



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWED BY A CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS STAFF ISSUES

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs C Waller (Chairman), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), A Trenchard, C Adams, P Brannon (from 7:40 pm), T Over, G Silk.

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep and City Cllr L Ruffell.

APOLOGIES: None received.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Heppell (Clerk).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. 2 members of the public.

Wmpc 1603 **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.

Wmpc 1604 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 3rd July 2018 were **approved**. The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting on 19th May 2018 were **approved in draft**.

Wmpc 1605 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public and the matter of the co-option of a Councillor was **agreed**.

A member of the public raised the issue of the level of noise from a party in the village that caused disturbance to villagers until the early hours of the morning. This was discussed by the Parish Council and that if any disturbance causes a problem it is dealt with by the police and by WCC Environmental Health and not the Parish Council. However the Parish agreed that a reminder should be put in the Parish News advising that consideration should be given to villagers by reducing the noise levels of parties particularly during the summer months.

Wmpc 1606 **CO- OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

It was **agreed** that advertisement for a co-opted councillor will continue via the noticeboard and the Parish News. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Wortley to the Parish Council and his declaration of office forms were received.

Wmpc 1607 COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP

Cllr Huxstep reported that from next April Hampshire County Council (HCC) is aiming to increase the uptake of checks by Hampshire residents, particularly those most at risk of developing cardiovascular disease. The County Council wants to ensure that Hampshire residents aged 40 to 75 are invited for regular health reviews by their GP surgeries. Currently, just under half of those invited take up the offer of a check.

Cllr Huxstep advised that overall attainment in Hampshire secondary schools in 2017 remained above national attainment: 68% of pupils achieved "The Basics" (a grade 9 to 4 in both English and mathematics) against 64% nationally. 25% of pupils achieved the English Baccalaureate against 24% nationally. Also that 98% of parents were offered a place for their child in one of their three preferred secondary schools for September 2018.

Cllr Huxstep advised that HCC had secured £12.9 million funding from Highways England which, together with a £6.6 million investment from the County Council, will enable improvements to Junction 9 of the M27 and Parkway South Roundabout, Whiteley. He also reported that £2.8 million is being invested in energy programmes, including LED Lighting, Electric Vehicles and Battery Technology.

Cllr Huxstep reported back that No 67 bus service would have no reduction of buses at peak times, only off peak times. Cllr Huxstep advised that Cllr Hollingbury was considering the comments of CANS about speed cameras.

Cllr Waller raised the issue of a virtual footpath from Brocklands and sheep bridge and that there is sufficient room for a footpath. Cllr Waller advised there had been issues with West Meon Service Station cash machine closing and Cllr Huxstep would report back on this matter.

Cllr Waller reminded Cllr Huxstep that he would arrange the official opening of the Tourist Information Kiosk where Cllr Huxstep will cut the ribbon, which will take place on a weekday and he will be advised of the date.

Wmpc 1608 CITY COUNCILLOR RUFFELL

Cllr Ruffell's August and September reports previously circulated were noted (see appendices)

Cllr Ruffell reported that he had resolved the issue of lining the chimney at a property in Heddon View with WCC. The Chairman thanked him for resolving this.

Cllr Ruffell advised that Amber Thacker had resigned as a councillor and that an election is pending.

Wmpc 1609 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and was noted by the Parish Council. The report advised that the external audit had been approved on 10th September and completion notices need to be displayed on both the noticeboard and website. The audit gave a clean bill of health with no areas for concern raised. The Chairman gave his thanks for the Clerk's diligence, advising that WMPC was one of the first ones in the district to be approved. It was **agreed** that the completion notices be displayed on the noticeboard and on the WMPC website. The half year audit is booked on 9th October.

The Clerk reported that VAT for 2017/18 has been applied for £1,876 and reminded Cllrs to ask for VAT receipts for payments.

The Clerk has contacted WCC about community assets and paperwork has been forwarded to the Chairman.

The Clerk raised a query regarding payments with the Nest Pension with Cllr Over and she agreed to check with Nest.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1610 **PLANNING**

i) SDNP/18/03734/HOUS Warnford Corner Alton Road West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JG. Two storey extension. It was **agreed** that **NO OBJECTIONS** be raised.

ii) SDNP/18/03953/LIS Warnford Corner Alton Road West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JG. Two storey extension. It was **agreed** that **NO OBJECTIONS** be raised.

iii) SDNP 18/04107/HOUS Hall Place East End. The reinstatement of an existing boundary wall to the entrance of a listed building. Comments due 12th September. It was **agreed** that **NO OBJECTIONS** be raised.

iv) SDNP/18/03994/HOUS The Old Bank, High Street Single storey rear extension. 6th September. It was **agreed** that **NO OBJECTIONS** be raised.

v) SDNP/18/04487/HOUS Sycamore Cottage Church Lane West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1LG. Proposed Internal alterations, replacement extensions and external works.

vi) SDNP/18/04488/LIS Grade II Listed building. Comments due 20th September. It was **agreed** that **NO OBJECTIONS** be raised.

It was noted that the VDS text was in draft and has been circulated to Cllrs and is awaiting comments by SDNP, Illustrations are being prepared by Rachael Hobson.

It was **agreed** that Cllrs Trenchard and Silk would attend the SDNP Hampshire Parish Workshop on Monday 19th November 2018 at Meonstoke.

There was no progress to report on Lighting at the Red Lion and Cllr Waller will action this point.

Wmpc 1611 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Clerk had received and circulated details to Councillors of a grant request from the Rifle club and it was agreed that further details should be sought for £500. An up to date grant list was circulated to Cllrs. It was unanimously **agreed** that further details should be sought for the next meeting for the grant application from the Rifle club including what their subscription rates are and their business plan.

Schedule of Payments agreed.

Date 17th September 2018

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| Ch 300462 G Rixon De Fib Light | £109.26 |
| Ch 300463 T Hickmore | £416.00 |
| Ch 300464 Winchester CC Dog Bins | £130.00 |
| Ch 300465 P Anderson WW1 materials | £176.18 |
| Ch 300466 Alpha Graphics | £115.20 |
| Ch 300467 PKF Littlejohn Auditors | £240.00 |
| Ch 300468 Expenses Clerk | £69.22 |
| Ch 300469 WM Village hall | £46.40 |

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| Ch 300470 WM Village Hall Biffa Bins | £147.57 |
| Ch 399471 Salary Clerk | |
| Ch 300472 Surrey Loams | £303.00 |

The Action points from the June and July were agreed and there was nothing outstanding.

The Clerk circulated (via email) Cllr Training details from Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

Cllr Waller and Silk **agreed** to meet on Tuesday 25th September to inspect the Council Assets

Wmpc 1612 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

The Lengthsman is due on 3rd October and it was **agreed** that the area by the tennis court and by the banked area needs doing.

Cllr Nicholson advised the Christmas Fair is going ahead on Saturday 8th December in the High street. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would organise it this year, including the road closure. It was **agreed** the Parish Council would provide Christmas trees.

Cllr Trenchard **agreed** to be on the Shop Committee and would inform them.

Cllr Waller reported there had been no dog issues.

The Milestones were discussed including the fitting metal plates on the back of the Milestones.

The Thomas Lord pub was discussed as being a Community Asset and Cllr Waller **agreed** to discuss this with the pub landlord.

Wmpc 1613 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Milestones, Village Design Statement, Lighting at the former Red Lion, Green initiatives, Benches, Lengthsman, Community Assets.

Wmpc 1614 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 2nd October, Tuesday 6th November and Tuesday 4th December all in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9.10 pm

Chairman

Appendices County Council and City Council Reports

Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for West Meon Parish Council

Bid to increase health checks As part of a new £9m contract with health providers starting next April, Hampshire County Council is aiming to increase the uptake of checks by Hampshire residents, particularly those most at risk of developing cardiovascular disease. Cllr Patricia Stallard, the County Council's Executive Member for Public Health, said: "The County Council is responsible for ensuring Hampshire residents aged 40 to 75 are invited for regular health reviews by their GP surgeries. Currently, just under half of those invited take up the offer of a check. This is something we want to see improve, so through a new contract with GPs and other health providers we are aiming to increase this, particularly among patients considered most at risk of cardiovascular disease."

Exam successes

Students in Hampshire have risen to the challenge of tougher standards for GCSEs and the impact of the new one-to-nine grading - with nine being at the top of the scale. Overall attainment in Hampshire secondary schools in 2017 remained above national attainment: 68% of pupils achieved "The Basics" (a grade 9 to 4 in both English and mathematics) against 64% nationally. 25% of pupils achieved the English Baccalaureate against 24% nationally. Also, 65% of Hampshire's students taking Key Stage 2 assessments in 2017 achieved the expected level in reading, writing and mathematics, compared with 61% nationally. Hampshire outperformed its statistical neighbours in these results.

School Place Preferences

98% of parents were offered a place for their child in one of their three preferred secondary schools for September 2018, with over 92% receiving their first choice of secondary school. Almost 99% of pupils transferring from Infant to Junior school received a place at one of their preferred schools – with 97% obtaining a place at their first choice school (consistent with the previous year).

CO2 emissions

Local Authority operations have fallen to 83,992 tonnes in 2016/17 from 86,684 the previous year (a reduction of 33.30% since 2011/12), keeping the County Council on track to meeting its target of 79,080 tonnes by 2020.

Highways Improvements

The County Council secured £12.9 million funding from Highways England which, together with a £6.6 million investment from the County Council, will enable improvements to Junction 9 of the M27 and Parkway South Roundabout, Whiteley.

Energy Programmes

£2.8 million is being invested in energy programmes, including LED Lighting, Electric Vehicles and Battery Technology, which will deliver at least £450,000 of revenue savings. The first phase of the LED lighting installation has been completed in 2017/18, with the rest of the programme to be completed in the next two years.

Cllr Roger Huxstep

Member for Meon Valley Division

17th September 2018

Cllr Ruffell WCC Reports

August Report.

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE The South Downs Local Plan was submitted to Government for examination on 27 April 2018 along with a large evidence base on a range of subjects from landscape and biodiversity to housing and employment. Inspector Brian Sims BSc CEng MICE MRTPI has been appointed to conduct the examination to determine whether the South Downs Local Plan is sound.

NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT SCHEME The National Park Authority is launching a new grant scheme, using money paid by developers, to deliver more affordable housing in the South Downs. Grants of between £10,000 and £30,000 are now available for affordable dwellings constructed on rural exceptions sites (sites that would not be granted planning permission for open market housing) or for affordable housing delivered through community-led initiatives such as Community Land Trusts.

S106 SPENDING In the last six months SDNP have allocated almost £60,000 to projects in the National Park through S106 contributions. £8,150.00 to Mid Sussex District Council for a replacement artificial cricket pitch at Clayton Green Recreation Ground. £13,791.46 to Petersfield Town Council for drainage works at Paddock Way Recreation Ground. £5,538.00 to Droxford Parish Council for a new MUGA Games Wall at Droxford Recreation Ground. £445.00 to Petersfield Town Council for new entrance gates to Paddock Way Recreation Ground. £1,722.00 to Froxfield and Privett Parish Council for improvements to a byway open to all traffic (BOAT). £8,860.00 to Liss Parish Council to install two crossing points on Station Road. £1,017.50 for Steep Parish Council to buy a speed indicator device for traffic calming on Stoner hill. £10,323.96 to Upper Beeding Parish Council for a new bus shelter at Small Dole £7,829.63 to Upper Beeding Parish Council to create a new path on Memorial Playing Fields.

Winchester City Council installs solar technology at car park.

Winchester City Council has installed solar-powered lights at one of its car parks in the District. The two car park lights have been placed at Kidmore Lane Car Park in Denmead. They are being trialled as a low-carbon alternative to traditional street lighting, which is generally connected to the electricity grid. Each of the lights will save on average 65 kWh of electricity per year. In order to reduce light pollution and conserve electricity stored in the batteries, the lights will dim to a third of their full brightness when there is no-one nearby. A sensor mounted on the lights will ensure they light up when anyone approaches.

HMO licensing powers to come into force in October.

Winchester City Council will soon be widening the scope of licensing houses in multiple occupation (HMOs). Currently, mandatory licensing of HMO's only applies in buildings of 3 or more storeys but as from 1st October 2018, all privately rented properties in multiple occupation with 5 or more residents who are not from the same household, will require licenses. This comes after the government passed legislation, which requires HMO Landlords to apply for a licence by 1st October 2018, and failure to do so will be a criminal offence.

The council is keen to monitor local HMO's and the new legislation allows them to control the rise in HMOs having already taken steps to reduce HMO's in both Winnall and Stanmore through Article Four Directions. Mandatory licensing means that we can gain a better picture of where the HMOs are, and can help us deal with any future hotspots where they may become an issue or where enforcement action might be needed. We want to work with landlords, so they are aware of their legal obligation and the changes in legislation, so they do not get caught out before this comes into force in Autumn.

License are to be set at £900 (for a five-year license).

£413.16 to Coldwaltham Parish Council to buy new traffic calming equipment. £527.00 to Stroud Parish Council to replace a broken stile with a new kissing gate at Stroud. A further 12 applications which would total £55,000 are currently being assessed, having been recommended for approval.

CIL UPDATE In April 2017 the National Park Authority introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to replace the old S106 agreements. As of the end of March 2018, it had collected £197,481.49 from CIL. A proportion of CIL income is passed directly to the local Parish or Town Council affected by the development – 25 per cent where there is a Neighbourhood Plan and 15 per cent where there is no Neighbourhood Plan. The parishes received their first payments, totalling £31,425.22 in April 2018. We are currently creating the Infrastructure Business Plan (IBP), a list of agreed infrastructure projects to be funded through the CIL. Look out for the next a call for projects to go on this list later in 2018.

The new HMO mandatory licensing will apply when:

- * Properties are occupied by five or more people who are not from the same household, regardless of the number of storeys.
- * A building or a converted flat lacks or shares basic amenities such as a toilet, personal washing facilities or cooking facilities
- * Purpose built flats with up to two flats in the block when one or both are occupied as an HMO

Landlords who rent out HMO properties or tenants living in HMO properties requiring any further support or advice should contact the council's private sector housing team on 01962 848526 / privatesectorhousing@winchester.gov.uk or follow the link to <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/housi>

September Report

Winchester City Council's Local Plan 2036

The city council is inviting local people to have their say on the way that the District develops. Consultation on what should be included in Winchester City Council's Local Plan 2036 is now underway and will run until midday Friday 21 September 2018.

The Local Plan is an important document which will help shape the future of the Winchester District. It enables the council to plan for and deliver the housing, employment space, facilities and infrastructure needed to ensure that the District grows and prospers whilst protecting the built and natural environments which makes Winchester's towns, villages and countryside so attractive.

To produce a new plan which accommodates necessary development without comprising the quality of the environment, the council invites feedback from all who have an interest in the District's future. Parish councils, local communities, businesses and other stakeholders are being approached for comment during a process that leads to the adoption of a new plan which will guide development for many years to come. An online consultation is available at <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy-and-planning/winchester-lp-launch/> with key questions to help shape the plan.

Winchester Distillery brings gin-making experience to the city

This Autumn, Winchester City Centre will become home to The Blend Academy, a gin school hosting fun 'create your own gin' sessions as well as Wine and Spirit Education Trust classes in a new event space run by local spirit makers, Winchester Distillery. The local distillers will host regular events for both consumers and the trade at the newly refurbished site on Middle Brook Street.

The space had been inaccessible since the Post Office vacated the building, and Winchester City Council has created a new entrance directly from Middle Brook Street.

SDNP

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE The first hearings for the South Downs Local Plan examination are expected to start on Tuesday 13 November in the South Downs Centre, Midhurst. If you responded to the submission consultation last autumn you should now have received a letter from the Programme Officer with more information about the process. Further examination sessions will follow in December. Keep an eye on the Local Plan Examination page on the SDNP website for all the news and updates.

Ongoing work carried out by Park Rangers Managed invasive nettles and completed field sign surveys of water voles along the River Meon, confirming their dispersal and continued breeding success. Harvested seed at a local wildflower meadow near Selbourne with the Winchester Downs Farm Cluster. Undertook two barbastelle bat surveys with Sussex Wildlife Trust at Ebernoe Common. Other work on the site included clearing bracken and gorse and pothole repairs. Helped with a charcoal burn at Lodge Copse, an educational coppice run by volunteers. Installed steps on a couple of steep sections at Botany Bay to make

walking safer in an area developed for educational groups. Carried out invasive species surveys on the Hammer Stream catchment. Continued work at Truleigh Hill – the pond dipping platform is complete and a new accessible trail is almost finished. Cutting & raking regrowth at Halcombe Farm Local Wildlife Site and Anchor Bottom Site of Special Scientific Interest to improve chalk grassland habitat. Carried out a wartbiter cricket translocation to Deep Dean in East Sussex, completing a four year reintroduction project. Helped to run a bat survey evening at Kingle