

## **SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Southwater Parish Council held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 in the Council Chamber, Beeson House, Lintot Square, Southwater.

**Present Were:**            **Mr.P.Buckley(Chairman)**

**Mr.L.Apted**  
**Mr.K.Diamond**  
**Mrs.J.Hutchings**  
**Mr.M.Neale**

**Mr.G.Cole**  
**Mrs.P.Flores-Moore**  
**Mr.D.Nagy**  
**Mrs.C.Vickers**

**Clerk:**                    **Mrs. C. Tobin**

**Special Guest:**        **Cllr. A.Grant, Vice-President, West Sussex Association of Local Councils**

**County Councillor**        **Cllr B.Watson OBE**

**District Councillor**    **Cllrs.J.Chidlow and I.Howard**

**Police**                    **PCSO D.Cecil**

**Members of the Public:**        **27**

**Press:**                    **Not present**

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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and issued the housekeeping rules including the fact that mobile phones should be switched to silent and if the press were present could they please identify themselves.

### **EGM01/04/15        PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr.Bull reported his concerns about the cycling signs within the Country park in that there were “no cycling” signs however both he and his wife had encountered someone cycling through the park which was extremely dangerous. The Clerk was asked by the Chairman to report to the relevant authority, Mr.Crowley indicated that he had taken a note of this.

Mr.Goldman reported that he was concerned about the condition of fingerposts at the Bax Castle and Christ’s Hospital asking that they be replaced. Mr.Goldman also referred to signage at Dog Barking Corner which he believed also to be in the parish boundary of Southwater. The Clerk stated that she had reported some of these but would report the others mentioned.

## **EGM02/04/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Mr.S.Francis, Mrs.B.Varley and Mr.G.Watkins.

The Clerk informed all present that the Earl of Lytton, whilst invited was unable to attend due to business commitments, however sent his best wishes to the recipients of the Freedom of the Parish award.

**Members apologies were NOTED by the Council.**

## **EGM03/04/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at this point in the meeting.

## **EGM04/04/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reminded those present that there would be a Parish Spring Clean on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 10am at the Playground on Cedar Drive.

## **EGM05/04/15 FREEDOM OF THE PARISH**

The Chairman gave a speech extolling the virtues of both Mr.Anthony Bull and Mr.Jeremy Senneck both past Chairmen of the Parish Council and asked the Vice - President of The West Sussex Association of Local Council's if he would be so kind as to present both gentleman with their scrolls.

Cllr Grant stated that he was delighted to represent the West Sussex County Association of Local Councils and have been invited to present to Mr.Anthony Bull and Mr.Jeremy Senneck, Southwater Parish Council Freedom of the Parish scrolls and in doing would like to say a few words.

Cllr Grant said that he first of all would like to thank the Parish Council for inviting him to the meeting to present both past Chairman of the Council with the Freedom of the Parish Awards, both of which were well deserved having known both over the years through work on behalf of the Horsham Association of Local Councils and West Sussex Association of Local Councils.

As a Councillor himself, he and other colleagues from Councils in the Horsham District always looked to Southwater Chairmen to see where the thinking generally was going. Southwater Parish Council really are a dynamic and forward thinking Council not only within the District as a whole, but was also recognised Nationally. Its work with other partners including the District and County Councils providing new facilities, partnership work and services for the community were held as examples of good practice in the sector.

It was therefore an absolute delight to give these awards to two gentlemen.

At this point Mr.Senneck and Mr.Bull were awarded the Freedom of Southwater Parish by Cllr Grant.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Grant for attending this and the Annual Meeting and congratulated both Messrs.Bull and Senneck once again.

Photographs were then taken within the Chamber, with the view to those being circulated to the media highlighting the award.

The Chairman invited all those present to stay for the Annual Parish Meeting for Southwater and to take some refreshment to celebrate the honour bestowed on Messrs.Bull and Senneck.

Mr.Bull stated that if permitted he would like to say a few words, stating that he was honoured to be awarded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Freedom of the Parish after Hazel Barnard and Jeremy Senneck. Having given careful thought to the acceptance of the award, he had made enquiries having had a vision of being able to drive a herd of sheep through the Worthing Road, but considering this may not be appropriate felt that it would be more appropriate to have a herd of 'bulls' to drive through on an annual basis. Mr.Bull then thanked the Council again for his award.

**The meeting closed at 7.50pm.**