

Minutes of the Meeting of South Warnborough Parish Council
VIRTUAL
Monday 15th March 2021
Draft Minutes Subject to Confirmation

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

County Councillor Jonathan Glen
District Cllrs John Kennett and Kenneth Crookes
Mrs Elizabeth Ford (Clerk)
6 members of the public
Stella Turner (Fowler Architecture and Planning)

1. Introduction

All attendees were welcomed to meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Chris Dorn.

3. Declaration of interests

Cllr Clark, as a neighbour, declared a personal interest in item 5 c) and, as not a prejudicial interest, took part in the discussion and decision on the item.

4. Approval of minutes from the Parish Council meetings on Monday 8th February 2021

It was resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on Monday 8th February 2021.

5. To consider the following planning applications:

- a) **21/00550/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. Stella Turner (Fowler Architecture and Planning) introduced the planning application. The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.
- b) **20/03071/FUL, Humbly Grove Alton Road.** Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a dwelling and detached garage with habitable accommodation at first floor. Associated access, parking, turning, landscaping and private amenity space.
To consider whether to submit further comment following revision of site layout (dwg no. 20210-023 Rev B).
The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to maintain the earlier comment to object to the application.
- c) **21/00714/CA, Cobweb Cottage Lees Hill.** Ash - Reduce by 2.5m-3m to re-shape G2 - Remove Hawthorne at back of group Re-shape Yew by 0.5m and reduce by the same.
The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.
- d) **21/00601/CA, Barley Wood, Froyle Lane.** Application to remove Sycamore trees (T1, T2, T3 and T4). The branches of all trees are coming into contact with the garage roof and the canopy of these trees is significantly shading our and our neighbours gardens. The trunk of T1 is at an angle of circa 60 degrees to the horizontal and is resting on the boundary fence and we have concerns regarding the long term stability of this tree. The concrete slab base upon which the garages sit has cracked and lifted adjacent to trees T3 and T4. The trees are not in particularly good condition.
The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.

6. Presentation to the Parish and request for feedback on the proposed improvements to playground equipment at the Parish Council Recreation Ground, Gaston Lane.

For the last two months the Parish Council had been in discussion with four leading playground contractors to develop plans for a new playground at the Parish Council Recreation Ground on Gaston Lane. The Parish Council had been pleasantly surprised by what could be bought with the funds available and was very impressed by the designs and the quality of equipment on offer. The preferred proposal was presented to the meeting (see Appendix A for a re-sized image of the layout). This proposal had been prepared by Eibe Ltd and consisted of: the retention of the swings (with new chains and seats) and basket swing; a new double zipwire; several other new pieces of equipment including larger “toddler” climbing frame with slide, a four person seesaw, other new equipment and new seating areas. The tarmac area beside the MUGA and basketball hoop would be considered as part of a future project. One email had been received from residents following the latest consultation on the playground. Feedback from attendees at the meeting included concern regarding traffic problems during construction, whether planning permission was required, an offer of another Jubilee bench for the seating area and comment that the Parish Councillors had been elected to carry out the business of the village and so were authorised to decide on the improvements. The final decision on the design and funding of the improvements would be made at the next meeting.

7. Update from County Councillor

The 2021/22 County Council budget had been agreed with £2.1billion for local services funded by a £1.23 per/week increase in the HCC part of the Council Tax (per Band D property). This meant a 4.99% increase of which 3% was to support social care costs. The Council had a four year capital budget of £744M, which was the largest in the country, with millions being spent on new and extended school buildings and structural improvements to roads and bridges.

A request was made to report any incidences of fly-tipping and to ensure that any waste disposal used a licensed company.

The retirement of John Coughlan CBE, the Chief Executive of the Council, was announced.

The “purdah period” before the May elections would start on 22nd March.

The local MP would meet with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding the decision to refuse the request for an EIA for the proposed development of a solar farm at Long Sutton (planning ref. 20/02632/EIA).

Cllrs Jonathan Glen and Kenneth Crookes left the meeting.

8. Update from District Councillor - This item was presented before item 7.

Cllr John Kennett left the meeting and Cllr Kenneth Crookes gave the District Councillor Report which focused on the District Council’s finances. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic Hart District Council had lost revenue in 2020/21 and incurred increased costs, although the latter was supported by government funding. In 2021/22 there would be no reduction in service provision but this was in parallel with an increase in the Hart DC share of the Council Tax by £5 per Band D property and a projected budget deficit resulting in drawdown on the Council reserves by £350K. Further revenue reduction due to the loss of the new homes bonus meant that it was necessary to reduce costs moving forward and a working group of Councillors would be looking at this during 2021/22.

9. Notification of a Casual Vacancy on the Council

Cllr Chris Preston had resigned from the Council prior to his imminent house move. The Parish Council thanked Chris for his work on the Council including as Vice Chairman and was sad to see him go. Following this resignation there was a Casual Vacancy on the Council which would be filled by co-option unless an election was requested by Friday 26th March (see notice on the Parish Council noticeboard at the village shop for details). Any residents interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Chairman or Clerk for a discussion on what was involved in the role.

10. **Financial Reports** – see Appendix B

a) **Bank reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation was checked against the bank statements and agreed. Bank balances on 15th March 2021 were:

SWPC Treasurers (current) account	£	38,312.70
SWPC Burial Ground Account	£	3,469.01
SWPC Recreation Area Trust Account	£	9,758.70
SWPC - SWAGA CMM Account	£	2,030.64
NS&I Savings Account	£	6,150.56

b) **Minute agreement to payments**

It was resolved to approve the payments below (total £1071.18)

<u>Retro-spective Payments to be Authorised 15th March 2021</u>			
08/02/2021	Lawn Master, moss and weedkill Jan 21	£	24.00
28/02/2021	Clerk salary Feb	£	455.00
		£	479.00
<u>Payments to be authorised 15th March 2021</u>			
16/03/2021	Clerk expenses Feb & March 2021	£	79.58
16/03/2021	Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance	£	57.60
28/03/2020	Clerk salary Mar	£	455.00
		£	592.18

c) **Confirmation arrangements for internal audit**

The internal audit would be carried out on 22nd April by Do The Numbers Ltd (cost of £175).

11. **Update on other/previous applications**

Comment submitted since last meeting

20/03185/FUL, Chosley Farm, Bidden Road, North Warnborough, Hook, Hampshire RG29 1BW. Erection of a **Solar Photovoltaic Farm** with an output capacity not to exceed 49.9MW of energy etc. Parish Council comment to object. The Parish Council also sent Hart DC a joint letter with all local parish councils and conservation groups to Hart DC to highlight joint objection. Status: Ongoing with determination deadline listed as 22 April 2021.

Decisions had been made on the following planning applications:

21/00434/TPO, Hawthorn Cottages Gaston Lane. TPO application for: 1 - Ash - Re-pollard lower canopy to a height of 7m to allow clear access for Thames Water asset. Status: Granted.

21/00399/CA, Honey Cottage, Lees Hill. T1 - Reduce one lime by 1/3, 5m. Status: Decided, no objection.

21/00372/CA, Netherfield, Alton Road. Application to: G1 3 x Hazels (viewing from left to right) Reduce two overgrown hazel stools by 2m in all dimensions. Third hazel, on right of group, coppice to ground level. T1 Sycamore- reduce by up to 1m in all dimensions etc. Status: Decided, no objection.

21/00123/HOU, 8 Hawthorn Cottages, Gaston Lane. Erection of a single storey rear extension. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: Granted

21/00013/CA, Holm Place, Lees Hill. Beech tree in South West corner of property - Crown reduction by 2.5m. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: Withdrawn.

21/00020/HOU, Court Cottage, Lees Hill. Replace existing wooden windows which are in poor condition with new wooden casement windows. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: Granted.

20/02632/EIA, Ford Farm Ford Lane Upton Grey. Request for screening opinion for a proposed ground mounted solar farm with associated ancillary works (at Long Sutton!) Status: EIA requirement by Hart DC now overturned.

The following applications were still awaiting decision:

21/00060/HOU, 1 The Old Orchard, Nash Meadows. Erection of new garden wall to boundary of site. Parish Council comment no objection. Status: ongoing.

Two Planning Appeals REFS: APP/N1730/W/20/3264538 and APP/N1730/W/20/3264711, Granary Court, Alton Road. For outline planning application for the construction 6 detached dwellings etc. Parish Council comment to maintain objection. Status: Final comments due 16th March 2021.

20/03124/FUL, Land At Tile Barn Farm, Lees Hill. (New application) Erection of a general purpose farm building following demolition of existing barn and widening and realignment of vehicle access. Parish Council comment to object. Status: Ongoing

Hampshire County Council planning application ref. 33619/007. Development of an Energy Recovery Facility and Associated Infrastructure at Alton MRF on the A31.

Parish Council repeated comment to object following updated submission by applicant.

Status: ongoing, public consultation closed 15th Feb 2021.

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

12. To consider arrangements for the South Warnborough Parish Assembly and the Parish Council Annual Meeting (AGM)

The South Warnborough Parish Council Annual Meeting (AGM) and the Parish Assembly would be held virtually on Tuesday 4th May with the AGM starting at 6.30pm and the Parish Assembly at 7.30pm. The agenda would be issued by Wednesday 21st April.

13. To consider Village Upkeep tasks for Parish Lengthsman in March

The Parish Lengthsman team had repaired the wooden lawn edging around the war memorial in early March and it was decided to request that they repair the wooden cladding at the entrance to the recreation ground as part of the 2020/21 works allowance. The Clerk had signed the HCC Parish Lengthsman agreement as part of the "Newnham Cluster" for the 2021/22 financial year for which HCC funding was now confirmed.

14. Questions and answers from the floor

The concrete fence post base at the Alton Road end of Footpath 3 had been removed. The Nash Meadows road sign had been mended. The Clerk would contact HC Highways for an update on the new village gates. The Clerk would also contact Hart DC for a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss issues at the Lees Barns site. The summer fete was discussed and considered unlikely. Cllr Spreadborough advised there would be an increase in low flying at RAF Odiham for the next few weeks as a calibration of runway etc. was carried out following recent works.

15. To confirm date and location of next meeting.

The next meeting would on Monday the 29th March at 7.30pm and would be a Zoom virtual meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.39 pm.

Signed Chairman _____ Date _____

Parish Clerk Elizabeth Ford

Appendix A: Layout Drawing of Preferred Proposal for New Playground



Appendix B – Financial Summary for February and March 2021

For meeting 15th March 2021						
<u>BANK BALANCES AS AT 15th March 2021</u>			SWPC Treasurers Account		£	38,312.70
			SWPC Burial Ground Account		£	3,469.01
			SWPC Recreation Area Trust		£	9,758.70
			SWPC - SWAGA CMM		£	2,030.64
			NS&I Savings Account		£	6,150.56
					£	59,721.61
<u>SWPC TREASURERS ACCOUNT</u>			BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 11th January		£	39,738.80
	<u>Receipts to 15th Mar 2021</u>					
	nil				£	-
					£	-
					£	39,738.80
	<u>Payments to 15th Mar 2021</u>					
Trf	14/12/20	B Hall, Xmas tree			£	65.00
Trf	11/1/21	Clerk expenses January 2021			£	102.78
Trf	11/1/21	Downlight Electrical Ltd, SWAGA			£	289.32
DD	20/1/21	ICO Registration			£	35.00
SO	28/1/21	Clerk salary Jan			£	455.00
					£	947.10
					£	38,791.70
	<u>Retro-spective Payments to be Authorised 15th March 2021</u>					
Trf	8/2/21	Lawn Master, moss and weedkill Jan 21			£	24.00
SO	28/2/21	Clerk salary Feb			£	455.00
					£	479.00
					£	38,312.70
	<u>Payments to be authorised 15th March 2021</u>					
Trf	16/3/21	Clerk expenses Feb & March 2021			£	79.58
Trf	16/3/21	Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance			£	57.60
SO	28/3/20	Clerk salary Mar			£	455.00
					£	592.18
					£	37,720.52