



# West Meon Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Cllr C Waller (Chairman), R Morrish (Vice Chair), Cllrs U Casebourne, C Johnson.

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

**BY INVITATION:** County Cllr R Huxstep (until 8:00pm)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Adams, A. Bassil, T Over, City Cllr N Bodtger

### Wmpc 1122 **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 1123 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Parish Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were **approved**.

### Wmpc 1124 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep advised that there has been no full council meeting since 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 where there was a call for more powers to be devolved to District and Parish Councils. Their next meeting will be looking at re-drawing divisional boundaries.

A new Care at Home service has been introduced providing support to older people and handicapped people in their own homes and is available until July 2015.

Changes proposed to HWRCs waste recycling centres and opening hours from 1<sup>st</sup> April will be:

1 Oct - 28 Feb	9:00am to 4:00pm
1 Mar - 31 Mar	9:00am to 5:00 pm
1 April - 30 Sep	9:00am to 6:00pm

Cllr Morrish raised the issue of the 4 blocked gulleys by the village cross with Cllr Huxstep. She advised there was a similar problem at Vinnells Lane, where the County Council provided paving slabs around the gulleys to prevent them being blocked. **Cllr Huxstep agreed to raise this with HCC and seek a similar solution.**

The Committee advised that there were still ongoing problems and claims regarding the potholes in Heddon View. Cllr Huxstep advised that this is part of HCC'S work plan for 2015/16.

Cllr Waller advised Cllr Huxstep that he had received complaints of rubbish on the A32 including car parts and that the Parish Council could not condone individuals collecting rubbish on these busy roads. Cllr Huxstep noted this and advised that the Police and Highway authority should be advised.

The Salt Bin at Storeys Meadow had not been provided yet and it was **agreed the Clerk** will contact HCC about this matter.

#### Wmpc 1125 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

#### Wmpc 1126 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk advised the Council's Insurance is due for renewal and that the 2 phone boxes owned by WMPC are insured to a maximum of £1,500 each.

The Clerk contacted WCC and they have confirmed that the remaining open space balances can be used on playground repairs.

Arrangements have been made with WCC about the annual West Meon open space Playground inspections to include Meonwara.

The Parish Precept forms have been completed and returned to WCC.

WCC electoral services have confirmed that 9 Parish Councillors are required and will shortly be sending out election information.

The Clerk gave an update on cases registered WCC enforcement section

The Clerk requested an update from SDNP regarding Meon Valley Trail and the response from David Deane has been circulated to Councillors regarding proposed work Schedule for the Trail. **Cllr Waller agreed** he will display this information on the Council noticeboard

The Clerk is to attend the Clerks' Update course 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015.

The Auditors ¾ year visit is due in February and he has requested an update on banking, including Nationwide and Nat West Accounts progress. He also gave advice on HMRC home office allowances. **Cllr Waller advised** he is seeking to update on banking information.

The Clerk reminded members that snow shovels purchased last year are available at agreed points of village.

The Clerk advised a filing cabinet is required for the storage of Council papers. The committee **agreed** to purchase a cabinet and **the Clerk will provide quotes.**

#### **TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS**

#### Wmpc 1127 **PLANNING**

The committee **resolved** to make the following planning comment:

SDNP/15/00198/HOUS Court Lodge, Court Lane, West Meon - 2 Dormer windows with Hardwood Frames. **No Objections.**

**Cllr Waller agreed** to speak to Corhampton PC with regard to liaison with SDNP about strategic planning

#### Wmpc 1128 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The schedule of payments was **agreed**.

Cllr Waller advised he had been approached regarding a grant for repairing the ladies toilets in the village hall. The cost of refurbishment is £10,124. The **committee unanimously agreed** they would offer a grant of up to £500, subject to the receipt of a grant application.

Cllr Johnson raised the costs of the upcoming elections and requested the Clerk check what costs are involved to the Parish Council. **Cllr Waller agreed to prepare a letter in the Parish News and for the Council website to promote the forthcoming Parish elections.**

#### Wmpc 1129 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Morrish provided details of conservation style bins for by the bus shelter and cross. She advised the Parish do not have to pay for emptying. Installation is £56.75 and the removal and installation of the new bin is £193.00. **The Clerk is to order a closed top litter bin £319.80.**

Cllr Casebourne gave an update on the punctuality of the bus service in West Meon.

Cllr Waller gave an update on the proposed lighting at the Red lion and it was unanimously **agreed** that 3 light bricks should be purchased at £57.00 + VAT and the cost of an electrician. The proposals were accepted with a timer mechanism preferred to control the lighting.

#### Wmpc 1130 **COMMUNITY AND RECREATION**

Cllr Waller advised the tree work at the recreation ground was completed. He has also received a quote for 43 metres of fencing at Meonwara at a cost of £1,500. It was unanimously **agreed to carry out the fencing work.**

Cllr Bassil's Community Shop report was noted

#### Wmpc 1131 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The Clerk provided a schedule of payments that was agreed.

#### **Date 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**

Ch 174 Zurich Insurance	£882.24
Ch 175 Arbrook Tree Care	£222.00
Ch 176 SLCCA Book	£85.50
Ch 177 Salary Clerk	
Ch 178 Mr M Edwards Recreation Ground	£3,398.22
Ch 179 Mr Nicolaides	£88.93

#### Wmpc 1132 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT MEETING**

Parish News, Annual Parish Meeting, Community shop update, Liaison Corhampton Parish Council - Strategic Planning, Grants, Staffing matters.

#### Wmpc 1133 **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Meeting finished at 9.05pm

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Chairman