



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON AND WARNFORD SPORTS PAVILION.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr C Waller (Chair), Cllr R Morrish (Vice Chair), Cllrs A Bassil, U Casebourne, J Nicholson and T Over.

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

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep. PCSO Owen.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs C Adams, C Johnson, City Cllr N Bodtger.

Wmpc 1257 **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 1258 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish meeting on 21st December 2015 were approved subject to the amendment of WMPC 1251 paragraph 4 to read:

'Following a meeting with Mr Chris Patterson of SDNP, Cllr Johnson and Cllr Morrish, Cllr Johnson advised that WMPC should consider updating the Village Design Statement to incorporate a Landscape Assessment. Cllr Johnson circulated the HCC document on Maintaining and Assessing Local Distinctiveness for Councillors to read, advising in the region of £5,000 needs to be allocated for this project.'

Wmpc 1259 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair opened the meeting to the public and PCSO Owen reported on Crime in the Meon Valley area and advised the Parish Council to report any crime incidents in the first instance to the number 101 and if not urgent to use the website. The Chairman advised that the village hall refuse bin had been stolen and was going to be replaced.

Wmpc 1260 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep gave an update on devolution advising that HCC had not received a response from the Government which is due later this month. HCC budget rate support grant has reduced considerably and HCC will need to use its' reserves to finance the gap. There is an expected rise in Council Tax of about 4%.

Cllr Huxstep gave a report on the local boundary commission and the library consultation advising of proposed cuts in mobile libraries but Petersfield library is not affected.

Cllr Waller asked whether Cllr Huxstep has any grants available and he advised that there are some grants available if community groups would like to apply by completing the forms on the Hampshire CC website.

Wmpc 1261 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was received and it was **agreed** the Annual Parish meeting date would be Tuesday 19th April and that the Police would be able to attend.

The HALC new Learning and Development Officer is to start. Dates offered for 2 x evening events the earliest offer is:-

The Knowledge & Core Skills - 6th April, 27th April.

The Knowledge & Core Skills - 27th April, 11th May.

It was **agreed** to carry out the training and that the later dates were acceptable.

The Clerk advised the decision required on Precept is due and the Council tax support Grant allowance for West Meon is £2,148.41.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1262 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

It was **agreed** that meetings would be the second Monday of the month, 8th February and 7th March 2016 and the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th April 2016.

Following a Finance meeting with Cllr Johnson, Cllr Nicholson presented the budget for 2016/17 and precept requirements. It was agreed not to increase the precept, and that £30,000 should be applied for, minus the Council Tax Support Grant allowance for West Meon which is £2,148.41, resulting in £27,851.59.

It was agreed that Cllr Nicholson would provide a template for annual budgets and the Clerk would continue to provide budget updates following the audit visits.

It was **agreed** that the Village Hall refuse bin be replaced at a cost of £63.00.

Wmpc 1263 **PLANNING**

1.SDNP/15/06343/FUL Garretts Farm, Vinnells Lane, West Meon GU321LZ. Conversion of existing agricultural building into two units of holiday accommodation. It was **agreed** that **no objections** would be raised.

Cllr Morrish advised that the Village Design Statement should be aligned with the Conservation Management Plan and landscape evaluation and that she would invite Chris Patterson from SDNP to the next meeting to advise further.

Wmpc 1264 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Morrish's highways report was received advising she is chasing up the results of a speed survey on East Meon Road and progress on the A32 crossing point

Wmpc 1265 **COMMUNITY AND RECREATION**

Cllr Waller gave an update on the de-fibrillator and that awareness training is being arranged, so that anybody is able to use the equipment in an emergency.

A business directory was discussed for West Meon and it was agreed that this would be an item for the Annual Parish meeting. Cllr Bassil agreed to draft ideas which would incorporate the Village Shop Management Committee.

Wmpc 1266 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

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

Ch 300268 Wicksteed Playground repairs	£1,783.20
Ch 300269 WM Sports Club room hire	£64.00
Ch 300270 Clerks Salary-January	
Ch 30027 Clerk's Expenses	£70.80

Wmpc 1267 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT MEETING**

Landscape Assessment, Xmas lights, grants, A32 crossing.

Wmpc 1268 **RESIGNATION**

Cllr Waller advised that Cllr Casebourne had tendered his resignation following this meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Casebourne for his service to the community both as a Councillor and as a former Chairman to the Parish Council and with regret accepted his resignation.

Wmpc 1269 **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8th February 2016 and Monday 7th March 2016 at 7:00pm.

Meeting finished at 9.40pm

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Chairman