



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Junior Parish Council held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018, at the Jubilee Field Pavilion

### Present:

Cllr Joshua Marnell, Chairperson  
Cllr Beau Heasman  
Cllr Robyn Burn  
Cllr Hattie Griffiths

Cllr Freya Marnell, Vice Chairperson  
Cllr Thomas Cox  
Cllr Aaron Marshall  
Katie Walding, Parish Clerk

### In attendance:

11 members of the public

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The meeting started at 11:30am.

### 1. Apologies

Cllrs Matilda Mold, Jemima Mold, Thomas Clark and Louise Clark.

### 2. To approve the Minutes from the meeting held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Cllr Freya Marnell suggested that the minutes be corrected to say Chairperson rather than Chairman. This was agreed by the Junior PC and the minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting, signed and dated by the Chairperson.

### 3. Clerk's Report

#### a) Finances

The Clerk noted that a total of £300 had been received from residents of Sway, to enable the Junior PC to fund future activities. The Chairperson offered thanks to the donors.

#### b) Service of Remembrance, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The Clerk invited the Councillors to come along and suggested that they might consider organising a wreath which could be placed at the memorial specifically from the Junior PC.

**DECISION:** It was unanimously agreed that a wreath would be purchased.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to organise ordering a wreath from the Royal British Legion. The cost to be covered by Junior PC funds.

#### c) Update on Stanford Rise Green

The Clerk noted that since the last meeting two bug hotels had been installed, along with some other minor repairs. The picnic benches had been repainted. She was sad to report that the carved snake had been even further delayed but hopefully was coming in the autumn. Once it was installed then the Junior PC could progress with naming the various items, and those names would be included on the signage.

### 4. Planning Application

The Clerk explained that the application had been submitted in preparation for this meeting,



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and that a consultation had already taken place with the New Forest National Park Authority's Planning and Tree Officers. Their response was included in the papers (attached as Appendix 1).

A representative of the Fairy world was present to speak in favour of the application, and to answer questions that the Junior PC might have.

### Site 1

Some lively debate was had between the Fairy and the Councillors, including discussion over the risk of damage, light pollution from works, and impact on wildlife. The Fairy confirmed that fairy lights are magic and will not impact on human neighbours. Sprites, elves and other mystical beings – as well as local wildlife – had been consulted and were in support of the application. It was confirmed that appropriate fixings would be used on the stump, with nothing below the bark level.

After some deliberation and careful consideration, the matter was put to the vote.

**DECISION:** Councillors voted unanimously to grant permission for the fairy door to be installed at the Tree Stump (TSI)

### Site 2

The Clerk explained that this was an 'outline' application for the site known by humans as Stanford Rise Green (known by the Fairies as Fidgets' Corner). This meant that it was a more general application for the sorts of things that the Fairies might like to do in the future, and meant agreeing to a wider range of possibilities.

The Fairy suggested that the sorts of things they might want to do could include installing a tree mast for broadband – some of the younger fairies were having trouble with their flyPads and flyPhones. The Councillors did not think this should be allowed as trees had already been carefully planted by the Parish Council and Friends of SRG, and a mast might cause interference with neighbouring properties.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to ask the Village Hall if they would extend their wifi for the Fairy world.

The Parish Council's Tree Representative was asked for her thoughts. She recommended that Councillors think carefully about this, as of course trees are so important. She felt it would be irresponsible to give permission to do whatever felling or pruning the Fairies chose. Even though they would probably only make good decisions, it is always better to be very clear about what is acceptable and what is not.

The Clerk explained that it is possible for a Parish Council to approve an outline application but then to set out some rules that must be observed. After some discussion a number of rules (known as Conditions) were agreed, and are set out below.



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The Fairy and the Clerk confirmed that no objections had so far been raised by other parties. It was noted that the Gnomes may take issue but Councillors agreed that they would have to submit their own application if they wanted to do their own works in the future.

The previous drainage works carried out by the Parish Council had caused a lot of disturbance, and it was noted that the installation of a wooden snake was the last of the major activities to be carried out. The Fairies expressed some concern about a snake at Fidgets' Corner but the Chairperson assured them that it was not a real one and would – in any event – be a happy and friendly wooden snake.

**DECISION:** It was unanimously approved that the Site 2 outline application would be granted, but with the specified conditions:

- To set a limit of 3 tree stumps only (no living trees) which could have fairy doors installed.
- No felling of live trees by the Fairies.
- Unlimited good spells would be allowed.
- No more than 2 doors on each stump, each of a similar size to that placed at Site 1- TS1 above.

It must be noted for the record that the Fairy had paid the application fee in Fairy currency, directly to the Chairperson. Immediately following this, a presentment was made on behalf of the Sway Fairies, to the Junior PC, thanking them for their kind consideration of the applications and this was received with thanks by the Chairperson. The framed, inscribed artwork will be mounted on the wall in the Pavilion Hall for all to see.

### 5. Litter in the Village

a) to agree trouble spots around the village

The key areas with issues were noted as the footpath between Station Road and Westbeams Road, the footpath from Westbeams Road to Setthorns Road, and the ditches alongside the B3055 between Sway and Brockenhurst. A resident of Westbeams noted that she often had to litter pick her front garden.

b) to agree what action to take

The possibility of arranging a litter pick was discussed. It was agreed that this would need to happen in good weather, and it was noted that there was already an official litter pick in the spring and perhaps it would be good to do another one in the autumn.

Councillors agreed that social media could be used to remind residents and visitors to pick up their litter and take it home. After some discussion, the Councillors then agreed the following actions:

**ACTION:** The Clerk to write to St Lukes School asking them to remind parents and children to take litter home or use a proper bin.



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**ACTION:** The Clerk to ask New Forest District Council if a bin could be installed in Westbeams Road by the school.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to write to the Scouts and Brownies and ask them to spread the word that litter must be taken home or disposed of properly.

### 6. Poster Campaign

a) to agree who will produce a poster

All Councillors present agreed to produce a poster. Cllr Griffiths suggested that a slogan could be used for all the posters, and she had prepared a draft for approval:

*“Pick up your litter, Pick up your poo; We love Sway, You can too”*

Everyone agreed that this was excellent and should be included on each poster.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to circulate the wording to Councillors for inclusion on their posters

b) to agree when posters must be completed

Councillors agreed to get their original poster designs to the Clerk, by Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to print and laminate posters from funds

c) to agree who will be responsible for putting up posters in the village

It was agreed by the Councillors that they would like to meet up and put up the posters around the village together.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to invite the Senior Councillors to attend with Juniors to help put the posters up

**ACTION:** The Clerk to research the provision of environmentally friendly dog poo bag dispensers

### 7. Sway Phone Box

Councillors had a number of suggestions to offer for the use of the phone box. The most popular suggestions were a book and toy swap. There was some discussion about the risk of piling items on the floor, which might mean they got damp. It was suggested that the Friends of the Sway Phone Box volunteers be asked to put a shelf up so that books and toys could be stored safely off the floor.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to arrange for a shelf to be installed by the volunteers

**ACTION:** To limit to the number of books in the swap at any one time, to what fits on the shelf (volunteers to be asked to monitor and keep in good order)



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The question of theft and vandalism was also debated. It was agreed that it would be sensible to allow only low value (secondhand) items to be included in the swap, and that the rules should be you can only leave and take one thing at a time, and it has to be a fair swap. It was hoped that the village would respect the effort taken to make the phone box into a resource for all, and locals around Setthorns Road would be asked to be vigilant.

The suggestion of providing umbrellas in the phone box, for people to use when it was raining, was discussed at some length. Councillors were concerned that people would get wet whilst getting to the phone box, and that they then would not be easily able to replace the umbrellas as they would have to have them wherever they were, in order to get the benefit. It was agreed that umbrellas for rainy days would not be provided.

Alongside the book and toy swap, some Councillors suggested other ways the phone box could be themed, for example by using each side to reflect one of the seasons. Planting hanging baskets of flowers, or decorating with a musical or film theme. It was also agreed that at key points in the year, it could be decorated suitably, for example Halloween, Christmas, Easter.

**ACTION:** Junior PC to approve the release of funds for some Christmas decorations

The Clerk noted that NFDC had approved – in principle – the planting of the grass verge by the phone box with wild flowers. The volunteers had already cleared and reinstated the path from the pavement to the door of the phone box. NFNPA had also expressed some interest in providing a map/information notice and this would be followed up.

### **8. Other matters for discussion** – from Junior Councillors and/or the public

Cllr Aaron Marshall presented an idea for an event which the Junior PC could host. A go-kart race could take place from Brighton Road to Jubilee Field. It would be a fund-raising opportunity with drinks and cakes available to buy at the end. The Junior PC could select a charity or charities) to donate the funds to. There could also be some games for people to join in with for a few pence. This was very well received and Junior Councillors were enthusiastic to try and progress.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to investigate the options and report back.

Other suggestions included:

- a competition “Street Wars” where groups of residents from different addresses in the village could compete for example in a tug of war
- Street of the Year – where votes could be taken for the best street or road in Sway
- Sway Carnival – the Junior PC to explore contributing in some way to the Carnival week
- Street Play – where arrangements are made with the Highways Agency, and following advertising, a residential road is closed for the use of residents to play and meet in the street



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- The Walking Bus to be reinstated between Jubilee Field (where there is plenty of parking for parents) and St Lukes School
- A zebra crossing to be installed on Station Road at the top of the footpath opposite the bus stop, to encourage safe passage for school children

**9. Items for the Next Agenda**

There were no additional items.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

Agreed for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11:30am.

With all business concluded, the meeting closed at 12:47pm.

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