



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2015 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr C Waller (Chairman), R Morrish (Vice Chair), Cllrs U Casebourne, C Johnson, T Over

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Heppell (Clerk to the Council).

BY INVITATION: County Cllr N Bodtger (until 8:30pm).

APOLOGIES: Cllr C Adams, A. Bassil.

Wmpc 1111 **DECLARATION 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 1112 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Parish Meeting on 2nd December 2014 were **approved** with the alteration Wmpc 1104 line 11 to read, 'Clerk will clarify number of members required.'

Wmpc 1113 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR BODTGER**

Cllr Bodtger advised that following her intervention the chimney stack at Headdon View had been repaired. The recent cesspit inspections at Meonnwara Crescent had resulted in the lightweight covers being replaced with heavyweight covers. The Chairman confirmed there are no others on Parish Council land.

The Chairman advised that any flooding issues in the village would be forwarded to Cllr Bodtger.

Wmpc 1114 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair opened the meeting to the public. Chris Paterson from SDNP addressed the meeting on Neighbourhood Planning in the South Downs National Park (SDNP). He advised there have been 42 plans received so far and he outlined the requirements of a Neighbourhood Plan, with a deadline of December 2015. He explained the Neighbourhood Planning process, compared to Village Design Statement and Parish Plans. He outlined the costs and work involved in producing a plan and what grants are available to Parish Councils.

The Chair thanked Chris Paterson for attending the meeting, and it was **resolved** that Neighbourhood Plans would be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and arrangements would be made for an extraordinary Parish meeting to discuss this further. Meanwhile, the Chair would

discuss this issue with the chair of Corhampton PC. The committee **agreed** that an alternative approach to Neighbourhood Plans should be explored as well.

Wmpc 1115 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported a letter of thanks has been received from Citizens Advice Bureau for the Parish Council donation.

The Clerk reminded members that prior to the Parish meeting Councillors need to circulate their area committee reports on the template the Chairman previously provided.

The Precept forms are required to be with WCC by 21st Jan 2015. Last year the committee received £22,530.98 a 4% increase on the previous year. £2,1628 increase.

The Committee **agreed** to purchase the book Arnold Baker's Local Council Administration for £82.50.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1116 **PLANNING**

The committee **resolved** to make the following planning comments;

Grain Store, Woodlands Estate, Alton Road, West Meon – SDNP/14/05425/FUL– Erection of a lean-to for agricultural storage making off an existing agricultural building. **No objections**

Wmpc 1117 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The schedule of payments was **agreed**.

It was **resolved** that there would be a 1.2% increase in last year's precept and an additional £8,000, making a total of £30,801.37. **Vote: 4 members for and 1 abstained.**

Cllr Waller advised the bus shelter had been repaired at a cost of £848.18

Cllr Waller advised the Parish News printing costs for WMPC were to be £7.50 and £12.50 for 1½ pages and these costs were unanimously **agreed**.

The Annual Parish meeting date is to be Tuesday April 21st at the West Meon Sports Pavilion. This will also be the date of West Meon Village Hall AGM.

The Listening Post is to be held the third week of March.

The Committee **agreed** to underwrite the costs of The Great War film show at East Meon Village Hall to a maximum of £100 should the tickets not sell.

Wmpc 1118 **COMMUNITY AND RECREATION**

Cllr Morrish and the Clerk **agreed** they would contact SDNP to check progress with the Meon Valley Trail.

Wmpc 1119 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The Clerk provided a schedule of payments that was agreed.

Date 6th January 2015

Ch 165 Citizens Advice - Grant	£100.00
Ch 166 Homestart - Grant	£100.00
Ch 167 WCC	£130.00
Ch 168 T Hickmore Bus shelter repairs	£848.18
Ch 169 Liss Brass Band	£150.00
Ch 170 Salary Clerk	
Ch 171 Expenses Clerk	£22.11
Ch 172 Village Hall Hire	£45.60
Ch 173 Mr D Westwood Strimming	£136.00

Wmpc 1120 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT MEETING**

SDNP Neighbourhood Planning, West Meon Trail, Parish News, Repairs to phone boxes, Grants, Community shop update.

Wmpc 1121 **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 3rd February 2015, Tuesday 3rd March, Tuesday 7th April.

Meeting finished 9.25pm

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Chairman

