



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON AND WARNFORD SPORTS PAVILION.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr C Waller, (Chair), Cllr R Morrish (Vice Chair), Cllrs A Bassil, U Casebourne, C Johnson, J Nicholson.

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

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep, Cllr N Bodtger (until 8:05pm).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs C Adams, T Over, D Spencer–Healey.

Wmpc 1221 **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 1222 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish meeting on 3th September 2015 were approved.

Wmpc 1223 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Wmpc 1224 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep updated the Parish on HCC's bid for devolution in Hampshire and advised that funding has been spread evenly, HCC have to make more savings by April 2017 and further savings by the following year and it is estimated that 450 HCC jobs will be lost.

On Public Health matters Cllr Huxstep reminded Cllrs of the importance of the flu jab. He also asked about the salt bins in West Meon and it was confirmed they were full. Cllr Morrish advised that the salt bin for Storeys Meadow had not been provided by HCC yet.

Comment [dh1]:

Wmpc 1225 **CITY COUNCILLOR BODTGER**

Cllr Bodtger gave an update on business rates, advising local authorities are still setting business rates. Cllr Waller asked whether HCC are talking to Parish Councils about PREVENT and he advised he would check this with Ian Holt.

Cllr Bodtger advised that the boundary commission will have two councillors for the area which covers 4,000 people. **Cllr Bodtger agreed** to follow up on the footpath re-surfacing at Railway Cottages, Station Road, West Meon.

Wmpc 1226 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was received advising that the Parish Council had received the VAT repayment and the half year precept from WCC. The Nat West cheque account has been closed and thanks were given to Cllr Morrish for closing the account.

Cllr Morrish and the Clerk attended meeting on 9th September by SDNP Planning at Meonstoke Village Hall and comments are due to SDNP by 28th October.

The Clerk has provided Councillors with the WCC/ SDNP enforcement section progress list. HALC advised that the knowledge course cost £400 for 2 evenings and the Clerk confirmed she is awaiting dates for January 2016.

West Meon Village Hall booking has been received for the 8th November Great War Exhibition.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1227 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Waller advised a grant request had been received from Meon Valley Archaeology & Heritage Group and he would **advise** them to complete a grant form.

A grant application has been received from West Meon Toddler group and it was **agreed** that a £200 grant would be awarded, with the proviso they would provide information on the group numbers and the Parish would then decide whether to provide further support for the group. Cllr Waller agreed to relay this information to the group.

Cllr Waller advised of a request from West Meon Sports Club to support a wider pathway to the Pavilion and provide illumination to meet new requirements of wheel chair access. It is expected to cost £2,400 and they are approaching HCC for a grant.

It was **agreed** the remaining phone box should be repainted and Cllr Waller advised the costs would be in the region of £561.

Cllr Morrish advised the Nat West Account cheque of £800 been received.

The schedule of payments was **agreed**.

Wmpc 1228 PLANNING

1228 (a) Councillor Waller advised that there are no highway issues raised from HCC regarding the bollard lighting at the Red Lion.

1228 (b) Cllr Waller gave an update on the SDNP Preferred Options Sites and Policies and it was **agreed** to make the following planning comments:

1.Meadow House SS07

West Meon Parish Council have **concerns** regarding access to this site due to the existing access arrangements at Doctors Lane which are restricted and the lane is very narrow.

There are current problems servicing properties as Winchester City Council Biffa Bins are unable gain regular access down Doctors Lane to empty refuse/recycling. West Meon Parish Council are working with WCC to resolve this matter.

The site is adjacent to the railway embankment and within the West Meon Conservation Area and therefore any development would need to be sensitively designed and respect this setting. Access would need to be through the existing Meadow House to make a viable site access.

2 .Long Priors SS06

West Meon Parish Council raises **objections** to this site on the grounds of an increase in vehicular traffic on Long Priors, narrow estate road that exits onto Church Lane which is a single track road. Church lane is an unsuitable access for construction traffic and it serves both the Church and West Meon School and can be highly congested at certain times of the day.

Supporting Emerging Policies SDLP

Strategic Policy SD5 – Landscape Character

West Meon Parish Council support this policy and proposals which conserve and enhance the landscape character of West Meon. The Parish Council are involved in a landscape character assessment of West Meon.

Strategic Policy SD8 - Relative Tranquillity

West Meon Parish Council support the Relative Tranquillity policy as a whole but in particular 1(b) as West Meon is seriously affected by motorbike noise on the A32.

Strategic Policy SD9 - Dark Night Skies development proposals that conserve and enhance relative tranquillity in relation to light pollution and dark skies.

West Meon Parish Council support development proposals that conserve and enhance relative tranquillity in relation to light pollution and dark skies within the area. Any development should respect this policy and have appropriate lighting levels.

Strategic Policy SD19 - Walking, Cycling and Equestrian Routes.

West Meon Parish Council support the retention and safeguarding of Meon Valley Line Policy 1d) Wickham, Alton disused railway line (Meon Valley Line) as a non-motorised transport corridor.

Strategic Policy SD22 - Development Strategy

West Meon Parish Council support Development Strategy policy and the retention of the Settlement Policy Boundary for West Meon.

Strategic Policy SD29 Towns and Village Centres

West Meon Parish Council support this policy in particular smaller village centres Section 3b, The Authority will safeguard existing retail units (A1, A2 and A3).

West Meon has a local community shop and post office, pub, butchers and cafe which the Parish Council would like to be safeguarded from non-retail uses and development.

Wmpc 1228 (c) It was **agreed** that **Cllr Morrish** and **Cllr Spencer–Healey** report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting on the Landscape Assessment.

Wmpc 1229 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Cllr Morrish's highways report was received and she gave an update on the West Meon Crossing reporting a similar case at Hove which she **agreed** to forward to HCC Highways Department.

Cllr Morrish advised the Lengthsman had strimmed the triangle next to footpath 13, cut back overhanging growth along pavement at East End and cleared debris from the bottom of Doctors and Vinnells Lane and cleared by the drains at The Cross.

Cllr Morrish has had a site meeting with the owners of The Mill House regarding the silting of river bed under the A32 road bridge, which is ongoing with HCC Highways. Also she has responded to

concerns from residents of Storeys Meadow regarding speeding on the old road which is ongoing with Hampshire Highways.

Wmpc 1230 **COMMUNITY AND RECREATION**

It was **agreed** that Wicksteed replace four swings at a cost of £1,486, £352 and £525 + VAT. Cllr Waller advised the school wants to retain the long jump and that the Parish need to help repair the cover. The small goal areas and other areas need re-turfing. He also advised that funding had been applied for, for the defibrillator.

The sign for Footpath 13 has been displayed. Cllr Waller advised that Ms Younger has agreed to allow the Parish Council to remove saplings from the river bed and seed the area. Cllr Casebourne advised there could be better use of public money and Cllr Morrish advised the area should only be strimmed due to maintenance costs.

Cllr Bassil gave an update on the village shop and circulated a copy of the shop questionnaire. **Councillors agreed** to help circulate copies in the village.

Cllr Bassil agreed to collect the Christmas Lights.

It was agreed the next listening post would be on 21st November at 9:30 am to 11.00am.

Wmpc 1231 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

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

Date 12th October 2015

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| Ch 300231 HALC Cllr Adams Course | £108.00 |
| Ch 300232 BDO WM Sports Club room hire | £20.00 |
| Ch 300233 WCC Dog Bins | £175.00 |
| Ch 300234 WM Village Hall room hire | £34.00 |
| Ch 300235 Clerk Salary October | |
| Ch 300236 Expenses | £54.84 |
| Ch 300237 C Waller Reimbursement signs | £65.00 |
| Ch 300238 T Hickmore | £561.09 |
| Ch 300239 Studio 6 by C Waller | £43.46 |
| Ch 300240 Spoilt | |
| Ch 300241 Fencing Meonwarra M Edwards | £1512.00 |

Wmpc 1232 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT MEETING**

Landscape Assessment, Shop Survey Update, Christmas lights, A32 Crossing.

Wmpc 1233 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday 16th November and Monday 21st December.

Meeting finished at 9.34pm

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Chairman

