



Minutes of the Meeting of the Junior Parish Council held on Saturday 1st December 2018, at the Jubilee Field Pavilion

Present:

Cllr Joshua Marnell, Chairperson
Cllr Beau Heasman
Cllr Aaron Marshall
Cllr Thomas Clark

Cllr Freya Marnell, Vice Chairperson
Cllr Thomas Cox
Cllr Louise Clark
Katie Walding, Parish Clerk

In attendance:

17 members of the public

The meeting started at 11:30am.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Hattie Griffiths and Robyn Burn.

2. To approve the Minutes from the meeting held on Saturday 29th September 2018

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting, signed and dated by the Chairperson.

3. Clerk's Report

The Clerk noted that from the £300 originally received, funds now spent included the Remembrance Day wreath (£22.98) and production of posters (£37.20). Total spent £60.18 leaving £239.82.

4. Report back on Village Hall Committee meeting and Sway Fairies request

Cllrs Thomas Cox and Aaron Marshall represented the Junior PC at a meeting of the Village Hall Committee, where they asked the Committee to consider granting permission to the Sway Fairies to allow them to use the wifi for their FlyPads and FlyPhones. The VHC invited both councillors back to hear their decision, and permission was granted. A letter was presented from the Chair of the VHC. Congratulations to Cllrs Cox and Marshall for their excellent representation.

ACTION: The Clerk to update the Fairies and pass on the letter of authority.

5. Sway Twinning Programme (Mrs Ruth Conway)

Mrs Conway explained that there was a Friendship Link with Bretteville du Grand Caux which had existed now for over 30 years. The idea originally began after World War II to ensure the links remained between all the countries who had fought and conquered together.

The original people from Sway who had joined are quite old now, and the group needs youth and vitality and new ideas in order to keep twinning association flourishing.

The association involves families from Sway travelling to the village in France and staying



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with a family that lives there, to learn about their culture and experience how they live. Then those families travel to Sway and experience life in our village and on the New Forest. Mrs Conway said that some of the families who have done this over the years are real friends now, and their children have grown up together. There are lots of young families in Bretteville who are interested and it would be wonderful if some of the younger families in Sway would get involved to keep this unique relationship going.

Mrs Conway asked the Junior PC to come up with ideas to generate interest in the twinning. The Chairperson suggested that maybe children from Sway could start to be penpals with children from Bretteville.

During questions, an MotP asked why Sway had been twinned with that particular French village? Mrs Conway explained that they had originally looked at Le Havre for the ease of travelling there. But in the end Bretteville du Grand Caux was invited as their community is similar to Sway and they were keen to strike up an association.

ACTION: The Clerk to send a Christmas card on behalf of the Junior PC to the children of Bretteville.

6. Poster Campaign

The Clerk noted that six posters had been received and that she had arranged for four copies of each to be laminated. The plan was to put them up in the designated problem areas (Station Road, the footpath through to Westbeams Road, and Westbeams Road) with assistance from a number of senior councillors, immediately after the meeting – weather permitting!

7. Litter in the Village

a) Emails to St Luke's School, Brownies and Scouts

These had been drafted by the Clerk and were ready to be sent to coordinate with the posters being put up.

b) Email to NFDC requesting an additional bin outside the school

This had already been done by the Clerk and she reported that initial indications were positive; she was waiting to hear back from the Streetscene Team at NFDC.

c) Dog poo bag dispenser – to consider if the Junior PC would like to sponsor

This had been previously mentioned and the Clerk asked to investigate the options. She reported that there was a Dog Bag Dispenser which was both weatherproof and vandal resistant. It could be easily mounted on a wall, an existing post or even on the same fixings as an existing bin. A 'one-per-pull' mechanism minimises wastage. It has a locking front access for filling. The bags are totally degradable, strong and durable. One case (of 800, grouped in 50s) costs £26.00. The unit purchase cost is £79+VAT.

DECISION: It was voted unanimously that the request should be put forward to the Parish Council for their consideration to allow the Junior PC to



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sponsor one unit for a period of time, perhaps one year, to see if it helped improve the cleanliness of the problem areas.

8. Sway Phone Box

a) to agree responsibility for the book swap

The Clerk noted that some books had already been received. Cllrs discussed how they might collect other books and it was agreed to ask villagers and other book swaps if they had children's books, which the Phone Box would be specifically used for. It was agreed that the children would take responsibility for checking the books at least once a month for condition and to remove any damaged books and/or to add more books as space allowed.

ACTION: Cllrs Thomas and Louise Clark would take the first set of books and put them in the Phone Box.

ACTION: A notice to be placed in the Phone Box to give clear guidance for users of the book swap.

b) to agree Christmas decorations and who will install

The Cllrs suggested that tinsel and baubles be used to decorate the Phone Box and that they would make additional decorations and add them directly over the next week or so. An MotP who was closely involved in the adoption of the Phone Box would also help to organise its decoration.

ACTION: The Clerk to spend up to £15 on suitable decorations.

9. Stanford Rise Green – to agree the process for naming the snake

The Clerk suggested that in order to make a fair contest, each Cllr (that would like to) comes up with a name and submits it to the Clerk. She would then compile one big list, and each Cllr would score their first, second and third favourite. The overall favourite would then be selected. If there was a tie then the final choice could be pulled out of a hat, or the Cllrs could vote, if they preferred. This would all be done in time to announce the name at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllrs to send their name suggestions for the Snake to the Clerk before Christmas.

10. Possible Junior Parish Council event tied with Sway Carnival

The Clerk had met with the Carnival Committee to raise the suggestion from Cllrs; the Committee noted that they would need to find a slot in the schedule for a separate event or alternatively include something at the fete that could be run by the Junior PC. They would revert back with ideas in time for the next meeting.



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11. Other matters for discussion – from Junior Councillors and/or the public

- The Clerk briefly updated on the playground project, which was progressing with the support of parents in the village and a meeting was scheduled for the following week. The Junior PC would be updated in due course.
- The Chairperson had attended a very interesting presentation at SPUDworks – this involved groups of young people creating some visual designs to illustrate their ‘blue sky’ thinking for how the centre of the village could be (in some cases) radically improved. It was an exciting concept and really good to see that all the ideas were for more green and open space, fewer vehicles and greater opportunities for the community to come together.
- An MotP offered baubles left over from the village Christmas tree for use in the Phone Box.
- An MotP spoke on behalf of the Carnival Committee to note that the Sunday afternoon of the fete week was free and could be ear marked for a Junior PC event.
- A Cllr mentioned the issue of the poor parking at the crossroads by the butchers, where the school coaches had trouble getting through. Would double yellow lines at the cross roads help?
- The Chair of the Parish Council noted that the Council has asked for an informal disabled parking space to be added at the village centre.
- The editor of Sway News noted that the contributions deadline is the 10th of each month and he would invite the Junior PC to contribute and submit by 10th January.

ACTION: Content for inclusion in Sway News to be drafted.

12. Items for the Next Agenda

There were no additional items.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed for Saturday 2nd February 2019 at 11:30am.

With all business concluded, the meeting closed at 12:23pm.

SIGNED:.....DATE:.....