frontages were always meant to form and be retained as an important characteristic of the estate.
4. The fact that if it is found that the wall does approach on to the adjacent land outside of the existing enclosed boundary, then Highways would also object to the application on the grounds of policy INF3.