



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), M Edwards & C Waller

APOLOGIES: Cllrs C Adams, R Gedye, G Silk & County/City Councillor H Lumby

BY INVITATION: City Councillor N Bolton

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

Wmpc 2103 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda.

Wmpc 2104 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14th June 2022 were **approved**.

Wmpc 2105 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public, but there were no issues arising.

Wmpc 2106 **CITY COUNCILLOR BOLTON**

Cllr Bolton had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix A). He advised that WCC have had to temporarily suspend the garden waste service for the week commencing Monday 4 July 2022 for an undefined period. This disruption to service is due to staffing shortages. It was agreed this information should be placed on the WMPC website.

The Parish Council intend to update the recreation area and asked Cllr Bolton if there were any grants available from WCC to assist with the project. Cllr Bolton advised that he would check with WCC and report back.

Wmpc 2107 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting, which was received.

The Clerk advised that the external audit information has been sent to Littlejohn auditors and is displayed on the website.

A summer holiday Councillor rota is required for the recreation ground inspections.

Comments from Cllr Gedye on HCC Flood defence were noted by the Parish Council.

To receive Working Group Reports:

Wmpc 2108 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

WCC Playground Inspection findings were deferred for checking the findings on site.

Cllr Bolton agreed to check grants that might be available from WCC to assist the playground improvements.

There were no further updates on the West Meon Lease agreements.

It was agreed not continue with a Listening Post, but this will be reconsidered at a later date.

Cllr Adams is coordinating items for the Parish News, to include waste collection.

Wmpc 2109 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Chairman advised that the VDS is 32 pages long, has OS maps and village maps, and that the cost of providing a PDF with editable artwork was £2,500, including 150 to 200 copies. It was agreed that charging for copies was not a viable option.

It was agreed to defer the Co-option of Councillors.

A grant request was received from the Parish News for £500 and this was agreed by the Parish Council.

Schedule of Payments

Payments 5th July 2022

Blackwell & Moody	£1,824.00
WCC Dog Bins	£130.00
Hilliers strimming £20 per hour, 17 hours	£340.00
BACS D Heppell salary July & August 2022	
Expenses D Heppell	£21.70
BACS HMRC	£31.80
Parish News Grant	£500.00

It was resolved that the schedule of payments listed above be **approved**.

Wmpc 2110 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Lease agreement, Parish News, VDS, playground inspections and improvements.

Wmpc 2111 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 6th September, 4th October, 1st November & 6th December 2022, 10th January & 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.45 pm

Chair

APPENDIX A

Winchester City Councillors July report

The Local Plan

The draft Reg 18 Local Plan will bring together and review existing Development Management policies from the existing adopted LP (Part 1 & Part 2), the Gypsy and Travellers DPD and it will include new LP policies and site specific allocations that are needed to deliver the development strategy in the new Local Plan.

WCC will be incorporating the feedback received from the Design South East workshops that PC/TC's attended.

WCC extended the time for parish councils to respond to the request to identify suitable sites to accommodate housing in their towns and villages by a month until the end of May.

New guidance issued by Natural England in March 2022 regarding Nitrate and Phosphate pollution, explained further below, is important from both a Development Management and a Plan-making perspective as any LP policy that has a cost implication needs to be factored into the LP Viability Assessment.

The above pollution implications have resulted in the 6 week public consultation period planned for July/August being pushed back to November/December time in order to properly account for the implications of the new guidance. The Local Plan for Winchester does not affect the SDNP Local Plan which is the plan relevant to the vast majority of Upper Meon Valley ward.

Planning and water quality

On Friday last week I attended a Community Forum on Water issues in our area organised by Flick Drummond MP. Presenting at that meeting were, Portsmouth Water's Bob Taylor, CEO; Southern Water's Keith Herbert CSO Taskforce; Environment Agency's Dawn Theaker and Area Environment Manager for CPRE Nick Walton.

Two big issues that effect the Meon Valley generally are the Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) and, nitrate and phosphate neutrality.

It is clear from that meeting that, particularly in the case of Southern Water, this is viewed as a source issue and not something that Southern Water can keep investing more and more in ever bigger capacity treatment works down stream. By that they mean all new developments must allow for the better and upfront environmental planning around water and sewage treatment at the property with, for example, soak-aways at every property for runoff water rather than it finding its way into the sewage system and contributing to the overflows.

Back in March Natural England updated the guidance and evidence base on nutrient pollution issues in the Solent area which includes most of the Upper Meon Valley. In the case of the river catchment for the Itchen the guidance advises that both Phosphates and

Nitrates are causing environmental effects. Previously, only Nitrates required mitigation and commercially, such schemes exist to enable planning permission to be given to a development. However, there are currently no such off-site solutions for Phosphate mitigation in the Itchen catchment area.

The planning department are working to address what action can be taken to mitigate Phosphate pollution in planning as this is currently creating a block.

Garden waste suspension

WCC have had to temporarily suspend the garden waste service for the week commencing Monday 4 July 2022 for an undefined period. This disruption to service is due to staffing shortages.

Anyone due a garden waste collection next week, is asked not to put garden waste bin/containers out for collection. Everyone will be contacted by email when the service resumes. WCC is working to avoid any further disruptions and it is hoped that only one garden waste collection will be missed.

No other services are suspended, so all other bins and containers should be left out as normal.

If you cannot store your garden waste until your next scheduled collection it can be disposed of at your local household waste & recycling centre free of charge.

As garden waste will not be collected and unable to return at a later time to collect, WCC are reviewing what options are available to compensate residents for this inconvenience and will email everyone soon.

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