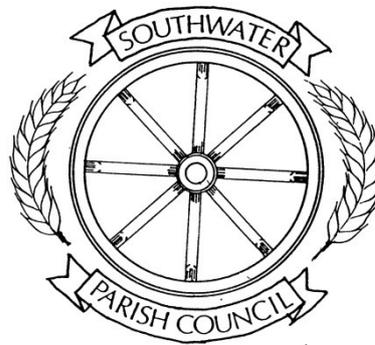


Southwater Parish Council



Annual Parish Meeting Draft Minutes

Wednesday 17th April 2019, 7.30pm
Beeson House
Lintot Square
Southwater
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RH13 9LA

Committee Members

Cllr Graham Watkins (Chairman)
Cllr Michael Neale (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Laurie Apted
Cllr Geoff Cole
Cllr Joy Hutchings
Cllr Pauline Flores-Moore
Cllr Mike Lowis
Cllr Nikki Knott
Cllr Derek Moore
Cllr Geoff Scoon
Cllr Hayley Timson
Cllr Barbara Varley
Cllr Claire Vickers
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DRAFT MINUTES

The Draft Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Wednesday 25 April 2018 in the Council Chamber, Beeson House, Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9LA commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman: Cllr M.Neale

**Cllr G Cole
Cllr J Hutchings
Cllr G Scoon
Cllr B Varley**

**Cllr R.Dye
Cllr D Moore
Cllr H Timson**

Clerk to the Meeting: Mrs.C.M.Tobin

County Councillor: Cllr N Jupp

District Councillors: Cllrs Greening & Vickers

Press: Not present

Members of the Public: 9

Guests: 4

AP01/04/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman of the Meeting indicated that unfortunately, due to personal commitments, the Chairman of the Council who would normally chair the meeting could not be at the meeting that evening and sent his apologies along with other councillors.

The Chairman indicated that in the event of a fire alarm sounding, everyone would be directed to evacuate the building via the exits indicated and meet outside a specific shop in Lintot Square.

The Chairman asked that those present switch off their mobiles, as a courtesy, in that there were three guests expected to give presentations.

The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked those present for coming along to the Annual Parish Meeting.

He said copies of his Annual Report were available and so he did not intend to read the whole document, but rather highlight salient points.

A warm welcome was offered to the new residents of the Berkeley and Miller Homes developments. The Chairman stated he was happy that the new roundabout at Pollards Hill was finally complete and the Hop Oast Roundabout when finished would be of benefit to the residents of Southwater.

Significant S106 contributions were now starting to come into local government coffers and it was hoped that local schools would soon see the benefit.

Southwater Leisure Centre was under review and as monies become available, the centre will be upgraded to bring it into the 21st Century.

Council assets were also under review to ensure they provide value for money and help reduce the need for large precept rises in the future.

After decisions were made at the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Full Council Meeting as part of the budget considerations and to help reduce the overall precept by 7%, it was agreed to look for a tenant to take over Easteds Barn and use it for the best benefit of the community. To that end, tenants were sought and shortlisted and from the shortlist, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council have commenced negotiations. The final decision will be put to the Parish Council for a decision shortly. A community group have requested that Easteds Barn be registered as an 'Asset of Community Value' and the Council is considering its response.

The Christmas event was a huge success and so it is intended to run another one next year.

Thanks were offered to all Councillors for their assistance throughout the year. Cllrs Davies and Pearce stepped down in the last year and new Councillors Grant McGill and Geoff Scoon were welcomed onto the Council. In recent days another resignation has been tendered and so, a vacancy will be advertised very soon.

New bus shelters funded by s106 monies are hoped to be installed very soon.

Health and wellbeing is a focus for the Parish Council and a GP referral scheme has been implemented through the Leisure Centre.

The Parish Council have been working in partnership with Berkeley's to provide a new 'Downslink Play Area' to replace that in Church Lane.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan is continuing and updates will be available on the website. With that in mind, the new Parish Council website is almost finished and will go 'live' in the next few days.

Starting on Saturday 9 June, the Parish Council are launching surgeries. These will run on the second Saturday of the month and will be open for members of the public to ask questions of the Parish Council.

Finally, the Chairman opened the meeting to questions from the floor. None were forthcoming and Cllr Dye took the opportunity to offer thanks on behalf of the Councillors to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council for all of their hard work throughout the year.

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APOLOGIES

There were apologies noted and agreed from Cllrs Apted, Flores-Moore, Vickers and Whitear.

Councillors NOTED and APPROVED the absence.

AP03/04/18

PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUES

Members were informed that the Parish Council had presented £21,000 in grants in the last year. The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee stepped up to present the final cheques of the year. These were awarded to the Southwater Scouts and Guides HQ Committee; Southwater Welcome Club and Easteds Allotment Society. All cheques were presented with a round of applause.

AP04/04/18

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wed 30 May 2018

Meeting finished at 7.39pm.