



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs A Trenchard (Chairman), J Nicholson (Vice Chairman), M Edwards, R Gedye, G Silk & C Waller

BY INVITATION: City Cllr L Ruffell (until 8.30pm), County Cllr H Lumby (until 8.30 pm)

APOLOGIES: Cllr C Adams

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None present

Wmpc 1978 **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.

Wmpc 1979 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th June 2021 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1980 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

A complaint had been received about lack of dog bins on the Meon Valley Trail (MVT) and had been forwarded to Cllr Lumby who will raise this with HCC.

Wmpc 1981 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR H LUMBY**

Cllr H Lumby had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He advised he would make enquiries about the provision of dog bins at the MVT.

He also advised that villagers could join together with Open Reach to improve Broadband provision.

Cllr H Lumby advised he would check progress on the Beech tree and ditch on Station Road.

He advised he would contact the SDNP planning department about notifying the Parish Council of the Hayden Barns planning application.

Wmpc 1982 **CITY COUNCILLOR L RUFFELL**

Cllr L Ruffell had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He advised that fly tipping is an issue due to HCC restrictions on recycling site opening hours.

The Parish Council reported problems with vehicles parking outside the butchers' shop on the

junction and requested that double yellow lines should be provided.

Wmpc 1983 **CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE**

- The audit documents for 2020/21 have been completed and sent to external auditors Littlejohn last week for 9th July and the notices have been displayed and put on WM website.
- The final Co-option of Councillors notice has been displayed.
- The VAT return for 2020/21 has been returned and is in the region of £1,790.00.
- A letter has been sent to Burley & Geach solicitors allowing Cllr Edwards to act on behalf of WMPC to access WM lease agreements.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1984 **PLANNING**

- a) SDNP/21/03187/HOUS 2 Punsholt Lane West Tisted Alresford Hampshire SO24 0HN Proposal: Erection of replacement outbuilding. It was unanimously **agreed No Objections** would be raised.
- b) SDNP/21/03411/HOUS Knapp Hammer 14 Knapps Hard West Meon GU321LE Proposal: Removal of rear dormer and construction of two storey rear extension. It was unanimously **agreed No Objections** would be raised.
- c) SDNP/21/03410/HOUS Trident House 2 Knapps Hard West Meon GU32 1LE Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side extension. It was unanimously **agreed No Objections** would be raised.
- d) SDNP/21/03384/FUL Loomies unanimously agreed to **RAISE OBJECTIONS** to the planning application to reuse the caravan for living accommodation, as there are no exceptional planning circumstances to set aside policies of restraint in the National Park.

The site is outside the defined Settlement Policy Boundary of West Meon as adopted by Policy SD25 of the SDNP Local Plan and there are no exceptional circumstances to support residential accommodation in this rural, countryside location. By introducing a residential use on the site, this would lead to a permanent established residential use which is contrary to adopted SDNP countryside policies.

- e) SDNP/21/02821/FUL Hayden Barn Cottage Hayden Lane Warnford Southampton Hampshire SO32 3LF Proposal: Part retrospective planning permission for the change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian, and the erection of a private recreational 3-door stable, to be used in association with the dwelling house of 'Hayden Barn Cottage'. The Parish Council unanimously **agreed** to continue to **RAISE** the same **OBJECTIONS** to the proposal as previously raised in the planning appeal, and any additional comments added when SDNP notify the Parish Council. Objections were raised on the following grounds;
 - Increase in flooding.
 - It appears that the applicant has raised the ground levels in the paddock dramatically, in particular along the fence line shared with The Hayloft.
 - The groundworks have never been properly applied for and it is our opinion that they should be removed completely to the original levels.

- The requested new positioning of the stables is contrary to policies in the SDNP Local Plan, in particular policies SD24 criteria a, d, e and g.
- Inappropriate siting as the stables are at the furthest point from the main dwelling house and under an overhead electrical line.
- The proposed positioning will also result in the Birds of Prey rescue project being stopped, which is adjacent to the site.
- The meadow is classified as agricultural land, so an application for a change of use is required. The parcel of land in question is also far too small to accommodate three horses, so the Parish Council is unsure as to why such a large building is required.

f) SDNP Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation comment on draft SPD comments by 11.59pm on Monday 6 September 2021 It was **agreed** that the **Planning Subcommittee** would make comment on this.

Wmpc 1985 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Lumby has **agreed** to meet Cllr Edwards to check the position of the ditch that requires clearing.

It was **agreed** that a traffic monitoring system should be considered, and the Clerk is to contact the adjoining Parish of Bramdean about traffic signs.

Wmpc 1986 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

- a) It was **agreed** that Cllr Waller would get three quotes for a replacement bus shelter at Vinnells Lane.
- b) The Chairman had received a letter from the Petanque group which was circulated. It was **agreed** that the chairman, Hugh Morris, and a representative of the Petanque group would meet on site to discuss the proposals. Cllr Nicolson raised the point that the area by the village hall is used as overflow parking by the theatre group.
- c) It was **agreed** that the parts for the adult gym should be ordered at a cost of £55.00.
- d) Cllr Waller gave an update on the cleaning of the war memorial.
- e) Cllr Edwards gave an update on the Lease agreements and with Village Hall and Rifle Club, he is liaising with the Parish Council solicitors on this matter and he has a copy of agreements.

Wmpc 1987 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.**

- a) **It was resolved** that a grant award of **£250** would be made to **Homestart**.
- b) **It was resolved** that a grant award of **£325.00** be made to **West Meon K9 training**.
- c) **It was resolved** that a grant award of **£89.90** be made to **H Town for yoga rings**.
- d) It was agreed a walk around the Parish assets would be made before the next meeting in September.
- e) **Schedule of payments**

6th July 2021

WCC Dog Bins	£130.00
Mr W Hillier Repairs	£455.00
BACS D Heppell salary	
Expenses D Heppell	£88.89
BACS HMRC	£26.80

Grants

Homestart	£250.00
H Town yoga rings	£89.90
K9 Training	
£325.00	

It was resolved that the schedule of payments listed above be **approved**.

Wmpc 1988 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING

Ditches, lease agreement, budget, cleaning of the cross, co-option, walk around parish assets.

Wmpc 1989 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 7th September 2021, Tuesday 5th October 2021, Tuesday 2nd November 2021, Tuesday 7th December 2021 all at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.55 pm

Chairman

Hampshire County Councillor report

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July 2021

1. Waste Less

Applications for the Hampshire Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund are invited from now until 6 September 2021. The fund is open to community, neighbourhood, voluntary groups, parish, and town councils. Applicants should discuss their ideas with the County Council’s Waste Prevention Team before applying - email waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk to arrange an informal discussion.

Grants are available for community projects which will introduce a new waste prevention, reuse or repair service to the local area - to help build a network of waste prevention services across the county.

Full details of what can and cannot be funded, as well as how to apply, are available online at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210628CommWastePrevGrnt>

2. Climate Change

Hampshire County Council's Cabinet are proposing a one off £1.2m spend on internal climate change pilot projects with a strong educational focus. These include decarbonisation of fleet vehicles (switching to electric or vegetable oil), additional tree planting, landscape regeneration, expansion of LED and solar PV installations; a number of local schools will be benefiting from this. Many of these will be public facing to include the Sir Harold Hillier's Climate Change Frontier Garden, the climate positive carbon negative River Hamble Country Park, and the food waste station at Royal Victoria Country Park.

3. Public Health Consultation

A consultation is being carried out by Hampshire County Council on a potential re-focus of its public health budget. The consultation focuses on a series of potential changes within the four service areas, including reducing the number of premises from which services are delivered, staffing levels in commissioned services, a reduction in behaviour change campaigns and a digital-only offer for some elements of support. The consultation is open from midday on 14 June 2021 and closes at 11:59pm on 9 August 2021. https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/15062021_healthconsultation

4. Queen Elizabeth Country Park

Queen Elizabeth County Park's new Bike Base project will deliver a package of cycling improvements including:

- a mountain bike skills area will introduce riders to the different features and surfaces they will experience on the park trails.
- a mini-wheels track
- a new 'green 'cycle trail for mountain bikes

5. HWRCs

Hampshire County Council want to return the waste and recycling centres to pre-pandemic arrangements once national restrictions are eased. However, the booking system enabling residents to choose and secure a time period for taking their bulky household waste to their nearest centre has been extended. Originally introduced to manage the number of visitors on-site at any one time and ensure social distancing rules could be adhered to, the system has also successfully eliminated queuing, congestion and pollution on surrounding roads.

The easing of restrictions and reduced need for additional space between parked vehicles will mean that the number of booking slots available for each site can be increased.

A recommendation to trial allowing people to take waste, on foot, to selected HWRCs (to assess the feasibility of pedestrian access) has also been approved.

6. Parliamentary Boundary Change Proposals

The Boundary Commission have published proposals for a reorganisation of Parliamentary constituencies, so that they are all more even in voter numbers. Their latest proposal has suggested breaking up the Meon Valley constituency with it being added to other areas, one partly within Fareham District Council, another in Eastleigh and the third added to Winchester.

It will be a shame if the Meon Valley constituency does disappear. But if it is to go, residents should think about which conurbation they look towards and feel part of. It is therefore worth reviewing the proposals and feeding in views.

You can see and comment on the proposals at www.bcereviews.org.uk, the consultation currently closes on 2nd August.

Cllr Hugh Lumby

Hampshire County Councillor

Meon Valley Division

Winchester City Councillor Report

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1. Flytipping

The council has taken action against 14 offenders in the past six months. Court proceedings had been suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions but have now resumed (including at the Guildhall in Winchester which has been used as an HMCTS court facility since January 2021).

One recent example was a case which appeared before Portsmouth Magistrates on 1 June 2021 following an investigation by the city councils Neighbourhood Services team. The defendant faced charges of failing to obtain a waste transfer note and was ordered to pay fines totalling £1,145.

To further tackle the problem, the council is installing CCTV cameras operating on a rolling programme. These will be installed in various 'hot spots' across the district.

The council is looking to send a strong message that it will not tolerate fly-tipping of rubbish. It's dangerous to residents and wildlife and expensive to clear.

The stated intention is to prosecute whenever they have the evidence to enable it.

If you find illegally dumped waste with a sticker attached, it means that the council is already aware, and will arrange for disposal as soon as possible. Help us to tackle fly-tipping – if you find any rubbish and there is no sticker on it please report it to www.winchester.gov.uk. As we have said before, do not assume someone else has reported it.

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Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumby