



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs C Waller (Chair), C Johnson (Vice Chair), C Adams, T Over, J Nicholson, G Silk, A Trenchard and T Prowse.

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep (until 8.00pm), City Cllr L Ruffell (until 8.00pm.) and City Cllr A Thacker (until 8.15pm).

APOLOGIES: Mrs D Heppell (Clerk) and Cllr P Brannon

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. None present.

Wmpc 1440 **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 1441 **Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman for WMPC**

Chair and Vice Chair both stood down following the Annual Parish Meeting and were both unanimously re-elected.

Wmpc 1442 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4th April 2017 were **approved**.
The confidential minute relating to staffing matters was also **approved**.

Wmpc 1443 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Wmpc 1444 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR R HUXSTEP**

Cllr R Huxstep had no report to present as initial Council meeting following the recent elections had not taken place although he did report that the Conservative grouping was returned with an increased majority.

Cllr R Huxstep also advised that following a meeting with MP George Hollinbery regarding motorbikes more signs will be placed along the A32 and A272 saying "Bikers Think" and "Think Bikers".

Wmpc 1445 **CITY COUNCILLOR L RUFFELL and CITY COUNCILLOR A THACKER**

Cllr L Ruffell reported back regarding possible development of council owned housing on the land next to the entrance to the Village Hall car park adjacent to number 6 Headon View. Cllr Ruffell suggested that he ask the Assistant Director of Housing to attend the next meeting in order to discuss the possibilities.

Wmpc 1446 **CLERK'S REPORT**

Due to illness the Clerk was unable to present a report. The Council wished her a speedy recovery.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1447 **PLANNING**

- a) SDNP/17/01765/HOUS: Stables East End West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1NA. Proposed single storey extension and single storey porch extension. It was **agreed** that no objections would be raised.

Cllr Johnson left the room while item b was discussed having declared a personal interest.

- a) SDNP/17/01632/HOUS: Marldell House Lippen Lane West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JP. Single storey side extension. It was **agreed** that no objections would be raised.

Cllr Over advised that the commercial van sales site along the A32 now had a large banner type sign on its boundary. The Chairman agreed to ask the Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer to draw his attention to this.

Cllr Over asked about the size of the garage at the Old Store House, High Street, West Meon. Councillors had concerns over the apparent size of the development. It was decided, however, that the Chairman will ask the Enforcement Officer to compare the height of this garage as built to that of the plans.

Wmpc 1448 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.**

The Chairman reported that there was a good turnout at the Annual Parish Meeting although no younger parishioners were present and thought should be given on how to encourage them to attend next year. Chris Patterson talked about a number of grants available from SDNP for tourism and it was **agreed** that Cllr Nicholson will highlight this in the Parish News. It was **agreed** that the minutes would be circulated prior to the next meeting.

It was **agreed** that the next Listening Post would be on 17th June 2017 between 9:00am and 11.00am at the village café. Cllrs Over, Adams and Silk will attend.

Shop AGM will be held on 10th June 2017 at 10.00am in the village hall. It was **agreed** that Cllr Johnson should suggest to the committee that a larger Post Office sign should be provided on the outside of the shop and also Post Office opening times should be displayed. The Shop Management Committee had asked WMPC about possible parking restrictions outside the shop. It was **agreed** that Cllr Johnson should ask the Shop Management Committee to consider wording for an advisory sign on the shop external wall to ask only shop users to park outside the shop.

There was discussion about the location and use of A boards in West Meon. The Chairman suggest that a best practice policy should be written concerning the placing of 'A' Boards. This would cover the use of proper signs, best location (i.e. not creating a danger to cars or pedestrians), one board per business etc. It was **agreed** that the Chairman will draft this and circulate prior to the next meeting for discussion.

Cllr Adams advised that a meeting had been held with Andres Baynes in Warnford regarding the parish website and the intention was now to change the website to Hugo Fox. Another meeting It was **agreed** that the Chairman will circulate the current list of WMPC committee members for consideration and discussion at the next meeting.

Wmpc 1449 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

It was **agreed** that Cllr Prowse will e-mail Martin Cowell to see if any maintenance work is needed to footpaths prior to the next visit of the lengthsman. Cllr Prowse advised that the lengthsman visits may be reduced back to a maximum of 5 per annum.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Prowse would contact Hampshire Countryside Services to see if it would be possible to install a staggered barrier at the bottom of the footpath number 2 below Storeys Meadow bordering the A32.

Wmpc 1450 **COMMUNITY AND RECREATION**

Cllr Waller talked about a Celebration Day idea for the Old Station. He has contacted Hampshire Countryside Services who were very enthusiastic. It was also thought this could be combined with the BBQ that the shop is proposing and this could be a family event probably at the beginning of September. It was **agreed** that Cllr Waller will contact Catherine Younger and Hampshire Countryside Services to progress the matter further and suggest first or second weekend of September 2017.

It was **agreed** that the outside Table Tennis Table could be funded from the Wish List and Cllr Over will obtain additional information for discussion at the next meeting.

Wmpc 1451 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING**

Table Tennis Table, East End Phone Box, Website, Village Design Statement.

Wmpc 1452 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 6th June 2017 and Tuesday 4th July 2017 all in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.56 pm

Chairman

