

Minutes of the Meeting of South Warnborough Parish Council

VIRTUAL

Monday 11th January 2021

Draft Minutes Subject to Confirmation

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

District Cllr John Kennett
Mrs Elizabeth Ford (Clerk)
Aaron Smith and Stella Turner (Fowler Architecture and Planning)
6 members of the public

1. Introduction

All attendees were welcomed to meeting
Cllr Hall announced the sad death of resident David Hand. On behalf of the Parish Council, she acknowledged the longstanding and able contribution David had made to the parish, as Councillor and Chair of the Parish Council and then parish footpaths and highways representative for almost 30 years. The Parish Council would send a condolence card to his family.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Ken Crookes.

3. Declaration of interests - None

4. Approval of minutes from the Parish Council meetings on Monday 14th December 2020

It was resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th December 2020.

5. Financial Reports – see Appendix A

a) Bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was checked against the bank statements and all signed. Bank balances on 11th January 2021 were:

SWPC Treasurers (current) account	£	37,738.80
SWPC Burial Ground Account	£	3,469.01
SWPC Recreation Area Trust Account	£	9,758.70
SWPC - SWAGA CMM Account	£	2,118.60
NS&I Savings Account	£	6,115.24

b) Minute agreement to payments

Cllr Spreadborough reported to the meeting that the power supply for the temporary lighting at the SWAGA had been replaced satisfactorily by Downlight Electrical Ltd the previous week.

It was resolved to approve the payments below (total £847.10)

11/01/2021	Clerk expenses January 2021	£	102.78
11/01/2021	Downlight Electrical Ltd, SWAGA	£	289.32
28/01/2021	Clerk salary Jan	£	455.00
		£	847.10

6. To consider the following planning applications:

- a) **21/00013/CA, Holm Place, Lees Hill.** Beech tree in South West corner of property - Crown reduction by 2.5m.
The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.
- b) **20/03187/CA, Chancery House, Alton Road.** Removal of a large Conifer tree which has outgrown the location it was planted in.
The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.
- c) **20/03124/FUL, Land At Tile Barn Farm, Lees Hill.** Erection of a general purpose farm building following demolition of existing barn and widening and realignment of vehicle access. The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment to object to the application. This was because:
- a) the proposed building was still an overly large and industrial-design on the edge of this small rural village and close to its Conservation Area;
 - b) the application was for a general purpose farm building. Its location was still justified as acceptable as being for the long-term storage of machinery and so only for periodic use but the barn would be available for different uses in the longer term which could cause traffic, noise, odour and light pollution impacts to the village;
 - c) other locations elsewhere in the agricultural landholding are still available and would be operationally feasible for the proposed use and so the building was not needed in this location.

If Hart District Council decided to grant permission for this application then the Parish Council supported the requests made in public comments to modify/condition the permitted design to try and minimise the impact of the development on the village by:

- a) reducing the eaves height to the minimum for ingress of large machinery (4m) and reduction of ridge height;
 - b) use of a flatter roof profile and consideration of a green roof
 - c) restrictions on frequency of vehicular access to the site;
 - d) controls on lighting design to minimise light pollution,
 - e) use of more traditional materials such as timber cladding
 - f) prevent its use for the keeping of livestock or as any kind of grain/feed store
 - g) additional tree planting around site (it is noted that the public sewer runs across the area of the site with easement restrictions on tree planting).
- d) **20/02929/FUL, Swaines Hill Manor, Swaines Hill.** Demolition of 4 no. Agricultural Buildings. Erection of 1 no. dwelling with ancillary accommodation with access, parking and landscaping.
Representatives of Fowler Architecture and Planning attended the meeting to provide information on the application. The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.
- e) **Hampshire County Council planning application ref. 33619/007.** Development of an Energy Recovery Facility and Associated Infrastructure at Alton Materials Recovery Facility, A31, Alton GU34 4JD. Notice is hereby given that the **further information** has been provided to Hampshire County Council under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in respect of; Introduction and Background (primarily Waste Hierarchy and Need), Alternatives, Ecology and Nature Conservation, Air Quality, Historic Environment, Climate Change and Landscape and Visual Effects, and other General Clarification. The documents can be view on our web site on the link below they are on the EIA tab dated 14 December 2020.
<https://planning.hants.gov.uk/ApplicationDetails.aspx?RecNo=21197>
The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment to object to the application.

7. **Update on other previous applications**

Decisions had been made on the following planning applications:

20/02752/LDC, 3 Tigwells Field, Knollmead, Gaston Lane. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed single storey rear extension and erection of outbuilding. Parish Council comment of no objection. Status: refused.

20/02910/CA, Chancery House, Alton Road. Ornamental Plum Tree - prune to around 1/3 its current size. Current diameter of the crown is about 12m. The proposal is to prune back to suitable growth points on the tree to take the crown back to around 5m diameter. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: Decided, no objection.

The following applications were still awaiting decision:

20/02943/CA, Ivy Cottage, Lees Hill. Ash (T1) - Remove mature Ash tree and replace with a Crimson King Maple Poplar (T2) - Crown thin by approximately 20% by removing crossing, damaged or diseased branches Sycamore (T3) - Crown thin by approximately 20% by removing crossing, damaged or diseased branches. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: ongoing.

20/02837/CA, Varndells Gaston Lane. Reduce 5 lime trees on the front boundary of the property by 2m in all dimensions, crown raise to 7m, crown thin each tree by 20%. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: ongoing.

20/02747/LBC, Varndells Gaston Lane. Creation of a french drain to the North West and South West elevations, repairs to the structural timber frame on the North West elevation, repair to brickwork on the North West elevation, creation of two soakaways and thatch repairs to the ridge. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: ongoing.

20/02632/EIA, Ford Farm Ford Lane Upton Grey. N.B. development site located to the north of Long Sutton village, Parish of Long Sutton. **Request for screening opinion** for a proposed ground mounted solar farm with associated ancillary works and buildings (up to 105.11 hectares). Parish Council comment to request detailed evaluation landscape and habitat impacts and to include routing of transmission cables as part of the site application. Status: ongoing.

20/02030/LDC, Hazelfield Lodge, Alton Road. Use of Hazelfield Lodge as a self-contained flat. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: Ongoing

20/02073/FUL, Ford Farm, Ford Lane, Upton Grey. Erection of storage and office building for use by PHL Limited etc, Parish Council comment no objection. Status: ongoing

JUTA/19/01949/HOU and JUTA/19/01950/LBC, Lees Cottage, Lees Hill. Planning Appeal for refusal of: two storey rear extension etc. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: Ongoing.

As decided at the previous meeting, the Parish Council had sent a letter (at the beginning of January) to both Hart District Council and Hampshire County Council. The letter made an evidenced request for a review of planning issues at the Granary Court/Lees Barns site and for enforcement where non-compliance occurred including the new access from the site onto the Alton Road, B3349.

8. **Update from County Councillor** – No update to the two written reports which Cllr Glen had provided on attendance at the December meeting.

9. **Update from District Councillor**

Cllr Kennett advised that decision on the Ford Farm solar farm EIA screening request had not been made as the Ministry of Defence was yet to submit its comment.

Hart District Council was expected to finalise its budget at the end of the month.

No Covid 19 vaccination centre had currently been agreed in Hart and South Warnborough residents were being invited to the Hampshire Court Hotel (Great Binfields Road, Chineham) to receive vaccinations.

The meeting with Hampshire County Council had been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions and Cllr Kennett asked that decision on the location and design of the shelter was progressed. The Clerk would check tree root protection measures and send the current design and location information to Hampshire County Council for consideration.

10. Consideration of improvements to playground equipment.

The ongoing approach to deciding the design and funding of the new playground was discussed. The Clerk had already sent an initial specification with an invitation to provide ideas and a costed proposal to four playground contractors: Earthwrights, Miracle Design and Play Ltd (supplier new playground in Odiham), Kompan and Eibe Play Ltd (supplier new playground in Crondall). It was decided that Cllrs Lady Hall and Clark would show the contractors the recreation ground in the next few weeks. Virtual meetings would then be held with the Parish Council, SWAGA committee and each contractor to discuss the requirements for the new playground with a view to the contractors providing a written proposal for the playground and an indicative costing by the beginning of March.

The concept for the new playground discussed at the meeting was that it was to serve the small community of the parish and be a small area of play equipment (new and some existing) for under 12's rather than an "adventure park to attract outside users". It would have fencing/safety surfacing as required and possible screening/planting to provide windbreak/privacy for the play and seating areas rather than provision of a shelter building. The project might also include the addition of adult gym equipment elsewhere on the recreation field. The existing MUGA and a grass sports field (both with goals) would be retained. A budget of £50-75K was discussed. Replacement of the perimeter fencing/gates was also necessary but would not be part of the written proposals and associated budget.

The proposals would then be presented to the parish at a virtual Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th March to request resident feedback on the proposals. A decision on the design to be progressed would then be made at a Parish Council meeting on Monday 29th March. A grant application would then be submitted to Veolia by 16th April. As with the much appreciated MUGA project there were alternative grant bodies which could be approached.

A formal tender process would be carried out to decide the company to be employed to supply and install the agreed design of playground. The Parish Council would also progress discussion with the landowner to extend the lease for the recreation ground.

11. Questions and answers from the floor

The Clerk was thanked for assisting in the checking of information on how residents would be invited for their Covid-19 vaccinations.

The 2021 summer – or autumn - fete was looked forward to with the hope that it would be an opportunity to celebrate the "end of the pandemic".

It was noted that littering and dog mess had increased in the village recently and Cllr Clark would provide a message to be circulated to residents to remind them to keep the village tidy.

12. To confirm date and location of next meeting.

The next meeting would on Monday the 15th March at 7.30pm and would be a Zoom virtual meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm.

Signed Chairman _____ Date _____

Parish Clerk Elizabeth Ford

Appendix A- Financial Summary for January 2021

<u>BANK BALANCES AS AT 11th January 2021</u>		SWPC Treasurers Account		£	39,738.80
		SWPC Burial Ground Account		£	3,469.01
		SWPC Recreation Area Trust		£	9,758.70
		SWPC - SWAGA CMM		£	2,118.60
		NS&I Savings Account		£	6,115.24
					£ 61,200.35
<u>SWPC TREASURERS ACCOUNT</u>		BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 14th December			£ 38,936.59
<u>Receipts to 11th Jan 2021</u>					
		Hart S106 payment - MUGA goals		£	1,295.00
				£	1,295.00
					£ 40,231.59
<u>Payments to 11th Jan 2021</u>					
SO	29/12/2020	Clerk salary Dec		£	455.00
Trf	14/12/2020	Clerk expenses November		£	37.79
				£	492.79
					£ 39,738.80
<u>Payments to be Authorised 11th January 2021</u>					
Trf	11/01/2021	Clerk expenses January 2021		£	102.78
Trf	11/01/2021	Downlight Electrical Ltd, SWAGA		£	289.32
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				£	847.10
					£ 38,891.70
<u>Outstanding Payments</u>					
Trf	14/12/2020	B Hall, Xmas tree		£	65.00
				£	65.00
					£ 38,826.70