



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON SPORTS PAVILION PRECEDED BY A WALK AROUND THE COUNCIL'S ASSETS.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr C Waller, (Chair), R Morrish (Vice Chair), Cllrs A Bassil, U Casebourne, C Adams, J Nicholson.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs C Johnson, T Over, D Spencer–Healey, County Cllr R Huxstep, Cllr N Bodtger

Wmpc 1208 **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 1209 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish meeting on 29th June 2015 were approved.

Wmpc 1210 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Wmpc 1211 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Waller advised he had requested Cllr Huxstep to facilitate a meeting with HCC about 60MPH signage on the A32 and whether the Chair of West Tisted could join this meeting.

Wmpc 1212 **CITY COUNCILLOR BODTGER**

Cllr Waller presented Cllr Bodtger's report and advised Councillors that volunteers are required for the Flood Risk Project. Cllr Morrish **agreed** to co-ordinate the Flood Risk Project.

Wmpc 1213 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was received advising of SDNP Preferred Options meetings on 9th and 21st September at Meonstoke Village Hall. The Parish Councils audit had been approved and the necessary documentation was displayed on the noticeboard.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1214 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Johnson's financial report, draft budget, and proposed Council wish list for 2015/16 was received by the Parish Council. The approval of the Financial Regulations was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Casebourne and unanimously **agreed** by the Parish Council.

Cllr Bassil advised there was little progress with the Xmas lights and suggested that the Parish Council should take ownership of the Xmas lights. This was unanimously **agreed** by the Parish Council and Cllr Bassil will speak to the shop owners and butchers.

The schedule of payments was **agreed**.

The Nat West Reserve Account cheque of £ 258.35 and £864.81 from the Nationwide Account have been banked. Cllr Morrish advised that there was still an outstanding amount in the Nat West cheque account and it was unanimously agreed that she has authority to close this account with former Councillor Brian Small.

Wmpc 1215 PLANNING

The Council **resolved** to make the following planning comments:

1 & 2. SDNP/15/04145/LIS and SDNP/15/0342/HOUS Springfield Cottage, Alton Road, West Meon GU32 1LJ. Replacement summer house and shed, erection of pergola on NE end of garden, cast iron hopper and rain water goods on south west side of property. Affects the setting of a listed building. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

3. SDNP/15/03765/HOUS. The Old Store House, High Street, West Meon GU32 1LN. Proposed two storey extension at end and free standing two-bay oak framed carport with attached garden store and storage/hobby attic space. **NO OBJECTIONS** subject to: during building work only small vehicles are used for deliveries and the removal of materials. No deliveries are made between school/work hours of 7:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 5:00pm due to the existing congestion in the High Street during these hours.

Cllr Waller circulated copies of the West Meon Village Design Statement and gave an update on the SDNP Preferred Options Sites. He advised that SDNP are holding meetings on 9th for Parish Councils (Cllr Morrish and Clerk to attend) and a public meeting on 21st September 2015 which Councillors can attend. The Parish Councils' comments are due on 28th October 2015.

Wmpc 1216 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

It was **agreed** that a contribution of **£700** would be provided to the owners of the former Red Lion Hotel to improve the bollard lighting by the highway at the site of The Red Lion Hotel subject to the relevant approvals from the highway authority. The cost of metering and maintenance would be discussed with the owners.

Councillor Casebourne gave an update on the usage of the minibus dropping, the no. 67 bus service and the National Park bus service which has few passengers on Sundays.

Councillor Morrish advised she had:

Supervised jobs and the visit of the Lengthsman for 3 days in the first week of August, but not all jobs had been completed.

Responded to a questionnaire from the Clerk to Shedfield PC (who organises Lengthsman) re usefulness of the scheme.

Liaised with Lisa Davies, HCC Highways Engineer on behalf of a resident regarding a blocked ditch in Station Road. On standby on planned clearance day due to residents' concerns about road closure. The job was completed and water is now running down Station Road into ditch and away and the resident is pleased. Noted that the ditch should now be cleared on a regular basis. The Chairman, Cllr Morrish and Martin Cowell, met with James Emmett, HCC Countryside Access Officer (who has taken over the project from David Deane) at Meon Valley Trail Head. Councillors were assured that the project was not yet finished and Mr Emmett outlined plans for signage at the station, at the entrance to the site (to be agreed) and on Footpath 13. Looked into the possibility of moving the overhead barrier and discussed ongoing maintenance but no specific plan is in place. Local residents are encouraged to get involved. The project had been held-up by the horse-riding lobby.

Cllr Morrish had met with Andy Smith, HCC Highways Management and looked at various problems and discussed the Parish Councils suggestions.

Cllr Morrish advised that following discussions with Highways the bollard crossings on the A32 were not a feasible option. The Parish Council discussed crossing outside Shafts House with either solid or broken white lines and agreed that this should be investigated.

Wmpc 1217 **COMMUNITY AND RECREATION**

Cllr Bassil presented a report from Lucy and Duncan Stewart from Churchill House, Church Lane, West Meon detailing a proposed scheme to refurbish the recreation play equipment, showing two quotations (see appendix 1). Cllr Waller thanked them for providing the detailed report and welcomed their proposals. The Parish Council advised that they could only afford some refurbishment and that re-surfacing the area was the main priority at present. The Parish Council **agreed** to carry out wider consultation and invite further comments from residents and it was suggested that together with Lucy and Duncan Stewart they put together a mini-exhibition at the Sports Pavilion and plans at the Village Shop, so that residents can be involved with and consulted about the scheme. The Parish Council would need to seek alternative grant funding and look into fundraising schemes. Cllr Bassil agreed to relay this information on to Lucy and Duncan Stewart and the Clerk agreed to write and thank them for their proposals.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Nicholson would be a representative for the Parish News.

Cllr Bassil gave an update on the Wild Trout River Improvements advising that this is supported by landowners and that he had walked the area with Cllr Waller and advised that some saplings need to be removed and some overhead trees need to be reduced, also the river channel needs clearing.

It was **agreed** Cllr Nicholson would remind residents of the better parking policy in the Parish News.

Cllr Waller advised he had been in contact with HCC regarding access to Doctors Lane and bin emptying and would pursue this matter.

Wmpc 1218 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The Clerk provided a schedule of payments that was **agreed**.

Date 3rd September 2015

Ch 300223 HMRC	£471.71
Ch 300224 BDO External Audit	£240.00
Ch 300225 WCC Play area inspection 2012	£76.60
Ch 300226 Pitchworks	£88.80
Ch 300227 Clerk Salary August and September	
Ch 300228 Expenses	£55.16
Ch 300229 WM village Hall Biffa Bins	£407.16
Ch 300230 WM village Hall Biffa Bins	£101.79

Wmpc 1219 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT MEETING**

SDNP, Shop update, xmas lights, A32 Crossing.

Wmpc 1220 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12th October 2015, Monday 16th November and Monday 21st December.

Meeting finished at 9.50pm

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Chairman