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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL 2019 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs C Waller (Chairman), J Nicholson (Vice Chair) and C Adams

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep and City Cllr L Lumby (until 7:55pm).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs G Silk, A Trenchard and N Wortley, and City Cllr L Ruffell,

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Heppell (Clerk).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 3 members of the public.

Wmpc 1681 **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. None were declared.

The Chairman advised that Cllr Over had resigned from the Parish Council and he thanked her for the work she had done and acknowledged her long service, dedication and support to the community.

Wmpc 1682 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 5th March 2019 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1683 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public and issues were raised on item no 2 planning application. Objections were received on the lighting, lack of turning, loading and parking facilities on the site. There were also issues of possible burning of waste materials on the site following the demolition of buildings.

Support was also given for a footpath adjacent to the A32. Cllr Huxstep acknowledged this but advised it was not on the priority list.

Wmpc 1684 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep's report had been previously emailed and was received and noted. Cllr Huxstep advised that there are grants available for small community groups like providing tools particularly to prevent waste. Website links are available on the HCC website.

Cllr Huxstep advised that works are commencing on the High Street by Open Reach and there are bus diversions.

Both Cllr Huxstep and Cll Lumby advised they would be attending the next Communities Against Noise meeting.

Cllr Huxstep advised he had raised the issue of the new footpath with HCC, but advised that this is not a priority.

Cllr Huxstep advised of the new scheme to encourage bids to HCC for tools for local community groups. He also advised of upcoming bus restrictions due to works on the High Street by Open Reach.

Wmpc 1685 **CITY COUNCILLOR LUMBY**

Cllr Lumby's report which had been previously emailed was received and noted. Cllr Lumby reported that the Leisure Centre building is underway.

He also advised that the refuse collection staffing issues are being addressed.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Lumby for his input into some affordable housing issues in West Meon.

Cllr Lumby advised he would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting and had the revised dates for the May meeting.

Wmpc 1686 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and was noted by the Parish Council.

It was **agreed** that the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.00pm in the West Meon Sports Club. It was agreed that there would be no guest speaker at the meeting as there were local issues to discuss.

Following advice from HALC the next Parish and AGM is to be re-arranged to Monday 13th May 2019 in the village Hall.

The Clerk advised that Wicksteed had been instructed to do the wet pour repairs to the swings at the recreation area.

The Clerk advised of the 3 grants received and circulated the details for Councillors.

The Clerk advised that the external auditors Little John have advised of their appointment for the next 5 years and internal auditor dates have been arranged.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1687 **PLANNING**

- i) It was **agreed NO OBJECTIONS subject to conditions/provisions below**, be raised to the planning application at SDNP/19/01318/FUL 3H Garage Warnford Road West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JN. Proposed redevelopment of existing site to include removal of 3 existing building and construction of one new workshop and sales office with new signage.

- a) Illumination levels are controlled and external lights are switched off in the evenings as they have given rise to complaint and nuisance to neighbouring properties and to protect the open countryside in line with SDNP Dark Skies policies.
- b) An area is providing within the application site for the loading and unloading of vans and lorries and associated garage vehicles, instead of using the main road for loading. By loading on the highway this results in the blocking of the adjacent neighbours driveways and causes highway danger to other road users.
- c) An hours of operation condition should be attached to control impact on neighbouring dwellings.
- d) No burning of waste material on the site, no fires and all asbestos should be removed from the site safely.

ii) It was **agreed** that there were **No comments** until the full plans are on the WCC website on SDNP/19/01164/LIS and SDNP/19/01341/HOUS Warnford Corner Alton Road West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JG. Extension of existing cottage to provide improved kitchen dining area and utility, together with provision of third bedroom and family bathroom

iii) The Village Design Statement is being edited following comments received from SDNP.

Wmpc 1688 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

It was **agreed** that the Listening Post would be held after the election.

The Chairman circulated a quote for works to the top section of the church path of £2,560 and it was **agreed** to proceed with these works.

The following grant requests were **agreed** to be awarded to:

- i) James Ulph Firework display - £500.00 and that no glowsticks are provided.
- ii) West Meon PCC Victorian railings repair £500.00
- iii) West Meon and Warnford Sports Club - £500.00

It was agreed that further contributions may be available to the fireworks at the end of the 2nd Quarter of the year and that further contributions could be available to the sports club and church at the end of the financial year if there are sufficient funds in the grant allocation.

Schedule of Payments

Date 2th April 2019

Ch 300515 WCC Dog Bins March 19	£130.00
Ch 300516 Apollo Mole Control	£100.00
Ch 300517 D Heppell salary- pension	
Ch 300518 Expenses Clerk	£43.73
Ch 300519 J Ulph Grant Fireworks	£500.00
Ch 300520 West Meon PCC	£500.00
Ch 300521 WM& Warnford Sports Club	£500.00

Wmpc 1689 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

Details of the quote for the recreation ground gym equipment were circulated, but were deferred until the next meeting when Cllr Wortley could present the details.

Wmpc 1690 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Listening post, Outdoor gym, Village Design Statement, Parish projects, Working Groups and AGM.

Wmpc 1691 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday 13th May, 4th June, and 2nd July 2019, all in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9.00 pm

Chair

Appendix A

Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for West Meon Parish Council

Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund

This fund has been created to support locally based community groups, businesses, education establishments and organisations across Hampshire to deliver projects, products and services which prevent or reduce household waste.

What is waste prevention?

Waste prevention is defined as measures taken before a substance, material or product has become waste.

For the purposes of this fund, 'waste prevention' is taken to encompass any actions which prevent or reduce the amount of household waste entering the local authority waste management system. This includes reuse, repair and home composting.

Household waste covers items that you would put in your waste bin at home or take to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre. See a more formal definition of household waste: GOV.UK's Local authority collected waste definition of terms.

In addition to the environmental benefits of reducing household waste, waste prevention projects can also result in financial savings for residents, community benefits (such as volunteering opportunities) and health benefits (such as household management, healthy eating).

When to apply?

Applications for funding opened on 1st March 2019 and will remain open until further notice. Funding for successful applications will be awarded a maximum of three months after the initial application is received.

Grant criteria and eligibility

The maximum amount awarded to each project will be £5,000. There is no minimum amount. Applications will be ranked and scored in line with waste prevention impacts, including the predicted amount of waste prevented, as well as the innovation demonstrated by the project, sustainability/legacy and wider community benefits. Experience in successfully delivering previous projects will also be assessed.

Funding will be awarded to the highest scoring applications subject to grant funds being available.

Who can apply?

- Community, neighbourhood or voluntary groups
- Registered charities
- Schools, colleges and universities
- Not-for-profit organisations (including social enterprises)
- Businesses with fewer than 250 employees such as small and medium sized enterprises
- Faith groups delivering community work
- Parish Councils

Who can't apply?

- Businesses with over 250 employees
- Organisations that aim to deliver products and/or services outside of Hampshire County Council's administrative area
- Individuals

What is funded?

Projects must demonstrate:

- that they will have an impact on the population within the Hampshire County Council administrative area
- how they fit within the Waste Hierarchy. Projects at the top of the waste hierarchy, such as Waste Prevention, will be scored higher than those further down, such as Reuse/repair
- measurable reductions in the amount of household waste, for example through furniture reused, or food diverted from waste
- social benefits (jobs/volunteer posts created, number of residents trained)
- who the project is likely to directly engage
- how the project is innovative (to the local area)
- the methods used to effect behaviour change
- sustainability/and or a degree of 'legacy' in terms of waste prevention outcomes. The fund will only support new, or expansion of existing products and services. It will not pay for existing activities

Example projects could include (but are not limited to):

- sharing, hiring and rental services, such as for baby products or homewares and equipment
- educational activities on home management, such as cooking, food preparation and storage, sewing
- community engagement activities to increase awareness, knowledge and understanding of preventing waste, for example events, films and social clubs
- digital projects that make preventing waste easier or more convenient, such as the development of an app or an online hub
- repair and upcycling of furniture and other household items
- redistribution of surplus household food, for example via community fridges
- introduction of local services that enable waste prevention and reuse, such as community composting and tool libraries

Projects from the first round of grant funding included:

- a children's book about waste prevention called The Rubbish Monster Thing
- setting up of a Repair Café in Bordon
- producing beeswax satchels for food storage
- cookery classes for school children
- a community fridge
- setting up a second-hand garden centre
- composting courses advertised through GP surgeries
- community projects on reducing the use of single use plastics

Look at these short films to find out more: · Mrs B's Bees - waste grant · The Rubbish Monster Thing - waste grant · Furniture Helpline - waste grant

Projects for schools

Although the fund only supports projects which prevent household, rather than school waste, projects which educate children on waste prevention, reuse or repair will be eligible to apply. Example project for schools include but are not limited to:

- cookery, food preparation and budgeting classes
- household food distribution projects such as Community fridges which can be used by parents and staff
- classes on repairing or upcycling textiles
- community composting projects

- events to enable the sharing of items such as toys, clothing
- the production and delivery of educational tools around waste prevention

The impacts of these projects on household waste can be measured by home food waste diaries, questionnaires as well as by recording the number of items repaired, upcycled or swapped.

What isn't funded?

- Projects which predominantly affect residents outside of the Hampshire County Council administrative area
- Projects seeking funding for recycling and waste disposal projects
- Projects requesting over £5,000
- Bids from businesses or enterprises with over 250 employees
- Day to day running or existing staffing costs for projects
- Projects which are already financially supported by other financial bodies or schemes
- Activities that start or happen before the funding is formally confirmed
- Activities that are the responsibility of a Local Authority dealing with waste materials, for example recycling collections, disposal
- Activities dealing with commercial and industrial waste, such as business, trade or school
- Projects that mainly financially benefit an individual
- Activities with political affiliation and aims
- The VAT element of a project which can be recovered
- Research and development activities

Period and amount

Funding must be spent within 1 year of award of contract.

Payments will commence from a maximum of three months after the initial application is received. A payment schedule will be agreed with successful applicants as part of the formal grant offer.

If the project is successful, it is expected that you will have a plan to continue the activity after the end of the funding period.

Measuring the impacts

There are a number of ways in which you can measure the environmental and social impact of your project. These include but are not limited to:

- number of items repaired, reused, upcycled or swapped

- questionnaires or food waste diaries for workshop participants or pupils to complete
- number of people composting at home as a result of your project
- number of items sold
- number of people attending events or cookery classes etc
- hits on websites or likes/shares on social media Read application notes and apply

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Hampshire's Supporting Families Programme is turning lives around

More than 4,500 families in Hampshire have been helped during phase two of the county's Supporting Families Programme, with over 700 experiencing significant improvement in their circumstances. In addition, an independent evaluation by Solent University shows that between 2015-19, the support given to families to get back on their feet successfully, translated into savings or costs avoided of £27million to the public purse. Councillor Patricia Stallard, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member lead for the Supporting Families Programme, said: "Our programme which brings together a wide range of Hampshire agencies including county and district councils, the Police, voluntary sector, Health and the Probation Service has transformed the way services are delivered to families across the county. This has resulted in hundreds of families who might otherwise have faced a lifetime of disadvantage, now having a brighter future." "The concerted efforts of all the agencies involved, and the way in which we are now working together, is reaching the families most in need, promoting trust from the families with whom we work who say they value the support being provided." "Although there is always more to do, there is clear evidence that our programme is working, helping families to live more productive lives while reducing demand for high cost interventions from the county's public services." Hampshire's Supporting Families Programme began in 2012, as part of a national initiative to support families facing multiple issues such as persistent unemployment, poor education, poor health, crime and antisocial behaviour, domestic violence and young people failing to thrive. The programme takes a 'whole family' approach involving everyone in the family including grandparents, parents, young people and children. It allows families to build on their strengths while helping them to overcome some of the concerns, difficulties, challenges or obstacles they may have in their lives.

Close collaboration with town and parish councils key to Hampshire's quality of place

Hampshire County Council welcomed over 80 representatives from town and parish councils across the county at an event this week (Wednesday 13 March) to find out more about how highways and waste services are delivered to Hampshire's 1.3 million residents.

County Council Leader, Councillor Roy Perry said: "These are challenging times for local government and it's more important than ever that we work closely with our colleagues in the town and parish councils. These are the people who have a vital role in representing the concerns of local communities."

Having heard how Hampshire Highways teams repair around 15,000 potholes a year, delegates had an opportunity to see one of Hampshire's new, dedicated dragon-patchers, which can repair a defect five times faster than traditional methods and is effective in all weathers.

The evening also saw the launch of the Hampshire Highways Charter – a commitment to 'going the extra mile' by those working across Hampshire's roads.

Matthew Riches, Skanska's Business Director for Hampshire Highways explained: "We are 18 months into this contract and, following a successful mobilisation and first year, we are now focussed on improving how we communicate with the communities we work in to mitigate and minimise the disruption of our work. It was a great opportunity on Wednesday evening to meet so many representatives of the Parish Councils and outline our new Charter, Going The Extra Mile. Being close to the communities we serve is paramount to Skanska's vision of building for a better society, so we are launching the Hampshire Highways Charter to improve the way we work."

Cllr Roger Huxstep Member for Meon Valley Division 2nd April 2019

Appendix B

West Meon Parish Council Winchester City Councillor Report April 2019

1. New Leisure Centre under way Work has now started on the proposed new leisure centre at Bar End. Planning permission has now been obtained, Willmott Dixon appointed as building contractor and Everyone Active selected as operator. Everyone Active have been named Swim England's Operator of the Year for the last two years and run 150 facilities nationally. The new leisure centre, with eight courts and a 50m pool as well as extensive other facilities, is designed to serve the entire district. With the new location at Bar End, access will be much easier from the Upper Meon Valley ward. It is due to open in 2021. In addition, a new four court sports centre is separately being proposed to serve the Southern Parishes.

2. Measures taken to improve refuse collection The Parish Council will be aware that Winchester City Council's waste collection provider, Biffa have been experiencing some operational issues in recent weeks, which has led to collection delays across a number of services in the district. These have mostly been caused by vehicle breakdowns and staffing issues. As a result of discussions between WCC/EHDC and the contractor, Biffa have injected a large amount of money into the contract in an attempt to address the root causes of service delays i.e. staffing issues and vehicle break downs. In addition, Biffa has provided a recovery plan which following discussion over their performance. The plan includes specific measures in relation to both staffing and vehicles. This includes the hiring of an additional 26 ton lorry and an additional 15 ton Narrow Access vehicle, both of which have arrived and have been brought into service. Engines have been replaced on two existing vehicles which have also been returned to service. Finally, Dennis Eagle have provided another spare back up vehicle for ad hoc chargeable use in the event of vehicle shortages. These measures should ensure that the collection service returns to schedule.

3. M27 night time closures Highways England will be conducting a number of investigative activities, as part of their preparation to upgrade sections of the M27 to smart motorway standard. This will require a number of closures as detailed below, in each case between the hours of 9.00pm and 6.00am the following day. The motorway will remain open throughout the day during the works, although there will be a requirement for some hard shoulder closures during this time. At least one lane will remain open on the motorway in both directions throughout the night. These dates may be subject to change owing to operational requirements, or adverse weather conditions. Road users can keep up to date by visiting the Traffic England website: www.trafficengland.com or by following Highways England's twitter feed: @HighwaysSEAST. More information on the M27 junction 4 to 11 upgrade to smart motorway project, can be found at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m27-junctions-4-to-11-smart-motorway/>
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