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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), C Waller, G Silk

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep and City Cllr L Ruffell.

APOLOGIES: City Cllr H Lumby, Cllrs C Adams, J Nicholson, N Wortley and Mrs D Heppell.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None present

Wmpc 1788 **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. None were declared.

Wmpc 1789 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair opened the meeting to the public, but none in attendance

Wmpc 1790 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 7th January 2020 meeting were agreed, signed and **approved**.

Wmpc 1791 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

County Cllr Huxstep presented his report Appendix A. Cllr Silk asked a question about the bus stop adjacent to Marlands Lane to the north of West Meon. Cllr Huxstep would investigate if there was a missing bus stop sign on the A32 at this location.

Wmpc 1792 **CITY COUNCILLOR RUFFELL**

Winchester City Cllr Ruffell presented his report Appendix B. Discussion followed about changes to the WCC refuse collection, particularly in relation to garden waste and the proposal to change the green bags for bins and make a charge for the bin and subsequent garden waste collection. Cllr Ruffell was asked to look at two planning applications: The Culverkeys Building Plan and the proposed erection of two houses at Lynch Lane SDNP/19/06058/FU

Wmpc 1793 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and was noted by the Parish Council advising that the ¾ year report was approved by the internal auditor. Details were circulated of a grant request from the Parish News and the remaining of grant money available.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1794 **PLANNING**

a) SDNP/19/05867/FUL Hayden Barn Cottage Hayden Lane Warnford SO32 3LF. It was agreed that **OBJECTIONS** be raised on the grounds that the site was an inappropriate development in the SDNP being highly visible from the MVT bridleway and in respect of the run off from the site.

b) SDNP/19/06154/HOUS The Cedars Doctors Lane West Meon GU32 1LR Proposal was Erection of a free standing greenhouse. **SUPPORTED**

c) SDNP/19/06058/FU Brooklyn Lynch Lane West Meon GU32 1LT Demolition and erection of two replacement dwellings was **OBJECTED** to on the previous grounds submitted for this site when three dwellings were proposed

Wmpc 1795 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Cllrs **APPROVED** the grant request for £400 from WMPCC for the Parish News production.

Schedule of Payments

Ch 300579 Luke Prowse Bench fitting	£260.00
Ch 300580 WCC Dog Bins	£130.00
Ch 300581 P Reynolds Internal audit	£145.00
Ch 300582 WM Village Hall	£56.00
Ch 300583 D Heppell salary	
Ch 300584 Expenses Clerk	£53.60

Wmpc 1796 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT** - No report

Wmpc 1797 **COMMUNITY, RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION**

a) It was agreed that work to trees on recreation ground to be pursued by Cllr Silk

b) West Fest 2020 is cancelled

c) The developers of Culverkeys, Church Lane, West Meon submitted a building plan including traffic plan for discussion and response. After discussion a response was to be drafted by Cllr Waller and circulated to the Clerk and all Cllrs before the Chairman sent a response to the developers. Cllr Waller would also ensure that West Meon School had notification of the building plan.

Wmpc 1798 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Co option/election of Parish Councillors to WMPCC, Annual Parish Meeting date and agenda

Wmpc 1799 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July all in the Village Hall.

Cllr C. Waller for the Clerk

The meeting closed at 2030 hrs

Chair

Appendix A

Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for West Meon Parish Council

County Commitment to Net-Zero Carbon

The County Council is committed to establishing a clear action plan to embed carbon reduction measures across the Authority and make Hampshire more resilient to the impact of a changing climate. This strategy sets out targets on both mitigation and resilience, for both the County Council's own operations and the wider Hampshire area. The action plan covers all direct and indirect carbon emissions from the County Council's own activities – such as fuel, energy and waste. These activities account for around one per cent of all carbon emissions for the county of Hampshire. Therefore, the plan sets a target for Hampshire as a whole, which aligns with the national Government target for 2050. The Cabinet has agreed all recommendations in the report, including revoking the policy prohibiting consideration of wind turbines on County Council land, and establishing a programme of tree and wildflower planting on highways land and verges.

All the County Council's services need to contribute to reducing emissions and building resilience – replacing transport fleets with electric vehicles, reducing carbon from street lighting, and maximising the use of recycled materials in highways maintenance, to name just a few areas. The County Council's activities account for just a small proportion of the overall carbon emissions in Hampshire – the majority of which come from transport and domestic energy. As the highway authority, the County Council has a key role to play around transport, and it is clear that we all need to make changes to tackle energy consumption – building on the many instances of successful community energy projects, for example, which demonstrate what can be achieved by direct community action. Over the past decade, over £30 million has been made in carbon savings from the County Council's estate and operations - reducing the County Council's carbon consumption by 43%.

Plenty of time to register your vehicle for ongoing free access to Hampshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres

Over 150,000 Hampshire residents' vehicles have already been registered online over the last two weeks, ahead of the launch of a new permit system later this year by Hampshire County Council – giving Hampshire residents continued, automatic free access to Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

The new system will be controlled by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and will ensure continued free access for Hampshire residents to any of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs to dispose of household waste, while access for non-Hampshire residents (excluding Dorset Council residents) will be for a fee of £5 per visit. There is still plenty of time to register, and once Hampshire residents have done this, they will see no change when they next visit a Hampshire HWRC. This system is being brought in because of the need to find a way that provides effective and environmentally practicable options for residents who live close to Hampshire's borders, to continue to access the HWRCs, but in a way that is fairer to Hampshire residents who actually pay for the cost of the service through their council tax. An update on Hampshire County Council's work around access to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) across county borders will be considered on 14th January. This report: <http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s43062/Report.pdf> includes a recommendation for a start date of 1st April for the new system to become operational. Neighbouring authorities began to put in place plans to ban people not living in their administrative areas from using their HWRCs. HCC advocated a position of maintaining access for all residents to their nearest HWRC, regardless of where they lived. It was not possible to come to an agreement in a way that recognised the costs borne by the council dealing with the waste and some have already implemented a ban on Hampshire residents using HWRCs in their areas. This is not HCC's intention in Hampshire – instead, a charge of £5 per visit for non-Hampshire residents will be introduced from the spring to offset the £500,000 annual cost of dealing with waste from non-Hampshire residents visiting our sites. This will contribute to

the drive to manage costs across all services to help bridge the shortfall in the budget due to reductions in funding from Government, rising costs and inflation, and growing demand for council services. Hampshire residents, including those who live in Southampton and Portsmouth, are able to register for free access to any Hampshire HWRC here. There is no registration required for access to the Paulsgrove HWRC in

Portsmouth. Hampshire residents who already hold a van or trailer permit do not need to re-register that particular vehicle. For residents without internet access, please call 0300 555 1389 to register.

Hampshire Library Service Consultation

A consultation on changes to Hampshire's Library Service opened on 9th January and closes on 18th March. Views can be shared online at hants.gov.uk/library-consultation or by post having requested a paper copy from insight@hants.gov.uk or calling 0300 555 1387 and then mailing to: Freepost HAMPSHIRE. Your nearest Tier 1 library is Fareham and that is not one of the ten identified for potential closure.

Looking for 60 men!

Hampshire County Council is inviting up to 60 individuals who are interested in leading local men's groups across the county to come forward to help with an initiative which aims to connect men in order to support better physical and mental health. Hampshire charity Community First has been appointed by Hampshire County Council to manage a dedicated men's leadership project to help men set up or run groups in their local community.

Councillor Judith Grajewski, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Public Health, said: "Whether you are a member of an existing men's club or are interested in setting up a new one, this project is designed to give you the confidence and skills to bring together men of all ages to share interests, activities and friendship. Community First is well placed to support local men to undertake this valuable work in their community." The initiative is part of the Hampshire County Council funded Men's Activity Network in Hampshire which provides resources, funding and skills-sharing to support men to connect through community groups. Research shows that men's groups can have significant benefits to men's overall health and wellbeing, as they provide somewhere for men to meet and participate in a skill or activity together, pop in for a chat, and find out about local services, thereby addressing issues such as loneliness and depression.

Jennie Romicheva from Community First, added, "It's a great opportunity for members of the community to develop and lead new clubs across Hampshire which connect men with each other, and for us to be able to provide the support and skills needed to make that happen."

Anyone interested in finding out about the men's leadership project should get in touch via stepbystep@cfirst.org.uk

The project will run until December 2020, targeting areas where men's groups could be of particular benefit in each of Hampshire's 11 district areas.

Serving Hampshire's residents – County Council pledges ongoing international links

Following the UK's departure from the European Union on Friday, the County Council is emphasising that Hampshire remains open for business as it continues to foster international links for the benefit of the people of the county. Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Keith Mans, said: "Hampshire is well placed to benefit from new trade agreements the Government is seeking to secure. We are also looking beyond Europe to cultivate stronger international connections and strengthen the region's trade links. The Ports of Southampton and Portsmouth are gateways to international markets, serving our European neighbours, and securing national investment in Hampshire's strategic transport infrastructure is even more critical now - not only for the local economy but also for import and export business affecting the whole of the country." Councillor Andrew Joy, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Communities,

Partnerships and External Affairs, said: “Hampshire County Council is keen to support the Government as it establishes a new partnership with Europe, to advance security and prosperity for both UK and EU citizens, and rightly acknowledges the enduring common bonds with Europe which will continue to shape our shared values and interests. We will continue to work with European networks to maximise future economic and cultural opportunities for Hampshire and the wider region.

“Hampshire is very much in business, not just at home but further afield and we are forging and developing economic, cultural and intellectual ties in Europe and beyond.”

Cllr Roger Huxstep Member for Meon Valley Division 11th February 2020

Appendix B

West Meon Parish Council Winchester City Councillor Report February Report 2020

Winchester air quality improving but council 'not complacent'

Air quality is improving in Winchester according to a new report by the city council.

Data shows that more areas of central Winchester are now meeting national standards for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), an environmental pollutant. Several of the main routes into and out of Winchester’s city centre, such as Andover Road, Chesil Street, St Cross Road and Alresford Road, which have historically exceeded legal limits for NO₂, are now showing compliance according to monitoring across 2019.

These locations are part of the city centre’s ‘Air Quality Management Area’ meaning they are subject to an action plan to achieve reductions in air pollution levels to meet national targets. There is a general reduction in NO₂ across the designated area, and further parts of the zone are expected to show compliance by 2021 if trends continue.

The council has implemented a range of measures to deliver air quality improvements at the NO₂ hotspots across the city, including introducing Park & Ride sites, car parking pricing zones, the development of air quality focused planning standards and sustainable transport strategies. Levels of NO₂ are also improving due to the adoption of cleaner engine technology.

Winchester City Council has a target to be carbon neutral as an organisation by 2024 and for the district to be carbon neutral by 2030. Transport is a significant contributor to the current levels of carbon emissions.

Volunteers help Winchester City Council to plant hundreds of trees in Waterlooville

Green fingered volunteers have planted hundreds of new trees in Waterlooville as part of Winchester City Council’s pledge to improve the environment and tackle the climate emergency.

Armed with spades, forks and shovels more than 30 volunteers gathered at Newlands Walk Open Space in Waterlooville for a community tree planting event. A total of 342 trees were planted over two days (Friday 31 January and Saturday 1 February), including 42 new trees and 300 infant trees. The new trees include a range of varieties such as oak, sweet chestnut, birch and hornbeam.

Winchester City Council has pledged to plant hundreds more trees across the district as part of its Carbon Neutrality Action Plan. Trees provide a range of environment benefits and absorb carbon emissions as they grow.

We hope that this first tree planting for climate change in the Winchester district will be the start of a rise of positive action to combat climate change locally.

Bin collection improvements pledged with new household waste contract

Greener bin lorries and a new household service to collect small electrical equipment for recycling have been announced by Winchester City Council as part of the new contract for household bin collections.

Waste contractor Biffa will continue to provide the waste collection service with a bid that provided best value for money along with including a package of service improvements. Biffa were selected following a

competitive tender process where bidders were ranked on quality and price for a new eight year contract to start in September 2020.

Included in the new contract:- A new free household collection of small electrical items such as unwanted toasters, kettles or clocks for recycling.

The new vehicle fleet will replace older lorries with Euro6 compliant vehicles which emit lower levels of harmful exhaust pollutants, helping to reduce carbon emissions and deliver cleaner air..

Bin lorries will have new technology on board that will provide real-time information to alert the depot to issues and improve collection rates (check) and support ongoing improvements to collection reliability.

The council is committed to working with Biffa to ensure household waste collections and the new glass collection service are carried out on time across the district, and to reduce the number of missed bins.

Performance of the current service is improving month-on-month with issues are identified and tracked on a daily basis to help resolve problems quickly.

Biffa won the new contract after a rigorous tender process that ranked bidders by value and quality standards. Under the new contract, routes will be covered by staff who already know the area well. It will provide a enhanced service, including a new recycling collection for small electric items, and the use of greener vehicles in line with our goals to reduce carbon emissions

Collections will not change – with an alternate weekly collection of household waste and recycling. Kerbside glass recycling collection is monthly and there is a fortnightly garden waste collection.

Hugh Lumby Laurence Ruffell