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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), C Waller, and C Adams.

**BY INVITATION:** County Cllr R Huxstep and City Cllr H Lumby (until 8.10pm)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs L Ruffell City, N Wortley and G Silk

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Two present, Mr Swain and Mr Sturgess

### Wmpc 1758 **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 1759 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair opened the meeting to the public and Mr Swain and Mr Sturgess explained the need for an astro turf cricket wicket at West Meon and Warnford Cricket Club. They requested support and permission to install this on the recreation ground owned by the Parish Council. It was unanimously **agreed** that permission and support would be given to allow the scheme to proceed and WMPC would provide insurance and strimming of the cricket pitch.

### Wmpc 1760 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 were **approved**.

### Wmpc 1761 **CITY COUNCILLOR LUMBY**

The City Councillors' report which had been previously emailed was received and noted. Cllr Lumby gave an update on bin collections and the results of the external audit, advising that some glass collection bins had not been emptied.

He also advised of the CANS meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2019 and the Winchester City Council plans for smart motorways.

### Wmpc 1762 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep's report which had been previously emailed was received and noted. He provided information on the HCC scheme 'hitting the cold spots helping those who are vulnerable in the community to keep warm over the winter period.

## Wmpc 1763 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 had been carried out and passed on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The Teak circular bench had been ordered and will be delivered within 4/5 days to Cllr Silk when convenient.

The Christmas Fair insurance had been arranged with Zurich Insurance and subject to a risk assessment supplied by Cllr Nicholson.

WCC Play Area inspection has been arranged for Jan 2019.

## TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

### Wmpc 1764 PLANNING

Wmpc 1764 i) Appeal decision APP/Y9507/W/193233714 Land between Alton Road Marlands Lane. Appeal dismissed. Site lies outside the settlement policy boundary and there are no exceptional circumstances to allow development.

Wmpc 1764 ii) Planning application SDNP/19/04663/HOUS 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 the 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.

Wmpc1764 iii) Planning application received SDNP/19/05173/FUL The Old Bank High Street West Meon Hampshire GU32 1LJ. Proposal Erection of single detached dwelling.

It was **agreed** to raise **OBJECTIONS** on the grounds of:

1. Overdevelopment of the site, the proposed 4 bedroom unit is considered to be an overlarge dwelling, and there is a need for smaller more affordable dwellings. .
2. No traffic management scheme provided. This is a particularly narrow access point on the High Street and will lead to congestion.
3. The proposal will lead to discharge of water and sewage being filtered into the River Meon to the rear of the site, The proposal is sited too close to the river.

Wmpc 1764 iv) SDNP/19/05031/TPO The Thomas Lord, High Street West Meon GU32 1LN Proposal: t 1 yew tree overgrown need attention to keep to manageable and safe size t2 yew tree overgrown need attention to keep to manageable and safe size t3 yew tree overgrown need attention to keep to manageable and safe size. It was **agreed** to raise **NO OBJECTIONS**.

Wmpc 1765 **COMMUNITY AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Adams advised that £253 was raised by the pop-up café at the Village Hall.

A report on the walk around the assets has been circulated by Cllr Waller.

Wmpc 1766 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

It was agreed that the date of next meeting would be changed from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to be held in the village hall.

It was agreed that the following grants be approved:

- i) £300.00 be awarded to the village Hall for a defibrillator.
- ii) £300.00 be awarded to West Meon Dog Training club
- iii) £211.83 Christmas fair presents Diana Gordge

**Schedule of Payments**

Date 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

|   |         |
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| Ch 300556 Citizens Advice                           | £150.00 |
| Ch 300557 Biffa Bins Contribution WM Village Hall   | £82.68  |
| Ch 300558 Fair Account Half Year Audit              | £295.00 |
| Ch 300559 WCC Dog Bins                              | £130.00 |
| Ch 300560 D Heppell salary                          |         |
| Ch 300561 Expenses Clerk                            | £28.52  |
| Ch 300562 Garden Oasis                              | £529.95 |
| Ch 300563 Grant D Gordge Snow globes                | £211.83 |
| Ch 300564 Grant D Sweetenham WM Dog Training  Group | £300.00 |

Wmpc 1767 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Bench, Play area repairs, Outdoor gym, work to trees on the recreation ground.

Wmpc 1768 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7th January, 4th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July all in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.35 pm

Chair .....

## Appendix A

# West Meon Parish Council Winchester City Councillor Report November 2019

November 2019 1. Changes in bin collections - one month in Kerbside glass collection commenced last month. A separate black box is to be used for this and each householder should have received theirs by now. It is clear that a number of boxes do remain outstanding for delivery so 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 are also some ongoing collection issues across the district, especially a number of incidents of repeated missed bins or late collections. All issues should be reported to the Council as soon as possible. The Council is continuing to provide a high level of attention to the service both at an operational and managerial level to try to ensure that any problems householders report are dealt with swiftly and effectively. However, issues can only be addressed if they are reported.

2. Noisy and speeding vehicles The Police ran a major campaign in relation to noisy bikes and vehicles over the summer, with nine specific operations undertaken in the area, including both on major roads and other areas.

In addition, acoustic cameras are being trialled in the area, the next step will be legislative change to allow prosecution on grounds of noise.

Finally, Hampshire County Council are working on a menu of local options for parishes to adopt, if they wish.

3. Public questions at council Members of the public may now ask questions direct to the administration's cabinet at council meeting. These need to be submitted five working days in advance. Twenty minutes are allocated for questions with any not addressed receiving a written reply. Any member of the public whose question is answered at the meeting may, if present, ask a supplemental. Alternatively, they may ask a ward councillor to ask this on their behalf.

4. Planning A planning appeal was submitted earlier in the year in relation to the planning application for a new dwelling house on land between Alton Road and Marlands Lane, in West Meon. That appeal has now been determined and the application refused.

5. Council Plan 2020-25

The current Council Strategy 2017-20 which was adopted by Council earlier this year runs until 31 March 2020.

Cabinet at its meeting on 23 October approved the draft Council Plan 2020-25 for consultation with residents, businesses and elected members.

Tackling the climate emergency and providing excellent services are at the core of Winchester City Council's draft five year plan for 2020 to 2025.

The draft plan sets out Winchester City Council's key ambitions and focuses on five priority outcomes which are:

- Tackling the climate emergency and creating a greener district
- Homes for all
- Vibrant local economy
- Living well
- Your services, your voice

Over the next month the council is inviting residents, stakeholders, businesses, elected members and staff to have their say about what matters to them.

The draft plan recognises that the council will face some very significant challenges over the next five years including tackling the district's carbon footprint, ensuring that resources are available to support an ageing population, responding to the potential impacts of Brexit on the economy along with maintaining high quality services, while balancing a council budget which may be reducing if Central Government grants diminish.

Residents, stakeholders and businesses can comment on the proposed new Plan by visiting the consultation pages on <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/council-plan-2020-2025/>

The consultation will close on November 29 and the plan, incorporating feedback from the consultation, will be presented back to cabinet in December and then formally adopted next year.

6. Smart Motorways - M27 update Highways England intend to complete their current piling works at junction 8 on Friday 8 November, although this may be subject to change due to operational requirements or continued adverse weather conditions. These works are to install sheet piling for the new safety barrier.

These targeted works around junction 8 are being undertaken to increase the safety of drivers while travelling within the new lane one, previously the hard shoulder. Highways England need to ensure the safety barrier will be compatible with its requirements once the hard shoulder becomes a new live running lane.

A large piling rig is used to vibrate interlocking sheets into soil at depth to create a stable wall in the embankment, and this is known as 'sheet piling'. This will result in a large safety barrier being installed that provides a greater level of protection for the travelling public, in case of an incident.

The sheet piling works will be undertaken between 9.00pm and 6.00am the following day. In order for the rigs to be in place to undertake the work safely, it is necessary to close the entire carriageway. For more information on the M27 Junction 4 to 11 Smart Motorway scheme, please visit the scheme webpage at [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m27-j4-11-smart-motorway](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m27-j4-11-smart-motorway).

Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumby

## **Appendix B**

### **Hampshire County Council**

#### **Divisional Report for West Meon Parish Council**

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##### **Hampshire County Council Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> November.**

Hampshire County Council will meet in full on Thursday 7 November, to consider the financial strategy to help meet an anticipated £80 million budget shortfall by April 2021 - due to rising costs and inflation, growing demand for council services such as social care from an ageing population, and higher numbers of vulnerable children needing care.

Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Keith Mans said: "The sheer size of the savings target for April 2021, coupled with growing service demands, and almost £0.5 billion of cost reductions already made over the last nine years - makes this our greatest financial challenge to date.

"This week's meeting is the culmination of a long and detailed planning process in response to this prospect. It has included seeking important feedback from residents over the summer and incorporating their views into the proposals.

At the heart of the plan is our tried and tested strategy of investing savings early to deliver more efficient and cost-effective ways of working, maximising income generation opportunities and carefully using our reserves to address funding gaps to meet one-off demand pressures. It has served us very well to date and residents have told us they support it.

Some welcome funding from central Government, announced in September, has also provided much-needed financial breathing-space in our planning, which will partly help us meet the increasing demand pressures in social care services for next year. But it is only for one year.

In the meantime, we have an opportunity to influence future funding decisions by central Government beyond the next year – by pressing for a fairer deal for shire councils such as Hampshire, and a long-term national funding strategy to help local authorities address growing social care pressures.

Continuing to engage with our MPs - to garner their support on these big-ticket issues will be crucial in helping to secure a more equitable financial settlement - and I'm grateful for their involvement to-date. Essentially, we want to secure the best deal for Hampshire's residents."

## **Hitting the cold spots – help for people struggling to keep their home warm**

As winter sets in, families and vulnerable people who struggle to keep their homes warm can get help from Hampshire County Council's Hitting the Cold Spots initiative.

Keeping warm is about far more than just being comfortable – it's an essential part of keeping healthy. Cold weather can present a very real risk of serious health problems, especially for older people, the very young and those with long term medical conditions. If anyone is struggling to keep warm this winter, I urge them to pick up the phone and call the Hitting the Cold Spots team, who will be happy to help.

Now in its ninth year, this county-wide affordable warmth project offers advice and support to people who are having trouble staying warm during the winter, including home visits, help to access funding for boiler repairs and replacements, temporary heating and first-time central heating. Hampshire residents can also receive advice about tariff switching and the Warm Home Discount, and get referred to other services for further help, including 'safe and well' visits.

Some of the services have eligibility criteria, but the phone advice line is open to all Hampshire residents. The advisers will be able to talk through the best possible solutions for each caller.

Since the start of Hitting the Cold Spots in 2011, over 3,400 households have benefitted from the advice and information provided by the team. In this financial year, more than 175 Hampshire households have already received support.

If you or someone you know is struggling to stay warm and well this winter, please contact an adviser on Freephone 0800 804 8601 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) or email [staywarm@environmentcentre.com](mailto:staywarm@environmentcentre.com).

For more information about the service, visit the [Hitting the Cold Spots](#).

**Cllr Roger Huxstep**

**Member for Meon Valley Division**

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**