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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2019  
AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), C Waller, N Wortley, C Adams and G Silk

**BY INVITATION:** County Cllr R Huxstep and City Cllr L Ruffell (until 8.15pm)

**APOLOGIES:** City Cllr H Lumby

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs D Heppell (Clerk)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None present

Wmpc 1747 **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 1748 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Wmpc 1749 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1750 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep's report which had been previously emailed was received and noted. He provided an update on HCC budget savings and that money had been approved for the M3/A34 junction improvements.

The Parish Council informed Cllr Huxstep of the issues with the damage to the Church footpath owned by HCC and he is awaiting further information from the footpaths officer. The Clerk agreed to contact HCC regarding further highway white line restrictions where the footpath meets the recreation ground.

Wmpc 1751 **CITY COUNCILLOR RUFFELL**

The City Councillors' report which had been previously emailed was received and noted. Cllr Ruffell gave information on new bin collection dates and Cllr Waller raised an issue with using plastic bin bags for excess bottles.

## Wmpc 1752 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and was noted by the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that the internal half year audit has been arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> October.

It was **agreed** that Cllrs Waller and Silk would attend the SDNP Hampshire Parishes Workshop at 18.30-21.30 on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at Meon Hall, Meonstoke.

## **TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS**

### Wmpc 1753 **PLANNING**

Cllr Waller advised that the re-edited Village Design Statement was with SDNP for further comment.

Planning application SDNP/19/04664/LIS Culverkeys Church Lane West Meon GU32 1LF Extension to side/rear partially replacing existing extension to provide kitchen and improved access to garden from house. It was agreed to raise objections. Whilst the Parish Council consider the design is complementary to the building, objections are raised to poor access to the site and that there will be significant issues with the delivery of materials and access to the site. There are ongoing problems on Church Street with access and safety issues related to this pinch point and if vehicles load and unload here this would cause problems with the access to the school and to emergency vehicles. A works management plan needs to be provided, giving access to both the school and emergency vehicles. It is suggested that a plan is provided which removes part of the breeze block wall, which is of no historic value, so skips and vehicles can access the site. The wall should be reinstated when complete.

### Wmpc 1754 **COMMUNITY AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Adams advised of the table top sale to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October and the pop up café at the Village hall, and "to use it or lose it".

Cllr Waller advised that James Fuller will contact the PC regarding the lease for Meonwarra.

It was agreed that the Christmas Fair would take place in the village hall and sports pavilion from 3.30pm to 6.30pm on 30<sup>th</sup> November. It was agreed that John Fairey would provide Christmas trees for the buildings in the High Street and that the parish would donate small gifts from Santa.

### Wmpc 1755 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Internal Auditor's Financial Risk Assessment was received and approved by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that a grant of £150.00 be awarded to Citizens Advice.

It was agreed that the ground rent for the sports club would continue at £350 until the next review in 7 years' time.

It was agreed that a circular teak bench would be purchased for the recreation area costing £529 including VAT, and Luke Prowse would assemble it.

### **Schedule of Payments**

Cllr Wortley reported that following a site meeting with the suppliers, plans were received for the outdoor gym. It was agreed that the cost of £7,671.00 + VAT would be acceptable.

It was agreed that the small playground repairs of £2,084 + VAT were acceptable.

Date 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

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| Ch 300451 Village Hall Room Fee | £61.75  |
| Ch 300452 Fair Account          | £125.00 |
| Ch 300453 Little John Audit     | £240.00 |
| Ch 300454 D Heppell salary      |         |
| Ch 300455 Expenses Clerk        | £39.09  |

Wmpc 1756 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Outdoor gym, work to trees on the recreation ground, Christmas Fair, river.

Wmpc 1757 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, both in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.52pm

Chair .....

## Appendix A

Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for West Meon Parish Council

Vision for Hampshire 2050

The vision for Hampshire for the next 30 years has been approved. Hampshire County Council (HCC) unanimously endorsed the conclusions of the Commission of Inquiry - Vision for Hampshire 2050. Cllr Keith Mans, Leader HCC said: "Our county, just like the country, is facing a time of rapid change which affects each and every one of us. From the impact of a changing climate, to the effect the digital revolution will have on the way we work, to future energy supply, there are many challenges we need to address. Ultimately, we want to secure a high quality of life for Hampshire's next generations, continuing to enjoy an attractive environment and a prosperous economy." See [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) for Hampshire 2050.

HCC Budget Savings

HCC's Cabinet have agreed that officers' proposals which would allow the authority to save £80m by 2021 can now be discussed by Cabinet members at a meeting set to take place next month. 223 jobs could be lost, some care homes and libraries could be closed, residents could be charged for services that are currently free and council tax could be increased by 4% as the Council strives to balance the books. The proposals were also discussed by several select committees at the County Council last week. At this time the emphasis is on could.

Booster Vaccinations

Parents are being urged to check that their children are up to date with their pre-school booster vaccinations. As they head off to school or nursery this autumn, a Public Health England (PHE) campaign, backed by HCC, underlines the safety and importance of vaccines. It advises that children need both doses of MMR to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella, plus the 4-in-one booster vaccination which protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio. According to figures from PHE, 89.8% of children

in Hampshire received the second dose of MMR by the time of their 5th birthday; for the 4-in1 booster 88.7% of five-year olds in Hampshire had been vaccinated.

## Library Funding

Re the budget savings above, HCC has warned of 'significant budget reductions' to library funding. Savings proposals worth nearly £2.5 million from the library and countryside services budget form part of a raft of measures to address the Council's £80 million shortfall by 2021. The Council will have to 'think creatively' about what library customers want. This might include closures, reductions to opening times, or relocations. At this stage the proposals do not include detailed plans for any specific library, as these will come later as part of a public consultation.

## Rural Crime

HAMPSHIRE police are hosting an event aimed at the potential victims of rural crime. It will be on Sunday, 6th October at Sparsholt College, near Winchester. The event is aimed at rural residents, farmers, game keepers, river keepers, landowners and businesses that have either experienced rural crime or are at risk from it. The guest speakers are: Insp Korine Bishop (Country Watch) at 11.00 am; Mark Gammon (Crown Prosecution Service) at noon; Gareth Roberts (Hampshire County Council re fly-tipping) at 1.00 pm.

Cllr Roger Huxstep

Member for Meon Valley Division 1st October 2019

## Appendix B

# West Meon Parish Council Winchester City Councillor Report October 2019

## 1. Changes in bin collections

Kerbside glass collection will commence next month. A separate black box is to be used for this and each householder should have received theirs by now. If any householder hasn't received their box yet then they should contact the Customer Service Centre using the online form - my glass collection box has not arrived and WCC will arrange for one to be provided. There may be changes to collection days and details can be found following the link <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/bins>. Calendars and instructions for householders on the arrangements for changeover to their new collection day after Tuesday 1st October have been sent out through the post and should arrive on 30th September or 1st October. However, West Meon will be remaining as a Friday collection, as now. The timetable for the month ahead is as follows:

Friday 4th October Refuse and garden waste

Friday 11th October Recycling

Friday 18th October Refuse and garden waste

Friday 25th October Recycling and glass collection

So the first collection of glass in West Meon will be on Friday 25th October. The new black box should be put out with the recycling bin in the usual location. As always with a change in collection days there is a one-off adjustment for householders if they switch to a new day, and although the Council have tried to keep this as simple as possible, lots of queries from householders on what this means for them are expected. The Customer Service Centre and waste client team have been working closely together to plan for this and extra resources are in place for handling the expected high volume of enquiries. There is an online 'when is my bin collected' banner planned for the front page of the website to enable residents to easily check their day. For specific queries and additional information, please go to <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling>. The transitional arrangements should ensure that no householder has any problem with a build up of extra waste even if their new collection day means a one off delay as they switch to a new day – provided they

follow the instructions for the new arrangements. As a one off, the Council will take all waste and recycling during this period during the change over

## 2. Smart Motorways - M27 update

The traffic management between junction 4 and 5 of the M27 will be moved from lane four of the motorway, over to lane one, to accommodate the start of Highways England work within the verge area. During this time, they will also undertake additional works, such as the removal of overhead gantries. The traffic management switch was due to start on 30 September 2019, and will finish on 30 October 2019. These works will be undertaken from 9.00pm, and will last until 6.00am the following morning.

During this time there will be a requirement for a number of slip road closures, lane closures and full carriageway closures as per the below table. In addition there will be slip road closures for vegetation clearances, as follows. Clearances will take place overnight between the hours of 9.00pm and 6.00am the following morning, and will be required for one to two nights in each location. These dates may be subject to change owing to operational requirements or adverse weather conditions, and therefore road users are advised to plan their journeys prior to travelling. Road users can keep up to date by visiting the Traffic England website: [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com) or by following their Twitter feed: @HighwaysSEAST

## 3. South Downs National Park

As previously reported, the South Downs Local Plan was formally adopted by the South Downs National Park Authority on Tuesday 2 July 2019 and so is now in force. The SDNPA will be holding a round of parish workshops in October 2019. This round of workshops will focus on the South Downs Local Plan, and give attendees an opportunity to learn more about the plan and some of its unique aspects, such as their ecosystem services and dark night sky policies. Parish Councillors are encouraged to attend. The workshop for our area will be held on Tuesday 29th October at the Meon Hall in Meonstoke, starting at 6.30. Please contact planning policy to book places.

Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumby.