



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr C Waller (Chairman), C Johnson (Vice Chair), G Silk, C Adams and T Prowse.

BY INVITATION: City Cllr L Ruffell and Cllr Huxstep (until 8:45pm)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs T Over, P Brannon, A Trenchard.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Heppell (Clerk).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. 8 members of the public.

Wmpc 1492 **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 Silk declared an interest in item 4 SDNP Housing sites.

Wmpc 1493 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 3rd October 2017 were approved.

Wmpc 1494 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public were interested in item 4 on the agenda SDNP Planning Consultation and the Chair asked if anyone would like to speak on this item but members of the public wished to listen to the discussion. This item was brought forward on the agenda.

Wmpc 1495 **PLANNING**

The Chairman advised that comments are required to be submitted on the South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) Pre Submission by 21st November 2017 and that details of the consultation had been put on both the Parish noticeboard and website and that individuals had the right to make comments to SDNP.

West Meon Parish Council (WMPC) have commented previously of the draft South Downs National Park Local Plan (SDNP) preferred sites. These comments covered a variety of matters, but primarily the two preferred sites in West Meon, one at Long Priors/Long Field and the other at Meadow House. Objections were raised to both sites, mostly in respect of access.

Other sites for development outside the settlement boundary are not covered in this consultation.

SDNP were now only considering the Long Priors site. Cllr Waller advised that the site had been changed in size since the earlier consultation, squaring off the boundary of the site. WMPC councillors had a pre-meeting to discuss the consultation and the Chairman advised members of the public of the issues raised.

West Meon Parish Council comments on the South Downs Local Plan Pre Submission

It was **agreed** that in Part A of the consultation that it was legal, fair and sound document, and that the legal procedure had been followed. WMPC agreed they wish to participate in the public inquiry.

Strategic Policy SD20, Walking, Cycling and Equestrian Routes

Cllr Johnson advised of the recent crime problems at the Meon Valley Trail, how vulnerable the site is and that SDNP need to allocate a sufficient budget to minimise crime.

It was **agreed** that WMPC consider protecting the Meon Valley Trail is vital and welcome policies that protect it from damage, urbanisation, building development or environmental harm. West Meon Parish Council comment that SDNP should recognise the vulnerability of crime at the Meon Valley Trail and that SDNP need to allocate a sufficient budget to minimise crime.

Homes 7b

WMPC **agreed** the importance of 7.18 'Provision of housing to meet local needs is crucial to ensure the sustainability and vitality of communities within the SDNP. WMPC recognise the housing allowance referred to in SD26 Supply of Homes.

It was **agreed** to note that sites will be allocated in the Local Plan or in Neighbourhood Development Plans to accommodate approximately 11 houses in West Meon in addition to extant planning permissions granted prior to 1st April 2015, and windfall sites. WMPC **agreed** that 10-12 houses would be adequate.

7c Affordable Homes

West Meon Parish Council **agreed** to note the policy in **SD28 Affordable Homes**

This policy advises that where there are to be constructed 10 new homes, the sliding scale will require developers to provide 4 affordable homes, two of which are for rent.

WMPC advise SDNP that there is a need for larger family homes in West Meon as it is strategically important to support existing families and this should be a consideration for the housing mix of the site.

Section 9.243 West Meon

Allocation Policy SD96, Land at Long Priors, West Meon

Comments were received from Mr Howard, a member of the public, who raised concerns about an increase in traffic and transport along Church Road and how this will be a danger to children, making the road a very dangerous route for children walking to West Meon School.

It was **agreed** that:

i) WMPC have previously objected on highway grounds to the SDLP Preferred Options Consultation and continue to sustain their objections specifically on access grounds. The proposal will result in an increase in traffic and transport particularly along Church Road. This is a danger to children, making the road a very dangerous route for children walking to West Meon School.

ii) In addition WMPC object to the extension and the squaring off of the boundary of the site. The extension of the site will adversely affect the landscape sensitivity of the site, resulting in a detrimental and potentially visually harmful effect on longer views, making the site more visible from the Gallops as well as a loss of view looking up to the site. *(Mr Noble a member of the public commented on the views looking up to the site)*. The loss of valued views is contrary to the adopted West Meon Village Design Statement.

iii) Attention was also drawn to the protection of the existing public rights of way

iv) Attention was drawn to the historical and potential flood risks of the site. It is noted that the site has been identified as susceptible to surface water and flooding, and scoping has been undertaken specifically for all proposed site allocations. It appears that flooding would be adjacent (west) and at the access point of the site and policy requests that further investigation be undertaken and that any development is set outside the flood area and SUDS could mitigate development. It is requested that measures be put in place to ensure that any development protects the existing integrity of Long Priors to prevent flooding.

WMPC note that a number of background evidence studies have been undertaken prior to the SD96 proposed allocation and that there are specific requirements for any planning application to be submitted.

Mr Howard a member of the public enquired about the process and whether objections are made as a Parish. Cllr Waller advised that comments will be made by the Parish and that WMPC are in the process of providing an updated Visual Design Statement and Landscape Assessment and if modifications are made on the sites they may come back to WMPC for further comments.

Wmpc 1496 Item Dogs

Mr Swettenham gave an update on dogs on the recreation area advising that volunteers are helping to deter people from allowing dogs to foul. He has been speaking to people and educating them. Signage will also help improve matters and signage is required at the railway.

The Chairman thanked Mr Swettenham and his team for their hard work.

Wmpc 1497 COUNTY COUNCILLOR R HUXSTEP

Cllr Huxstep advised that:

There is £140 million deficit and savings are required. Approximately 80% of HCC Highways budget is in contracts. The least harmful area for savings would be waste recycling centres and £6 million savings could be made.

Ditches need to be cleared over the winter period. If you own land or property alongside a river or other watercourse you are a 'riparian owner'. A drainage ditch on your boundary makes you liable for its maintenance. Hampshire County Council (HCC) is the lead local flood authority and as such is also responsible for minimising local flood risk, which includes flooding caused by unconsented alterations to ordinary watercourses. If you intend to carry out work which may affect the flow or storage of water, you need to apply to HCC for consent. Many landowners have filled in seemingly random ditches within their property which is being highlighted.

Please see www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/floodprevention for more detail.

Bus Fares & Contactless Payment Contactless payment is now available on 300 extra buses, in addition to the 574 already equipped in Winchester over the summer. Contactless payment includes payment with a contactless credit and debit card, Apple Pay and Android pay.

DOTS (Digital; Options, Training and Support). Thanks to nearly £250,000 awarded by Arts Council England, they have launched Library DOTS, the tablet computer lending project to help tackle social isolation and improve digital literacy.

Wmpc 1498 **CITY COUNCILLOR L RUFFELL**

Cllr Ruffell reported that Howard Bone, Head of Legal Services has been made redundant.

Regarding CCTV, he has been advised that if WMPC go ahead they need data protection, and the Clerk is to look into data protection with Hants Association of Local Councils.

Wmpc 1499 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk advised that last year's precept was £27,851.59 + CTR grant £2,148.42 = £30,000.01
The CTR grant this year 2017/18 will be reduced to £1,909.

WMPC Expenditure for 2016/17 was £25,453.30. WMPC half year expenditure to September 2017 is £7,684.01, but a number of projects are in the pipeline for the remainder of this financial year. For example improvements to the recreation ground approximately £7,000.

SDNP South Downs National Park Local Plan Pre-submission Consultation - autumn 2017 comments are required by 21st November 2017.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1500 **PLANNING**

a. SDNP/17/05359/HOUS 2 Wolverton Gardens West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1LP. Retention of single storey rear conservatory and open sided timber pergola to the rear of the building and garden shed within the rear garden. It was **agreed** that **NO OBJECTIONS** would be raised.

b) SDNP/17/05252/FUL. Meon Hut Service Station Alton Road West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU321JX. Insta Volt are proposing to install one rapid electric vehicle charging station. An existing space will become one EV charging bay, with a space being used for associated equipment. . It was **agreed** that **NO OBJECTIONS** would be raised.

c) SDNP/17/05373/HOUS Little Headon Farm Marlands Lane West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JY. Erection of a first floor extension over the existing built form, demolition of an existing conservatory, erection of a two storey rear extension and erection of a single storey extension forming a porch/boot room. It was **agreed** that **NO OBJECTIONS** would be raised.

d) SDNP/17/05564/HOUS 4 Doctors Lane West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1LW Single storey pitched link extension to rear. Conversion of existing garage to home office. Replacement of single glazed timber windows to existing house with double glazed UPVC windows. It was **agreed** that an **OBJECTION** as the site is within the Conservation Area an objection is raised solely on the use of UPVC windows.

Wmpc 1501 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

A Community meeting is being held on 18th November 2017 at West Meon Village Hall 10:00 am till 12:00 pm but is not a West Meon Parish Council meeting.

The strategic cost of the Christmas Fair is £830 as submitted by the West Meon Fair Committee and the total was **agreed** as WMPC will own the lights.

It was **agreed** to go ahead with the works on tree at the recreation ground at a cost of £450.00, the rubber chippings £1,458 and £2,135.00 for fencing by Mr D Tutt.

Signs for the recreation areas and Meonwara were **agreed** at £160.00+ VAT.

Arbor tree care has submitted a quote for the sycamore tree work of £687.00 which was **agreed**.

It was **agreed** that WMPC would enter the Christmas Tree Festival and the Clerk would notify the West Meon Church and decorate tree.

Wmpc 1502 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.**

Cllr Nicholson circulated the half year results that were received by the Parish Council.

It was **agreed** that a £100 grant should be awarded to Citizen's Advice.

The Zurich Insurance renewal of £1,149.66 was **agreed**.

Schedule of Payments was **agreed**

Ch 300391 West Meon Sports club room hire	£16.00
Ch 300392 WM Village Hall Hire Training	£29.00
Ch 300393 D Heppell salary	
Ch 300394 Expenses Clerk	£39.65
Ch 300395 Mr C Jenkins	£450.00
Ch 300396 W Hillier	£140.00

Wmpc 1503 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING**

Reserves Policy, Project Expenditure and Wish List, Precept, CAMS meeting, Ways to Love West Meon' poster, Parish News

Wmpc 1504 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 5th January and Tuesday 7th February in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9:12 pm

Chairman

