



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Saturday 30th June 2018, at the Jubilee Field Pavilion

Present:

Cllr Joshua Marnell, Chair
Cllr Matilda Mold
Cllr Beau Heasman
Cllr Robyn Burn
Cllr Hattie Griffiths

Cllr Freya Marnell, Vice Chair
Cllr Jemima Mold
Cllr Thomas Cox
Cllr Aaron Marshall
Katie Walding, Parish Clerk

In attendance:

Sway News and 13 members of the public

The meeting started at 10:00am.

JPC/001. Apologies

Received from Cllrs Thomas and Louise Clark.

JPC/002. Welcome from the Chairman

Cllr Marnell welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Junior PC and explained that it was an opportunity to give a voice to the children of Sway.

Cllr Marnell then invited the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Stephen Tarling, to say a few words.

Cllr Tarling explained that he is also a new Chairman, and reminded everyone that it is the job of the Chairman to ensure that everyone gets an opportunity to speak and is properly listened to.

He went on to say that he had three brief themes that guide a Parish Council (senior or junior): 'local', 'helped' and 'everybody'.

Local: at the top is Government and in the middle is Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council. At parish level is the Parish Council and their primary goal was looking after facilities in Sway, and helping to make it such a great place to live.

Helped: Everyone is voluntary as councillors and there is one professional person to guide and help them. The Parish Clerk puts together the agenda and minutes of the meetings, provides guidance on what can and cannot be done by the Council and is also the treasurer, looking after the money and making sure it is managed properly. Cllr Tarling reminded everyone they can always ask the Clerk for help and advice.

Everybody: a Councillor must think about everyone in their parish, even those people that he or she might not agree with. There are nearly 3500 people in Sway and they all count. There are lots of older people and it is important that the younger people are represented as well – and that is the role of the Junior Parish Council.

He formally welcomed all the members to the Junior Parish Council.



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JPC/003. Introduction from the Clerk

Katie Walding explained her role in a bit more detail, again stating that she is available to provide any help or advice that councillors might need. She looks after the paperwork and sets up the meetings.

JPC/004. Ideas for discussion

a) Litter in the village

This was discussed by councillors who agreed that the amount of litter around Sway is a problem. Animals breaking into the bin bags left out for bin day was a problem. There were some particularly bad trouble spots. Residents should be encouraged to recycle more and throw away less.

ACTION: Identify trouble spots for littering

ACTION: Consider another litter picking event

b) Stanford Rise Green – wild play

The Clerk explained the project so far and what was left to do.

ACTION: Play equipment to be named by Junior Parish Council who will start to think up names for equipment already installed.

c) Phone box theme

Some discussion was held about the sorts of things the phone box could be used for, including book, puzzle and toy swap. A money box for people to donate that didn't have anything to swap. Perhaps umbrellas that could be borrowed when it rained.

ACTION: Councillors to bring any contributions to the next meeting

JPC/005. Suggested topic areas for learning

The Clerk offered to arrange speakers to attend future meetings to help councillors learn more about various things in the parish such as:

a) Forest ponies and commoning

b) Planning – houses

c) New Forest Rangers

d) Others? These could be suggested by Councillors in the future.

Cllr Freya Marnell wanted to talk about the prospect of a car park for Sway as it is the only village in the New Forest without a proper one.

JPC/006. Other matters for discussion

A number of items were discussed that could be projects for the Council to adopt in the future.

1) Cllr Josh Marnell suggested a splash zone which could be installed somewhere like Jubilee Field and would be really welcomed by the younger residents. The Clerk explained that a project of that size and cost might not be too easy to undertake and that the first steps were



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to research the idea and provide more information for everyone to consider.

ACTION: Proposal to be put together on a splash zone – information about what it is, examples of others already installed, costs and possible locations.

2) There was a very lively debate about the problem of dog poo in the village. It was noted that there were now more bins but the real problem was people who didn't bother to pick it up. Councillors debated the options and it was suggested that a poster campaign may help to reduce the amount of dog poo not bagged and binned.

DECISION: A poster campaign and publicity to be carried out to promote cleaning up after dogs. Voted unanimously

ACTION: Posters to be designed and supplied by Councillors for the Clerk to laminate

3) The question was raised as to whether double yellow lines should be considered at the crossroads between Station Road and Middle Road and Heron Close. It was always congested at school time because of the coaches, and people kept parking on the junction. Even the little Congo bus had trouble squeezing through sometimes.

4) Insect and animals around the village that need help – one resident spoke in favour of promoting bees' welfare and reminded people that insects need drinking water as well as animals.

5) Street Play – another resident asked whether the Council might campaign for temporary road closures for regular, short periods of time when neighbours and friends could come out to play and meet on their street and get to know each other.

ACTION: The Clerk to investigate the possibilities of this and report back.

JPC/007. Items for the Next Agenda

It was agreed that name plates for each councillor should be available for the next meeting. The Clerk would provide these.

JPC/008. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed, but all agreed a Saturday morning in September.

With all business concluded, the meeting closed at 10:51am.

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