



Minutes of the Meeting of the Junior Parish Council held on Thursday 5th December 2019, at the Jubilee Field Pavilion

Present:

Cllr Joshua Marnell, Chairperson
Cllr Hattie Griffiths
Cllr Thomas Clark
Cllr Beau Heasman

Cllr Freya Marnell, Vice Chairperson
Cllr Louise Clark
Cllr Aaron Marshall
Katie Walding, Parish Clerk

In attendance:

7 Members of the public (MoTP)

The meeting started at 6pm.

1. Apologies

Received from Cllrs Thomas Cox, Lewis Cox and Bryony Hodgkinson.

2. To approve the Minutes from the meeting held on 8th June 2019

Approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.

3. Clerk's Report

a) Funds

Currently held on account £93; cash funds raised at summer events £67

b) Dog waste bag dispenser

The Clerk noted that refill bags are needed; with 800 used since installation in April 2019. New supplies could be stored in the shed and cost £26 per box of 800. Cllr Aaron agreed to continue to supervise refills.

DECISION: to purchase two boxes of biodegradable bags at a total of £52, agreed unanimously

4. Posters for hoardings at site of Hatch Motors

The Clerk was delighted to report that the poster competition had been decided, and the Chairman of the senior Parish Council handed over an envelope containing the details of the winners. The letter read as follows:

“The judges had a difficult time deciding which was the best and the most suitable drawing to go onto the hoardings in Station Road, Sway. After long discussion the judges announced:

Highly Commended: Cllr Thomas Clark age 8 – clearly has a future in architecture as he already has a front elevation and a floorplan – exactly as planning applications, even with some landscaping, a clock, plenty of car parking space and a welcoming Co-op shop – and he has thought through details inside the shop.



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Highly Commended: Cllr Aaron Marshall age 9 has a fabulous grip of the New Forest – sun, water and vegetation. His ponies are remarkably good and the way the Co-op sign is incorporated into the tree is clever. Note that both Aaron and Thomas have included poppies – their work was done while Sway was awash with remembrance poppies a month or so ago

Highly Commended: Cllr Louise Clark age 10 has treated us to an excellent perspective view with a gable end and a ridge roof, with windows at the front and along the side, a generous sized front door with the co-op name above it, and a clock, and a great balance between car parking and landscaping – clearly with a range of different native trees.

First prize: Cllr Freya Marnell age 9 gave a colourful people-centred feeling of Sway with a correctly-coloured Co-op at the top and so many important groups who support the community illustrated round the outside: Scouts, Guides, Brownies, SWAG, St Luke's School, Sway Football Club, Little Flyers, Robin Nursery and of course Sway Junior Parish Council. Each and every one has its correct symbol or logo.

There's a row of buildings representing Station Road and a brilliant rhyme:

*"A new shop and homes, soon to come,
In the heart of Sway for everyone."*

Warmest congratulations to all those winners.

The standard, originality and scope of the designs was so good that these four will all appear on the hoardings in due course. Those originals are with specialist printers to be printed up suitable for a large outside display; and the originals will then be returned to the artists.

After Christmas when we have the versions to go onto the hoarding the Junior Parish Council will be invited to a presentation and unveiling, including a prize for the winning entry, and a £500 cheque for Sway Junior Parish Council funds.

As part of their local charity work Landmark Estates would also like to make a contribution to a local registered charity and seek advice from Sway Junior Parish Council as to a suitable local registered charity, and perhaps Sway Junior Parish Council would accept a cheque on behalf of their nominated registered charity."

After some discussion, it was agreed that the charitable donation should be split between 4th New Forest South (Sway) Scout Group and SWAG.

ACTION: The Junior Parish Council would write a letter to thank Landmark for the opportunity to enter and for their generous response



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5. February half term visit

The Clerk had secured invitations from both Lyndhurst Police Station and the Verderers' Court and asked the Council to consider which they would choose to do first? She suggested that the other option be included perhaps in the next half term or at Easter

DECISION: Verderers' Court visit to be arranged if possible for February half term

6. Climate Charter

Cllr Karen Marshall explained that one of the objectives of the current (senior) Council is to get Sway moving positively towards helping the environment in light of the climate emergency. Put Sway on the map to set a good example in the New Forest.

The plan is to create a Charter (a list of actions); the Parish Council will make some promises about actions it could take and then Sway residents can commit to some actions too. The Junior PC will be asked to illustrate the Charter.

The Junior PC are asked to think about how we can make Sway the greenest and least polluting village in the forest and help to compile the list of actions that Sway residents (young and old) could pledge to undertake.

The Councillors discussed some initial ideas including:

- using electric cars
- using recyclable packaging in the convenience stores
- moving towards plastic free; starting at the school, then hopefully the shops
- shopping locally and importing less
- encouraging local foods in the shops
- installing wind turbines, solar panels, even hydro energy
- providing re-usable items like the Cubs did with tote bags
- planting trees and wild flowers

ACTION: The Clerk to compile a list of the ideas that could be taken to SPC for inclusion in the charter

7. Sway Hustings, Friday 6th December

The Clerk briefly explained that in advance of the General Election, there would be a meeting in Sway, where all the parliamentary candidates for New Forest East would attend and answer questions raised by residents. This is called a Hustings. The Junior PC were invited to ask a question on behalf of the children of the parish.

Suggested questions included:

- In six years' time I will be able to vote. If this was my first time voting, why should I vote for you?
- How will you provide us with the best education?
- What can your party do to help the children of Sway as they grow up?



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The final question approved:

- How will you benefit climate change for the children of Sway as they grow up, to ensure they have a future?

8. Other matters for discussion

- There would be an election for the Chair of the Junior PC, as the first item of business at the next meeting.
- Woodland Centre in Bashley had extended an invitation to the Junior PC to come in the summer for a visit.

9. Dates of next meetings (fixed for 2020):

- 6th February
- 2nd April
- 4th June
- 3rd September
- 19th November

All starting at 6pm, all taking place at the Pavilion.

With all business concluded, the meeting closed at 6:52pm.

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