



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH JUNE 2021 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs A Trenchard (Chairman), J Nicholson (Vice Chairman) & R Gedye

BY INVITATION: City Cllr L Ruffell (until 8.10pm), County Cllr H Lumby (until 8.15 pm)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs C Adams, M Edwards, G Silk, C Waller

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One member of the public

Wmpc 1965 **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 1966 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th of April and 11th May 2021 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1967 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

An email from a member of the public (circulated) advised that the strip of long grasses and wild flowers had been strimmed down, and the beech tree at the bottom of the bank below the lower playing field had been pruned badly.

The Parish Council discussed this issue and advised that the strimming was carried out to allow for the collection of litter and for dog waste to be cleaned up. This is an area where children play and the work had been carried out for safety reasons. The beech tree had been purposely pruned in a way to allow children to climb the lower branches of the tree.

Wmpc 1968 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR H LUMBY**

Cllr H Lumby had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He advised of a consultation for HCC finance review.

He also advised he would check progress on the Beech tree and ditch on Station Road.

Cllr Trenchard reported issues to Cllr Lumby about potholes on the road from Westbury Manor Farm to Westbury House.

Wmpc 1969 **CITY COUNCILLOR L RUFFELL**

Cllr L Ruffell had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He advised

that HCC are providing vouchers towards better broadband and that the Barr End leisure centre is now open.

Wmpc 1970 **CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE**

Notices for the co-option of councillors have been displayed on the website for two vacancies.

The South Downs National Park Authority Hampshire Parishes Workshop is on Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 18:00, finishing no later than 20:00. Please book spaces.

The Virtual Local Parish Briefing by WCC is on 21 June 2021 at 3pm.

Some WCC Register of Interest forms had been received from councillors, and those that are outstanding need returning as soon as possible.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1971 **PLANNING**

- a) SDNP/21/02855/HOUS 1 Railway Cottages Station Road West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JQ: Repairs to chimney to address internal water egress. Erect scaffold to side of, inspect leadwork and chimney at roof height, removing tiles where necessary to inspect timberwork. Removal of chimney to roofline Install new lead flashing and lead keep (DPC). Rebuild chimney in same style using reclaimed bricks and lime mortar. Install ports and re-flaunce. 25.6.21. It was unanimously **agreed No Objections** would be raised.
- b) SDNP/21/02851/TPO Meadow House East End West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1LS: T2 Beech approximately 2.5 metres to suitable secondary growth points and remove all major deadwood (diameter greater than 50mm). T3 Beech species fell. 21.6.21. It was unanimously **agreed No Objections** would be raised.
- c) SDNP/21/02811/HOUS The Dairy Pursers Woodlands Bramdean Alresford: (Retrospective) installation of with unobscured glazing. 21.6.21. It was unanimously **agreed No Objections** would be raised.
- d) SDNP/21/02825/LIS and DC/TU/QTEW74TU0PM03 Punsholt Farm Punsholt Lane West Tisted Alresford Hampshire SO24 0HN: Alterations to listed farm buildings to provide a craft workshop, tourist accommodation. Glazing of windows and doors to barn for use as wedding venue. Machine barn rebuilt with pitched roof loft. 18.6.21. It was unanimously **agreed No Objections** would be raised, but that no permanent residential use shall be given for the tourist accommodation and that matching sympathetic materials are used.

Wmpc 1972 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Lumby is going to check progress on the ditch and beech tree at Station Road.

Wmpc 1973 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

- a) War Memorial – Cllr Waller circulated a written update.
- b) Lease agreements and valuations with Village Hall and Rifle Club. Cllrs Edwards reported that he is liaising with the Council solicitors on this matter. A copy of the deeds

are required to continue the process. To be updated at the next meeting.

- c) The Parish Council received a written update from the representative for the petanque court. The Parish Council advised they cannot claim VAT back on the court for third parties, and that a survey and further research should be carried out by the group on whether residents would like a petanque court and reported back to the September meeting. A lease agreement should be made with the group that they reinstate the ground when no longer required.
- d) Parish News – Cllr Adams is to produce this month’s report for the parish news. Any items to be forwarded
- e) Cllr Trenchard reported that the water leak at the sports club has been repaired.
- f) Repairs costs would be sought for the restoration of the milestones posts.
- g) Purchase of another Biffa dustbin agreed. Clerk to contact the sports club and village hall committee.

Wmpc 1974 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.**

- a) A grant request for £1000 had been received for the Fireworks display. **It was resolved** that a grant award of **£500** would be made to J Ulph.
- b) **It was agreed** to get quotes for the cleaning of the cross.
- c) **It was agreed** to purchase football nets for the recreation ground at no more than £1,000.
- d) **Schedule of payments**

Arborventure Tree works	£840.00
Corhampton Parish Council Meon Valley Trail signs	£40.00
ICO DD	£40.00
Locum Clerk Mrs M Snow	£99.10
BACS D Heppell salary	
Expenses D Heppell	£50.70
BACS HMRC	£26.80

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

Wmpc 1975 **TO RATIFY PAYMENTS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN SINCE THE DATE OF THE LAST MEETING**

None

Wmpc 1976 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING**

Ditches, lease agreement, budget, cleaning of the cross, grants.

Wmpc 1977 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman

Hampshire County Councillor report

June 2021

Election Results

I am delighted to have been elected as your Hampshire County Councillor for the Meon Valley Division in the elections last month.

The make-up of Hampshire County Council is now as follows:

Party name	Seats won	% of votes
Conservatives	56	51%
Liberal Democrats	17	27%
Labour	3	13%
Independent	1	2%
Whitehill & Bordon Community Party	1	< 1%

The Members of the new County Council Cabinet are:

- Councillor Keith Mans - Leader of Hampshire County Council, Executive Member for Policy and Resources
- Councillor Rob Humby - Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council, Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and the Environment
- Councillor Stephen Reid – Executive Member for Performance, Human Resources and Partnerships
- Councillor Russell Oppenheimer – Executive Member for Highways Operations
- Councillor Jan Warwick – Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability
- Councillor Roz Chadd – Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
- Councillor Liz Fairhurst – Executive Lead Member for Adult Services and Public Health
- Councillor Edward Heron – Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs
- Councillor Steve Forster – Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property

Highways England

M3 Junction 9 Project Highways England have started their consultation for the above project. The consultation ends 11:59 8th July 2021. All documents can be viewed on Highways England's website - <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/m3-junction-9-improvements/>. This includes access to a virtual exhibition including a fly through of the proposed works and an opportunity to provide feedback.

M27 Junction 9 to 11 - Closures Highways England have announced that to accommodate extensive planing and resurfacing between junction 9 and 11, they will need to close the M27 overnight between the hours of 9.00pm and 6.00am the following morning from Tuesday 1 June 2021 to Friday 30 July 2021. The M27 will be closed in at least one direction during this time. Please note that closures will only be in place on weekday dates throughout this period. Updates can be obtained by visiting the Traffic England website: www.trafficengland.com.

Covid testing

Hampshire residents without symptoms can access free supervised testing, or collect kits to self-test at home, from participating pharmacies across the county. In Hampshire, over 200 pharmacies are providing the national collect scheme and over 40 of these pharmacies will also be offering on-site supervised lateral flow testing. In addition, Hampshire's [symptomatic testing sites](#) will continue to offer test kit collection for people without symptoms from 2.30pm to 8pm, alongside the pharmacy scheme.

Lateral flow testing and the test kit collection scheme are for people without symptoms. Anyone with [symptoms of coronavirus](#) must [book a PCR test](#) or call 119.

Collecting kits from a pharmacy for testing at home:

- Anyone over the age of 18 can collect test kits from participating pharmacies for themselves and their families to use at home.
- You can collect 1 pack per person of 7 lateral flow device tests.
- There is no need to book an appointment.
- Testing should be done twice a week. It is important to record the result.

Connect4Communities

Vulnerable children in Hampshire have been given £15 food vouchers for this half-term. This initiative is part of the connect4communities programme led by Hampshire County Council.

They include families whose children are eligible for free school meals, all children open to early help services, 16 to 18-year-olds previously eligible for free school meals and all two to four-year-olds accessing childcare and eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium. Community grants to support vulnerable families are open until 13th June 2021.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

Ticks and Lyme Disease

As spring approaches and more people are outdoors Hampshire residents are urged to be 'tick aware' especially when walking in wooded areas or long grass where ticks attach themselves to people or animals as they pass by. Further information is available at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210401ticks>

Cllr Hugh Lumby

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**Winchester City Councillor Report
June 2021**

Winchester City Council cuts ribbon on new Sport & Leisure Park.

A private ribbon cutting ceremony took place on 25 May 2021 at Winchester City Council's new Sport and Leisure Park to mark its opening on Saturday 29 May. The Leader and Chief Executive of the city council, alongside operator Everyone Active, invited a handful of representatives from the organisations who have played a key part in making the centre a state-of-the-art facility for local people to enjoy..

The COVID-19 secure ceremony marked the completion of the centre, which was commissioned under the previous Conservative administration and successfully built throughout the pandemic despite the enormous challenges faced by the construction industry over the last 12 months.

Details of the new centre, including how to book activities, can be found at www.everyoneactive.com/centre/winchester-sport-leisure-park

Junction 9 on the M3

The M3 connects south Hampshire with London, the Midlands and the North. It is also part of a key freight route. Roughly 6,000 vehicles an hour go through junction 9 during peak periods and traffic is particularly heavy between the M3 and the A34, with frequent queues on the northbound off-slip of the M3 which are a safety risk. Residents will also be familiar with the lengthy queues on the A272 Spitfire Link and Easton Lane. Overall the junction creates a bottleneck and significant delays.

Highways England has been working on revised proposals for the interchange, in particular looking at the provision of free-flowing road links between the M3 and the A34, both northbound and southbound, with no need to enter the junction 9 roundabout to travel between the A34 and M3.

The new proposed layout for the junction aims to:

- improve safety by reducing queuing and delays
- reduce congestion and improve journey times
- reduce the number of people affected by noise and improve air quality
- improve conditions for non-motorised users – a new cycle path would connect with National Cycle Network Route 23 which is severed by the current layout
- support economic growth – improving road capacity which will help create jobs, improve business and support the building of new homes.

Highways England have launched a further consultation on its latest proposals. This started on the 27 May 2021 and will end on 8 July 2021.

All documents are available on Highways England's website –

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/m3-junction-9-improvements/>.

This includes a virtual room featuring a fly through of the proposals and the ability to complete a questionnaire to give feedback. In addition, there are a number of webinars taking place to discuss particular topics, details can also be found on the above link.

822nd Mayor of Winchester

Cllr Vivian Achwal has been elected as the 822nd Mayor of Winchester. She has chosen three charities to support over her year of office - Friends of the Family, Winchester Youth Counselling and Eight Foundation in Whiteley.

Laurence Ruffell, Hugh Lumby