

Sway Parish Council Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sway Parish Council held on Thursday 27th April 2017 at the Jubilee Field Pavilion, Station Road, Sway at 20:45

Attendance:

Barry Rickman (Chair)
David Golby (Vice Chair)
Kevin Cripps
Peter Dance
Ted Fleat
Hugh Marchant
Alex Pepper
Melanie Seacombe
Stephen Tarling
Len Thomas
Graham Turner
John Warden

Italics indicates not present.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Ken Thornber, Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer David Edwards, representatives from the Lymington Times and Sway News and 6 members of the public.

PC 17/042 Declarations of Interest

No new declarations of interest were declared.

PC 17/043 Apologies

The Clerk reported that Councillor Dance had sent his apologies that he was unable to attend.

PC 17/044 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd March and Matters Arising

The minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd March 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

There was one matter arising. Councillor Turner reported that he had sourced a replacement bench for the bench at Adlams Lane that was damaged. George Farwell Ltd was able to supply a replacement and a photograph of the bench was circulated.

The cost of the replacement bench would be £300 plus additional fitting costs of between £150 -£200, exclusive of VAT. Councillor Seacombe proposed that the Council should purchase the bench from George Farwell Ltd and the George Farwell Ltd should also be asked to install the new bench and dispose of the old one. This was seconded by Councillor Turner and unanimously approved.

PC17/045 Report by County Councillor Ken Thornber

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Thornber to the Meeting.

Councillor Thornber advised that after forty years as a county councillor he did not intend to stand for re-election at the forthcoming local elections. Councillor Thornber also noted that the revised Brockenhurst Division was now one of the largest in the county with a population of around 15,000 and included 12 separate Parish Councils.

Councillor Thornber provided an update in relation to the following areas:

Devolution: Councillor Thornber did not believe that this was a priority for the Government and did not expect any imminent developments.

Budget – Hampshire County Council’s budget had been reduced by approximately £500M over the last seven years. This had inevitably reduced the Council’s ability to provide some services although they had been able to secure a small increase (£17M) in the budget for the provision of care to vulnerable people.

Education – A level results across Hampshire were in line with the previous year at about 6% better than the national average.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Thornber for his contribution and support and wished him well in his retirement.

PC17/046 Chairman’s Report

There were no matters on which the Chairman wished to report which were not already covered on the agenda or had been raised at the Annual Parish Assembly.

PC 17/047 Correspondence and Clerk’s Report

The Clerk reported that an application to amend the existing premises licence had been made. Notices had been posted and an advertisement would appear in the Lymington Times in the 5th May edition.

An initial meeting has been held with the internal auditor who has been provided with a copy of the year-end accounts and other relevant documentation.

Notification has been received regarding the payment of the first tranche of this year's precept.

A list of dates for the Parish Council Meetings in 2017/18 had been circulated. Councillor Golby had pointed out that the meeting scheduled for July 27th clashed with the New Forest Show. In view of this, the clerk proposed to bring forward the date of the July Meeting to Thursday 20th July and this was unanimously agreed. A new schedule of dates of future meetings would be posted on the web.

PC 17/048 Finance

To receive and approve the payment schedule for April 2017

The Clerk tabled a copy of the schedule for Councillors who had not previously received a copy. The Clerk drew the Council's attention to two items on the Schedule. The first was a payment £3,924 to cover the cost of maintaining the football pitch. A contribution of £1,150 was to be made by the football club and otherwise, the payment was in line with payments that had been made in previous years. The second payment was for £4,630 which was in relation to the cost of the three new boilers. The clerk advised that these were being supplied at cost price.

Councillor Turner proposed that the payment schedule be approved for payment. This was seconded by Councillor Fleat and unanimously approved.

To authorize Councillor Rickman as Chairman and the Parish Clerk to sign Section 1 of the Annual Return

As part of the audit process the Chairman and the Clerk were required to review and if thought appropriate to sign Part 1 of the Annual Return for 2016/17 which set out the Annual Governance Statement. Councillor Tarling Proposed that the Chairman and Clerk be authorized to sign Part 1 of the Annual Return. This was seconded by Councillor Cripps and unanimously approved.

PC17/ 049 To receive and approve a report in relation to the potential redevelopment of the Jubilee Field Pavilion

Councillor Cripps advised that he had been appointed Chair of the group. Since the last meeting they had met twice and had taken a number of decisions. In particular, they had decided to rename the group the Jubilee Field Project Group. They also decided that the terms of reference should be in relation to Jubilee Field as a whole and not just the pavilion. The MUGA would still be part of their remit but would be dealt with as a separate project.

Councillor Cripps also advised that emails/letters had been sent to the various stakeholders to ascertain their views. The next stage will be to move on to consider

the business case for the redevelopment. At some point in the future the group would require some funding but this point had not yet been reached.

PC17/050 Tree work application

Application No	Address	Proposal	Decision to be issued by
TPO/17/0322	8 Little Burn, Sway, Lymington, SO41 6DZ	Prune 1 X Oak Tree	10/05/17

Councillor Seacombe advised that this application is being submitted by the agents of the owners of 7 Durrant Way Sway, whose rear garden backs onto 8 Little Burn. The application has come before the full Parish Council Meeting because the period for consultation expires before the next Planning and Transport Committee Meeting. The work is being requested due to light issues.

Due to its height the oak tree which is the subject of this application can be seen over the roof tops from various vantage points including Durrant Way, Little Burn and the linking passage and is, therefore, considered to be a tree with HIGH amenity value.

Councillor Seacombe was of the view that it would not be unreasonable to allow reduction of over - extending branches if there is a possibility of imminent damage to the property. The tree should, however, remain balanced and only branches that achieve this should be reduced. The following comments have been submitted to the NFNPA:

“This Oak Tree is of HIGH amenity value as it can be seen by multiple vantage points. However SPC has no objections to removal of branches overhanging 7 Durrant Way ONLY if there is imminent danger to the property and as long as the overall balance of the tree is maintained. We do not wish to see crown cleaning for light issues only.”

PC17/051 Stanford Rise Update

The Clerk advised that three contractors had been asked to quote for the cost of carrying out the enhancement work at Stanford Rise – George Farwell Limited, Keffen Plant Hire and Keith Gunn. Quotations had been received from George Farwell and Keffen Plant Hire.

A small group of councillors had met to consider the quotes received. As well as quoting on a like for like basis, George Farwell had also offered a quote for an alternative way of carrying out the work. The group had considered the two quotes in detail and their recommendation to accept the quotation from Keffen Plant Hire which on a like for like basis was cheapest.

Councillor Seacombe advised that there was one change to the proposed works. It had been hoped to include a pedestrian entrance directly on to Stanford Rise. Unfortunately, it had become apparent that there was a strip of land between the Council's land and Stanford Rise and as a consequence it is not possible to include a separate pedestrian entrance. This does not have any impact on the overall cost of the project.

The Clerk confirmed that the work involved would be subject to an application for the release of S.106 funds.

Councillor Seacombe proposed that the Parish Council should proceed with the quotation received from Keffen Plant Hire. This was seconded by Councillor Turner and unanimously agreed.

PC17/052 Co-option Policy

Councillor Cripps proposed that consideration of this item be postponed until the next meeting and this was agreed.

PC17/053 Planning and Transport Committee Report

The Planning and Transport Committee had met on 13th April and the minutes had been posted on the web.

A total of twelve planning applications had been considered at the meeting. The Committee's recommendations are detailed in the minutes of the meeting.

Councillor Tarling advised that since the meeting six applications previously considered by the Planning and Transport Committee had been dealt with by NFNPA. All had been granted but conditions had been imposed in relation to Application Nos. 17/00154 The Old School House and 16/00696 – land to the rear of Toby Cottage in line with the Planning & Transport Committee's recommendations.

Enforcement action is no longer published on the NFNPA's website. Since the previous meeting two new issues are being investigated and one matter has been resolved.

Councillor Tarling also advised that the NFNPA had circulated for comment a draft response to the Government's housing white paper. The government document plus supporting technical annexes runs to several hundred pages. Councillor Tarling suggested that Sway Parish Council should respond supporting the NFNPA's submission.

PC17/054 Items for the next Meeting

The proposed policy on co-option will be considered at the next meeting.

PC17/042 Any Other Business

None.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 25th May at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09:45pm.

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Chairman

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