



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs C Waller (Chair), C Johnson (Vice Chair), P Brannon, T Over and A Trenchard.

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

BY INVITATION: City Councillor L Ruffell and County Cllr Huxstep both until 8:10pm.

APOLOGIES: Councillors C Adams, J Nicholson, T Prowse and G Silk.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC S. Davidson.

Wmpc 1402 **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 1403 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 3rd January 2017 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1404 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public. It was requested from a member of the public the dates of the meetings should be put in the Parish News.

Wmpc 1405 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR R HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep advised that Devolution is still ongoing and the Solent City deal failed at Westminster.

HCC is proposing a small increase in school meals to £2.15 and an increase in Council Tax of 1.99%. There can be a maximum rise of 6% over the next three years.

HCC are requesting that unaccompanied asylum seekers be housed if anyone has a spare room.

Wmpc 1406 **CITY COUNCILLOR L RUFFELL**

Cllr L Ruffell gave an update on two enforcement issues in West Meon at Station Road and Ideal Van, Warnford Road, advising that these matters are being investigated. Cllr Huxstep declared an interest in the Touchet Trust.

Cllr L Ruffell confirmed that the Lengthsman scheme will continue.

Winchester City Council (WCC) are proposing an increase in Band D Council Tax by £4.39 in 2017/18 and are awaiting voting at the Cabinet and Full Council meetings.

WCC had prosecuted and fined more people for fly tipping, resulting in fines of £1,500 and £2,900.

There had been no breach in Air Quality following WCC's recent consultation.

Cllr Brannon advised that there had been an increase in vandalism and problems by the Meon Valley Trail and Cllr Waller he had approached HCC regarding the use of land cameras.

Cllr Waller asked whether Cllr Huxstep had any grants available as the Sports Club roof was in need of repair and Cllr Huxstep advised they need to apply before the end of February.

Wmpc 1407 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's Report was received advising that the auditor had approved the $\frac{3}{4}$ year audit and bank reconciliation and the budget was circulated.

It was **agreed** that the Unity Bank signatories be updated to include Cllr Trenchard.

The Clerk gave an update on SDNP enforcement cases.

The Clerk circulated the grants requests received from CAB Winchester and Homestart. A list of HALC Training events for March and their annual conference details were circulated to Councillors

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1408 **PLANNING**

Wmpc 1408 (a) It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would raise **objections** to Thomas Lord, High Street, West Meon /SDNP/17/00218/FUL on the grounds that;

1. This application represents a further overdevelopment and intensification of use of the site. It is for 3 single units and 2 family units (to accommodate up to 14 people as opposed to 10 previously) and has no additional on-site car parking. The Parish Council previously objected to SDNP/16/01692/FUL and the same grounds of objection apply to the current application in that there is no dedicated parking for the site and parking will need to be provided for at least 5/6 cars. There is only parking for 17 cars in the existing pub car park. The proposal will displace vehicles from the pub car park into the High Street, which is an already overcrowded area where on street parking is a serious issue. As the proposed site area has increased would it be possible to incorporate on site car parking/cycle provision into the scheme rather than providing a further additional family unit?

2. With reference to plan 253-02-02-B (Proposed Block Plan) there is no provision made for sustainable forms of transport such as cycle stores/racks.

3. The Parish Council note that additional planting or screening is proposed/retained for the north western section of the site but not to the north eastern portion, where a proposed single unit will be clearly visible/heard from the rear elevations and gardens of houses on Doctors Lane which are located within a Conservation Area. Further drawings showing street scene elevations should be provided from all orientations to assess the impact of the development on the adjoining residential properties and views within the Conservation Area.

Wmpc 1408 (b) It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would raise **no objections** to SDNP/16/06180 /TCA White Horse Cottage, High Street, West Men. GU321LJ. T1 Yew tree - reduce crown height by 2 m leaving an overall height of 8m, reduce crown radius by 3m leaving a radius of 6m. Crown lift above shed and fence to give a clearance of 0.5m.

Wmpc 1408(c) Cllr Brannon advised that he will be arranging a further meeting for the Village Design Statement group in March and he has enquired about the release of the previous documents from the printers and there is a fee of £20.

Wmpc 1409 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.**

The auditor had approved $\frac{3}{4}$ year audit and the Parish Council received the bank reconciliation and $\frac{3}{4}$ year budget details.

Cllr Johnson raised the issue of a Parish Council Wish List for projects that require financing. It was **agreed** that the following projects should be put on the wish list: phone box needs refurbishing, VDS project, recreation ground trees, following the playground survey: improvements to the slide, small playground, outdoor table tennis, repair of seats, painting of railings.

It was **agreed** that a grant of **£250** should be awarded to each of the CAB and Homestart. Cllr Over declared an interest in CAB and did not vote.

It was **agreed** that a grant of **£2,000** should be awarded to West Meon and Warnford Sports (WM&W) Club. It was agreed that if any grant is left available in this year's budget a further award would be made to the WM&W Sports Club.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Brannon would be a representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Wmpc 1410 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

It was noted there had been no flooding at the Red Lion since the drains were cleared and that highways need to re-do the footpath near West Meon House.

Wmpc 1411 **COMMUNITY AND RECREATION**

Cllr Waller advised he had received the tree survey for the recreation area.

Cllr Waller highlighted the problem that some households are outgrowing their council owned property in West Meon and a house exchange should be considered and he will raise this issue with Cllr Thacker.

Wmpc 1412 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

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

Ch 300332 Will Normandale Handrail	£1510.00
Ch 300333 Abor-venture tree care survey	£427.38
Ch 300334 Fair Account Audit	£135.00
Ch 300335 Salary Clerk	
Ch 300336 Expenses Clerk	£55.15
Ch 300337 M Edwards	£3,518.22
Ch 300338 D Westwood	£236.00
Ch 300339 WM&W Sports Club grant	£2,000.00

Ch 300340 Homestart

£250.00

Ch 300341 Citizens Advice

£250.00

Wmpc 1413 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING**

Village Design Statement, Website, Railings, Meon Valley Trail, Listening Post, Annual Parish Meeting and speaker.

Wmpc 1414 **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9:05 pm

Chairman