



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr C Waller (Chair), Cllrs P Brannon, T Prowse, G Silk and J Nicholson.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs C Adams, C Johnson, T Over and County Cllr R Huxstep.

BY INVITATION: City Councillor Ms A Thacker and Cllr L Ruffell (until 8:05 pm).

Wmpc 1331 **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 1332 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 7th June 2016 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1333 **RESIGNATION**

The Chairman advised that Cllr D. Spencer-Healey had resigned and that the Parish Council would like to thank him for his service to West Meon Parish Council over the past year.

Wmpc 1334 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public. One member of the public, Mr Bennington, requested to make a deputation to the Parish Council about the planning application SDNP/16/02316/FUL Lion Hill House, Alton Road, West Meon. Erection of 1 detached dwelling at land to the rear of Lion Hill House.

The Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda and Mr Bennington addressed the Parish Council advising them of his objections to the planning application based on the grounds of the overbearing nature of the proposal. He requested the Parish Council reject the development site.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had previously raised objections to the proposal. The Parish Council **agreed to object** to the planning application for the following reasons:

1. Inappropriate overdevelopment of a site in the historic West Meon Conservation Area. Policy DP3 requires that development responds positively to the character and appearance of an area in terms of design, scale and layout and does not result in unacceptable adverse impacts on adjoining land or neighbours. The Parish Council believes that the planning application contravenes this policy.

2. Inappropriate size of the planned building. Whilst the Parish Council recognise the plans are now for one dwelling, it is still overly large. Policy CP2 seeks to provide a range of dwelling types and sizes dependent on the site's location and characteristics. The majority of homes should be 2 or 3 bedroom as these are in most demand in the District. A single dwelling, to the rear of the surviving shed bounding the north side of the site might, if of an appropriately small scale and careful, traditional design, be accommodated without harm to the setting of the buildings in the historic Conservation Area.

Wmpc 1335 **CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

City Councillor Amber Thacker introduced Cllr Laurence Ruffell who is the Chairman of WCC Planning Committee. Cllr Thacker advised of progress with the Winchester Local Plan, and the Central Winchester Regeneration supplementary planning document. Cllr Thacker responded to the query the Parish Council raised last time regarding clay pigeon shooting and that permission is only required after 28 days.

The Chairman advised Cllr Ruffell the PACT meetings held over the past two years had been supported by WCC and had been backed by the Crime Commissioner, and invited Cllr Ruffell to attend future meetings on this matter. The Chairman advised that progress had been made to address the problem with the Police are introducing speed cameras. Cllr Ruffell agreed to contact MP George Holingbery about progress on this matter.

Wmpc 1336 **CLERK'S REPORT**

West Meon Valley Bus Association meeting will take place at Soberton Village Hall 8pm on Thursday 21st July 2016. Details have been re-circulated and **Cllr Johnson** has **agreed** to attend.

West Meon external Audit External has been submitted and the relevant paperwork displayed.

Declaration of Office and Code of Conduct paperwork for new co-opted Councillors has been completed and submitted to WCC Democratic Services Department.

The Clerk provided the details of the Financial Position prepared to end of May 2016. The Clerk advised that of the 300 West Meon Footpath leaflets originally ordered, 269 have been sold (£538 income banked), 20 remaining, 3 distributed, total 292.

Following the resignation of Cllr Spencer-Healey, it was agreed that the process for the further Co-option of a Councillor should be started. The Clerk advised that a new list of signatories will need to be submitted to Unity Bank.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1337 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

A grant request was received from J Ulph for £500 towards a firework display in West Meon. It was **agreed** that a donation of £150 would be awarded towards a firework event and the Parish would consider a further donation in September.

Cllr Nicholson circulated details of the proposed budget for the financial year and this was **agreed** by the Parish Council.

The Chairman advised that he would display the draft Annual Parish Meeting minutes in the Parish Council noticeboard.

Wmpc 1338 **PLANNING**

1. SDNP/16/00890/HOUS Knap Hammer, 14 Knapps Hard Knap Hammer, West Meon GU32 1LE. Enlargement of rear dormers. The Parish Council agreed to raise **No Objections**.
2. SDNP/16/02861/HOUS Poppy Cottage, 13 Woodlands Cottages, Woodlands, Bramdean, Alresford SO24 OHW, Construction of an oak framed double garage. The Parish Council **agreed** to raise **No Objections**.
3. SDNP/16/02710/LIS 3 Station Road, West Meon, GU32 1JJ. Remove existing corrugated asbestos cement roof and support timber, remove existing garage doors and frames and install pitched roof supported on new oak framed structure to provide car port and attic space. The Parish Council **agreed** to **object** to the proposed height and proximity of the pitched roof in relation to the properties immediately adjacent to the site and their loss of amenity. If the Council were minded to approve the application a planning condition should be attached to ensure that the building is for domestic use only and ancillary to the main dwelling house and is not sold or let separately from the main house.

It was **agreed** that an A1 flyer be made and a paragraph written for the Parish News to recruit 4 members of the village to help with the Village Design Statement (VDS).

Wmpc 1339 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Waller advised he had been approached regarding the finger post at the junction of the A32 and Church Lane about adding on details of the school. This would be discussed further at the next meeting.

It was **agreed** that **Cllr Prowse** and **Martin Cowell** would continue to pursue the church path handrail.

Wmpc 1340 **COMMUNITY AND RECREATION**

The Lengthsman had not been able to clear some drains and it was **agreed** that **Cllr Prowse** would prepare a list for the next Lengthsman's visit.

The **Chairman** advised that the defibrillator key had been fitted and **agreed** he would be responsible for checking the battery.

Wmpc 1341 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

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

Ch 300301 C Waller De Fib box	£183.27
Ch 300302 Parish News adverts	£412.50
Ch 300303 Salary Clerk July/August 16	
Ch 300304 Expenses Clerk	£66.10
Ch 300305 D Westwood	£273.98

Wmpc 1342 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT MEETING**

VDS, Lengthsman, minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, firework display grant, Village Shop finance.

Wmpc 1343 **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall, to be preceded by a walk around the Parish Council's assets

Meeting finished at 9:30 pm

Chairman