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MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL ON 2nd MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM (DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC)

THOSE PARTICIPATING: Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), C Waller, M Edwards, R Gedye and G Silk.

BY INVITATION: City Councillor H Lumby.

APOLOGIES: County Cllr R Huxstep, City Cllr L Ruffell and Cllr C Adams.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One.

Wmpc 1931 **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. Cllr Trenchard declared an interest in Item 1937 d.

Wmpc 1932 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair opened the meeting to the public and a parishioner asked if the Parish Council had questions on item iii the planning application SDNP/21/00566/HOUS.

This item was brought forward for discussion and the Parish Council agreed to raise **No Objections**.

Wmpc 1933 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Online Parish Council Meeting on 2nd February 2021 were signed and **approved**.

Wmpc 1934 **CITY COUNCILLOR LUMBY**

City Councillor Lumby's report as previously circulated was received, see Appendix B.

Cllr Lumby discussed damage to the road at Shutts Lane and damage to the fingerpost on the Bramdean boundary. It was agreed that the fingerpost is in Bramdean and the Parish should contact Highways.

The Meon Valley trail signs were discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £40.00 to the signs.

Wmpc 1935 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was received:

- Comments have been emailed to Councillors on the appeal by Mrs A Cooper, site address: Hayden Barn Cottage Hayden Lane, Warnford, SOUTHAMPTON, SO32 3LF. The Planning Inspectorate have agreed comments can be submitted on 3rd March.
- WCC Conservation Officer has been contacted and information submitted from War Memorial Trust requesting whether Listed Building consent is required for the works.
- Bramson and Childs solicitors have been informed that Cllr Edwards and Giles Wheeler-Bennett are WMPC contacts to discuss the lease agreement for the rifle club.
- WCC has carried out play inspections last week and comments are awaited.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1936 **PLANNING**

- i) SDNP/21/00727/HOUS Walnut House Alton Road West Meon GU321LQ Proposal: Demolition of existing run down single storey rear extension to be replaced with part single part two storey modern extension. Internal alterations to accommodate annex features for elderly relative. It was agreed that there are **no objections** in principle to the extension, but concerns are raised to its modern design and use of materials, and consider the design of the extension should reflect its position in the West Meon Conservation Area and comply with guidance in the West Meon Design Statement
- ii) SDNP/20/05875/PRE Westbury House Nursing Home West Meon Road East Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1HY. Proposal: Replacement of existing property with 10no. Dwellings and associated access and landscape alterations. Pre-application submission. This item was discussed but **no comments** have been requested by SDNP as it's a pre-application submission. The Parish Council consider a traffic management plan is required and concerns were raised about the entrance.
- iii) SDNP/21/00566/HOUS 2 Knapps Yard, West Meon GU321LE Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey side extension. The Parish Council agreed to raise **no objections**.
- iv) It was agreed that comments circulated via emailed from Councillors on the appeal by Mrs A Cooper Site Address: Hayden Barn Cottage Hayden Lane, Warnford, SOUTHAMPTON, SO32 3LF were agreed and should be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate, who have agreed comments can be submitted on 3rd March.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- A request of £40.00 from **Corhampton & Meonstoke Parish Council** towards Hampshire County Council Countryside Service shared access signs for the Meon Valley Trail from Wickham to West Meon. It was **agreed** that WMPC would contribute **£40.00**.
- The Parish Council Firework and Parking Policy was agreed.

Payments 2nd March 2021

T Hickmore Repairs map board
WCC Dog Bins

£197.00
£520.00

M Edwards Recreation ground maintenance	£3,810.82
BACS D Heppell salary march	
BACS Expenses	£35.59
BACS HMRC	£26.80
Meon Valley Trail Signage	£40.00

It was unanimously **agreed** to approve the schedule of payments.

Wmpc 1937 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

- a) Silk Services are quoting for 4 new coping stones for the damaged Flint Wall.
- b) Cllr Trenchard advised that she has reported potholes on Coombes Lane, Station Road and Church Road to HCC.
- c) Cllr Waller reported repairs have been completed on the mapboard.
- d) Cllr Silk received a quote from A Hoare for work to the Holm Oak. It was reviewed and **agreed** that the Arbor-venture quote would be **accepted**.
- e) Cllr Edwards reported that he had contacted Giles Wheeler-Bennett about valuing the land for the lease agreements, as this is necessary. It was agreed that they would value the land on behalf of WMPC.

Wmpc 1938 **COMMUNITY, RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION**

It was agreed that a plaque would be erected on the bench to commemorate Mr Dave Compton, which Cllr Waller would arrange.

Cllr Edwards advised that the bus shelter windows are being made at present.

Parish News items: WMPC Firework and Parking Policy agreed and a reminder not to speed through the village from East End

Wmpc 1939 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Bus shelter, Parish news, lease agreement.

Wmpc 1940 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 13th April 2021, Tuesday 4th May 2021, Tuesday 2nd June 2021, Tuesday 6th July 2021.
All online meetings until further notice.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chair

Appendix A

Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for:

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West Meon Parish Council Meeting

COVID-19 (Reports' standing paragraph)

The pandemic is still very much with us. Professor Chris Whitty's persistent advice is for each of us to assume that we are carrying the virus and therefore to behave accordingly – obey the rules. For up to date, data, please see: [Hampshire COVID-19 data | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council](#) (hants.gov.uk)

Keep following the rules – even after your vaccine

With the COVID-19 vaccination programme underway, Hampshire County Council and the NHS are reminding residents who have received their vaccine that it is vital to keep following the rules of Hands-Face-Space to avoid putting others at risk.

Councillor Judith Grajewski, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Public Health said: 'The COVID-19 vaccine is a big breakthrough and a key tool in our fight against this serious and highly infectious disease. I know how keen everyone is to get their jab and get back to normal, but for those who have received their first dose, it can take a week or two to build up some protection from the virus, and it is not yet known whether people who have had the vaccine can still transmit COVID-19. Therefore, it is vital to continue following the rules after being vaccinated, to ensure that you don't unknowingly pass on the virus to anybody else. This is particularly important if you are caring for or seeing someone who is clinically vulnerable because you could be putting them at risk of severe illness or even death.' In the current national lockdown, everyone should stay at home as much as possible. However, getting the COVID-19 vaccine, or any other vaccine, is an important medical appointment and a valid 'essential reason' for travelling. Dr Barbara Rushton, Clinical Chair, South Eastern Hampshire, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups said: "The COVID-19 vaccine is a safe and effective way to protect yourself and your loved ones. The vaccination programme is continuing to roll out over the weeks and months ahead, with more and more people benefitting. The vaccine is being offered to those in the priority groups first before being rolled out to the rest of the population and you will be contacted when it is your turn to receive the vaccine, either by your GP practice or the national booking service, and advised how to book an appointment. However, it will take time to vaccinate everyone, so in the meantime please continue to follow Government guidance to protect the NHS and save lives." If you have to leave home for an essential reason, keep 2m distance from anyone who is not in your household or support bubble. We all want an end to lockdown, so it is now more important than ever that we continue to observe these simple behaviours, to prevent further spread of the virus and protect our communities. Remember: just because you've had the vaccine, does not mean it is safe for you to socialise."

As the COVID-19 vaccination programme rolls out across the country, Hampshire County Council and the NHS are urging residents to beware of vaccine fraudsters.

Councillor Judith Grajewski, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Public Health said: "The vaccine is a vital tool in our fight against COVID-19 and a safe and effective way to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our communities. Sadly, there have been cases reported of dishonest individuals approaching members of the public to offer vaccines in return for payment. Therefore, we want to remind everyone that the COVID-19 vaccine is free of charge and that the NHS will get in touch when it is your turn to receive it.

“If you’re contacted by anyone claiming to be from the NHS who asks for payment or a fee - or who gives you a link to a website to take payment for the vaccine - it is a scam.

“No-one from the NHS would come and knock on your door unannounced and you would not receive emails inviting you to click on links. If anyone approaches you in this way, or attempts to force or coerce you into handing over funds – in person or otherwise – always contact the police.”

Those most at risk of being targeted by scammers are the elderly, as well as those who live alone, are self-isolating or are in financial difficulty. Many scammers are using increasingly sophisticated methods to target people.

Councillor Grajewski added: “I completely understand that many people are keen to get their jab as soon as possible, but please remember the COVID-19 vaccine is only available from the NHS. No-one can pay for it and jump the queue. If a private organisation contacts you suggesting they can provide the vaccine, it will be a scam.”

The NHS are currently prioritising people most at risk from the ill effects of coronavirus to receive the vaccine. However, all eligible adults will eventually be offered the vaccine.

Dr Barbara Rushton, Clinical Chair, South Eastern Hampshire, at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups said: “When it is the right time, you will be contacted to make an appointment. Most of us will receive a letter either from our GP or the national booking system, which will include all the information you need. Some services are currently also phoning and texting patients to invite them in. We are working as quickly as we can to vaccinate our communities and thank residents for their patience during this huge national undertaking. We will be in contact in due course, so there is no need to contact your GP surgery to request the vaccine or check if you will be invited.”

Councillor Grajewski continued: “If you would like to know more about the vaccination, it is best to avoid unreliable sources, whether that’s on the internet, from social media, or from a well-meaning friend. Misinformation can create all kinds of worries and concerns and scammers are trying to take advantage of people’s uncertainty and anxieties about the pandemic. The most up-to-date and validated information will be from official sources such as the Government and NHS websites.”

Other coronavirus-related scams include:

- Sales of fake products such as face coverings, supplements, anti-virus kits and sanitisers, which may be harmful or never arrive
- Bogus healthcare workers who try to gain access to your home by claiming to offer testing for COVID-19
- People pretending to be from charities offering to do shopping or carry out cleaning tasks
- Emails asking for donations to the NHS (spelling and punctuation errors in the text and unusual email sender details are a clue that the email is fake) Information about the COVID-19 vaccination programme is available on the NHS website.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

COVID-19: Government gives green light to community testing for Hampshire

Following Government approval, asymptomatic testing for people going out to work has started across the county.

The scheme is aimed at those without symptoms of coronavirus who are regularly leaving home to go to work, and who are not covered by an existing workplace testing scheme.

People who are working from home or shielding should not attend a community testing site. Anyone experiencing symptoms of coronavirus - a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste - should book a test online or call 119.

The County Council's Executive Member for Public Health, Councillor Judith Grajewski, said that this was a hugely positive and important development in our response to the pandemic and our continued efforts to protect the health of residents. Around one in three people with COVID-19 display no symptoms and could be spreading the virus without knowing. Community testing will help prevent transmission and break chains of infection, by identifying more cases quickly and ensuring that people are supported to self-isolate. Our teams at leisure centres, libraries and community centres have been working tirelessly to prepare their sites for the testing. She urged everyone who has to leave home for work to come forward for regular testing to protect themselves, their loved ones and our communities.

A total of 11 appointment-only community testing sites will become operational. Residents should check their district council website for dates and opening hours. The confirmed locations are:

- Basingstoke & Deane – former South Ham Library
- East Hants – Alton Sports Centre
- Eastleigh – The Point
- Fareham – Fareham College
- Gosport – Thorngate Hall Community Centre
- Hart – Hart District Council Offices
- Havant – Havant Library
- New Forest – Totton Health & Leisure Centre
- Rushmoor – Farnborough Leisure Centre
- Test Valley – Picket Twenty Sports Ground
- Winchester – Winchester Discovery Centre

Councillor Grajewski added: “I would like to reassure anyone who is visiting these sites to access the usual services that stringent infection control measures are in place. The layout at each site has been carefully designed to ensure people can move around them safely to prevent any possible spread of the virus. Furthermore, social distancing will be maintained throughout the testing process and trained staff will be in attendance on site, to guide people through the testing process and ensure that tests are completed safely and effectively.”

How asymptomatic testing works

- Tests can be booked online 24 hours in advance through any district website or on the County Council website and appointments should take no more than 30 minutes. Anyone who cannot book online should contact their district council, who will be able to book a test on your behalf.

- You will be asked not to eat anything for 30 minutes prior to your test.
- You will take a lateral flow test, which involves a self-administered swab of the nose and throat, under the guidance of trained staff.
- Results will be confirmed after leaving the testing site by text message sent direct to your mobile (or to a nominated mobile phone belonging to a family member or friend, if you do not have your own).
- You will be able to book two tests per week between three and five days after your first test throughout the programme. · Anyone receiving a positive test result will need to follow self-isolation guidance, but will not need to book a follow-up test.

For more information about testing without symptoms and to book an appointment at a community testing site, visit the County Council's website.

County Council asymptomatic testing locations

The community testing sites within the Havant Library and Winchester Discovery Centre buildings are not accessed from the main library entrances and separate entrances are clearly signposted for testing site visitors to use. Library customers using the Ready Reads click and collect service will not be impacted. Hampshire Libraries are closed for browsing, and fines are frozen. Access to Go Online public computers is temporarily suspended.

Cllr Roger Huxstep

Member for Meon Valley Division

Hampshire County Council 2nd March 2021

Appendix B

Winchester City Councillor Report

March 2021

1. Local Plan consultation

Winchester City Council has now launched its consultation on a Strategic Issues & Priorities document as part of developing its new 15-year Local Plan for the Winchester District. The consultation will run until Monday 12 April.

As previously mentioned, the Local Plan excludes the South Downs National Park, which has its own Local Plan. However, although it will not apply in most of this area, parishes may wish to consider the contents as it will impact on any parts of their parish outside the National Park and could affect neighbouring areas.

The consultation can be viewed here www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk.

A number of virtual information events are taking place over the next few weeks. Details of all the dates, and how to book a place, are listed here:

4 March – 2pm [click here to book](#) 9 March – 7pm [click here to book](#) 12 March – 10am [click here to book](#) 20 March – 10.30am [click here to book](#)

2. Council tax and charging increases

Winchester City Council's share of the Council Tax for the next financial year was approved at the full meeting of Council held on 24th February. The tax is to increase by 3%.

All other fees and charges will also be increased by an average of 3%. The exception is parking charges (as these were increased in October 2020 and the newly introduced charge for collecting garden waste).

The budget also contains a number of cost saving measures, including a reduction of 3.5 posts in the planning team.

3. Boomtown update

Last year's Boomtown Festival was cancelled as the result of the pandemic. No final decision has been taken yet on this year's festival. The organisers, Boomtown Festivals Ltd (BFL) are in dialogue with Winchester City Council officers with the expectation of going ahead. However, this will depend on a range of factors relating to the pandemic, both nationally and locally, including any restrictions in place during August which could prevent the event from taking place. It may also be the case that if the picture for August remains too uncertain over the next few months, BFL will have to take make a decision whether or not to proceed well advance of the festival date.

Although it is for BFL to plan their own response to Covid, council officers, working with the Director of Public Health, will be assessing Boomtown's proposals in detail in relation to the pandemic. Collectively they will be working closely with the event organisers to ensure that the appropriate Covid secure measures are considered and adopted, in line with national guidance and the lockdown restrictions in place at the time. If the event cannot be delivered in a 'Covid secure' way, then council officers will, in consultation with their public health colleagues, liaise with BFL and, if needs be, take action to prevent the event from taking place.

BFL have also recently submitted a planning application to South Downs National Park Authority to increase their currently permitted numbers to 74 999 with an additional 1000 Sunday tickets for locals. They have also applied for their current temporary consent for the festival to be made permanent. Details of the planning application can be viewed on the National Park website.

4. May elections

Elections for Hampshire County Council and for the police and crime commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. New regulations will apply to polling stations as result of the pandemic and residents may therefore find it easier to apply for a postal or proxy vote. This can be done by following this link <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/elections/absent->

5. Get to Know Your NHS Public Meeting - 9th March at 7.30pm

A free online session is held on 9th March for residents of north and mid Hampshire to hear more about their local NHS, as part of the Hampshire Together: Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services programme. The aim of the session is to describe how services are currently delivered and from where and explain why it is felt improvements could be made.

The event will take place online via Zoom videoconferencing due to the current restrictions in place to help combat COVID-19 pandemic. If you would like to take part, you can register by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/get-to-know-your-nhs-tickets->

The Hampshire Together programme is part of the government's plan to invest in the NHS and build 40 new hospitals by 2030, with north and mid Hampshire being one of the areas to benefit from funding. More information about the programme can be found at www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk and details of how hospital services are currently provided can also be found online at www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk/our-vision/how-

Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumby