



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON AND WARNFORD SPORTS PAVILION, PRECEDED BY A CLOSED MEETING BY SDNP ON THE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr C Waller (Chair), Cllr R Morrish (Vice Chair), Cllrs C Adams, J Nicholson and T Over.

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

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs D Spencer-Healey, C Johnson and City Cllr N Bodtger

Wmpc 1283 **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 1284 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 8th February 2016 were **approved**, subject to the amendment Wmpc 1277 to read, "Cllr Morrish advised of the Highways Authority speed survey in relation to the A32 crossing and that were between 34 mph east and **33** mph west and advised that a crossing could not be provided."

Wmpc 1285 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Wmpc 1286 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR R HUXSTEP (from 8:05pm to 8:20pm)**

Cllr Huxstep gave an update on devolution advising that no mayor was elected in the Isle of Wight and there is an ongoing proposal for a Metro Mayor for Solent City. Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan has been approved by HCC.

HCC has the lowest rates of Council tax and it is lower than 5 years ago. It is proposed to raise Council tax by 2% to ease the Precept rates. HCC has a budget of £1.9 billion with a workforce of 10,000 employees and 25,000 students.

Cllr Morrish asked if there were any HCC grants available to support updating the Village Design Statement and Cllr Huxstep advised that grants would be available from 1st June 2016, if WMPC wished to apply.

The Queen's 90th Birthday funding grants opened this week and closes on 7th March 2016 and Cllr Nicholson agreed she would apply on behalf of West Meon Parish Council.

Wmpc 1287 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk advised that the auditor visited on 29th Feb 2016 and audit was complete and audited up to 31.1.2016 agreed as set out in the Clerk's report. Recommendations of the auditor to consider Savings Account of maximum £5,000 to save in higher interest Unity Account. The **Clerk agreed** to check types of accounts.

The Clerk advised that following the resignation of Utrick Casbourne and Alan Bassil from the Parish Council, the signatories on the Unity bank Account requires updating and all Councillors are required to sign paperwork she circulated. The Clerk advised that Parish Council vacancies have been advertised on the noticeboard which ends on the 8th March. Following this a further notice for Casual Vacancies is due on 9th March 2016 to Co-opt at the next meeting.

The Clerk advised she had received confirmation that two Councillors from Clanfield Parish Council would be attending the Knowledge & Core Skills evening training events on 4th and 11th May 2016.

The Clerk confirmed that Winchester Action on Climate Change will speak at the Annual Parish Meeting. **Cllr Waller agreed** to contact them with details about their presentation.

The **Clerk agreed** to arrange the WCC Annual Play area inspection.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1288 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Annual Parish meeting will be on the 19th April 2016 at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Cllr Over sent her apologies, but advised she would prepare an advert. The Village Hall Committee AGM will speak first at the meeting, followed by the Police then Winchester Action on Climate Change presentation. It was **agreed** that volunteers should be sought for the VDS at the meeting.

The Chairman advised that the Village Shop grant request for £750.00 requires a decision. It was unanimously **agreed** that a grant of **£750** be awarded to the **Village Shop**. It was noted that the Parish Council are still awaiting information regarding shop finance.

It was unanimously **agreed** that after considering other submitted grants that **£250.00** should be awarded to **Warnford and West Meon Sports Club**.

It was **agreed** that that meetings should be held on Tuesdays from April and the Chairman agreed to check whether the Village Hall could accommodate the Parish Council in the small hall or whether the Sports Pavilion was available on Tuesday evenings.

Wmpc 1289 **COMMUNITY AND RECREATION**

Cllr Waller advised the football pitch grass around the goals was growing well. **Cllr Waller agreed** that he will check if P Clements is able to fit the de-fibrillater

Cllr Over advised she had a productive meeting with Cllr Adams regarding improving the website.

Cllr Over advised that further footpath leaflets require printing and it was **agreed** that **300 guides** should be printed at a cost of **£390.77**.

Wmpc 1290 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The Clerk provided a schedule of payments that was **agreed**.

Ch 300276 Fair Account Audit	£170.00
Ch 300277 Clerks Salary-March	
Ch 300278 Clerk's Expenses	£31.40
Ch 300279 WCC Dog Bins	£130.00
Ch 300280 West Meon Community Shop	£750.00
Ch 300281 Sports Club additional grant	£250.00

Wmpc 1291 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT MEETING**

Co-option, Village Shop Finance, Parish News, Annual Parish Meeting and Village Design Statement.

Wmpc 1292 **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11th April 2016 at 7:00pm, Tuesday 3rd May, and Tuesday 7th June and 5th July 2016.

Meeting finished at 9:00 pm

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Chairman