



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr C Waller (Chairman), C Johnson (Vice Chair), C Adams, T Over, J Nicholson, G Silk, P Brannon, T Prowse and A Trenchard.

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep and City Cllr L Ruffell (until 8:20pm)

APOLOGIES: SDNP Cllr Thacker

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Heppell (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. 3 members of the public.

Wmpc 1469 **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 1470 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6th June 2017 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1471 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

Two members of the public wished to speak on dog fouling and the Chairman invited them to speak and brought the item forward on the agenda.

Dog Fouling

Mr Morris the Chairman of the Sports Club addressed the meeting expressing his concerns over dog fouling problems on the recreation ground, requesting improved signage, liaising with the dog warden at WCC and fines. Mr Sweatman a local dog trainer advised of problems with dog owners and that education, training and monitoring were required agreeing with points Mr Morris raised.

The Chairman advised that this has been an ongoing issue with maintenance of the recreation area, grass cutting and strimming due to dog fouling.

It was **agreed** that better signage is required and an initial one month monitoring and collection of information in the area be arranged with Mr Sweatman. The Chairman agreed to raise it with Sergeant Stuart Gilmore under crime and community, and to prepare information for the website and Parish News. Cllr Ruffell advised that Dave Griffiths, Dog Warden at WCC, could advise further on this matter.

Wmpc 1472 COUNTY COUNCILLOR R HUXSTEP

Cllr R Huxstep reported that the County Council 'balancing the budget survey' showed that 3,707 people replied of which 65% were happy with HCC strategy and identifying savings. In order to save 67%, charges were raised and HCC are going to lobby the Government on this matter and a full report will be going to full Council.

Cllr Huxstep advised that a new application had been received on the Botley by-pass.

Wmpc 1473 CITY COUNCILLOR L RUFFELL

Cllr L Ruffell reported on meeting with Andrew Palmer, Head of New Homes WCC on the potential for the development of council owned housing on the land next to the entrance to the Village Hall car park, adjacent to Number 6 Headon View. Cllr Ruffell advised that the land would not be suitable due to trees and site restrictions including banking of the site. Cllr Ruffell also advised that the land adjacent to 1 Railway cottages Meonwarra also isn't suitable as it would result in the loss of car parking and the play area.

Cllr Ruffell advised that the Guildhall bus station is finished and open and that the annual WCC 'Planning sites bus tour' is open and available for Parish Councils to attend. The clerk had already circulated the email to councillors.

The Chairman advised the County and City Councillors of the meeting on 6th October with the Police and Crime Commissioner with Parish Councils on motorbike and traffic issues and invited them to attend.

Wmpc 1474 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was received advising:

- All six planning application comments that were agreed by WMPC were submitted to SDNP in August 2017.
- Dog fouling the Senior Dog Warden Dave Griffiths at WCC has advised that he is able to come out and see areas and advise WMPC accordingly. It was **agreed** that further advice should be sought from the Dog Warden.
- Enforcement update - a planning application has been submitted for fencing and gates at the Ideal Van Centre. Issues on signage are in hand with WCC and they advise that lights are kept switched off until an alternative scheme has been devised. **Noted**
- 3 Station Road – a retrospective planning application (SDNP/17/01139/FUL) has been approved on 26th May 2017, the case is closed.
- Audit complete and approved, a query was raised on the increase of 2% in Council assets. BDO auditors were advised that the increase was due to the purchase of a de-fib alarm box £149.00 and a conservation bin. £149.00 total £726.32. **Noted**
- VAT repayment of £1,286.43 received 3.9.17. **Noted**
- HALC Cllr training was **agreed** to go ahead Cllr Knowledge training part 1 and 11 2nd Nov & 23rd Nov 19.00 – 21.00hrs in West Meon. It was **agreed** Cllr Waller to book sports club
- Shredder required, **agreed** that costings required
- SDNP autumn workshops for planning. It was **agreed** 2 Cllr representatives were Cllr Trenchard and P Brannon to attend on 27 September 2017, Hampshire Parishes workshop, Festival Hall, Petersfield 6.30-9.30
- It was **agreed** Invoices received from Parish News and Printing Parish news as emailed. Would be considered.

- Diana Gordge contacted the Parish Council regarding designing Christmas lights for the village high street. It was **agreed** this would be considered at the next meeting.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1475 **PLANNING**

1. Village Design Statement- No further progress over the summer and it was **agreed** that Cllr Trenchard would be the Chair of the VDS and Cllr Brannon could assist and provide a handover. It was **agreed** that Cllr Waller should invite Mr R Davidson to assist with the VDS.
2. SDNP/17/03750/FUL Erection of one new dwelling at land to the rear of Red Lion House. It was **resolved** to raise an **OBJECTION** raised on the following 5 grounds:
 - Inappropriate overdevelopment of a site in the historic West Meon Conservation Area. Policy DP3 requires that development responds positively to the character and appearance of an area in terms of design, scale and layout and does not result in unacceptable adverse impacts on adjoining land or neighbours. West Meon Parish Council believes the planning application contravenes this.
 - Inappropriate design of the building. Whilst West Meon Parish Council (WMPC) recognise that the application is for a single dwelling and that contemporary design can be appealing, the Parish believe the design to be not in keeping with the Conservation Area and the surrounding properties and not adhering to the principles of design and materials in the West Meon Village Design Statement 2002. The application is for a dwelling that would not be traditional in design or scale and would affect the setting of the listed buildings around.
 - Inappropriate arrangements for waste water and sewerage disposal. WMPC notes that the Drainage Engineers comments regarding waste disposal are concerning. The site location negates an easy solution to this matter for a development of this scale.
 - Failure to comply with original planning application regarding the land to the rear of Red Lion House from the application to SDNP in 2012. When planning was granted in 2012, the area to the rear of the property-apart from dedicated car park spaces-was to be returned to garden space and not built on. This application fails to comply with this.
 - Because of the complex and controversial nature of this planning application in the West Meon Conservation Area, WMPC would request that this application is referred to the Planning Committee hearing for decision.
- 3) SDNP/17/03947/LIS Warnford Corner Alton Road West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JG External and internal alterations. It was resolved **NO OBJECTIONS** be raised.

Wmpc 1476 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.**

Schedule of Payments **agreed**

Date 4th July 2017

Ch 300363 HCC lighting	£441.37
Ch 300367 WM Village Hall Grant agreed May	£500.00
Ch 300368 M Snow Locum	£77.80
Ch 300369 Expenses Clerk	£ 55.05
Ch 300370 Salary Clerk July/August	
Ch 300371 D Westwood	£187. 99
Ch 300372 spoil	
Ch 300373 Mr C Waller - Reimbursement	£21.43

Date Sept 2017

Ch 300374 Cllr Over – Reimbursement	£4.79
Ch 300375 WCC Dog bins Jan to March	£130.00
Ch 300376 WM Village Hall hire	£45.60
Ch 300 377 Biffa bins	£72.98
Ch 300 378 Salary D Heppell	
Ch 300379 Expenses D Heppell	£33.20
Ch 300380 Dog Bins April to June	£130.00

Wmpc 1477 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Silk advised a plant, thought to be Japanese Knotweed growing on the verge outside a cottage in Lynch Lane had been removed and there was no further evidence of it growing. He explained that it had looked like someone had attempted to treat it as the surrounding grass was brown and dead. Cllr Over advised it was identified as Japanese Knotweed by RHS Wisley.

Wmpc 1478 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

Meon Valley Trail meeting at Queen Elizabeth Park on 18th or 22nd September. It was **agreed** that Cllr Waller would attend.

WMPC would like to thank Cheryl Adams and Cllr Nicholson for their excellent work on getting the Parish Council website running, which benefits the wider community.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Over would recirculate the email on the outdoor table tennis table.

Wmpc 1479 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING**

Council Working Groups, 'Ways to love West Meon', Christmas lights, dogs, 'A frame policy', table tennis table, VDS exception sites, motorbikes and PCC meeting on 6th October, Meon Valley Trail meeting 18th September with HCC..

Wmpc 1480 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 3rd October 2017, Tuesday 7th November and Tuesday 5th December all in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9.25 pm

Chairman