

Minutes of the Itchen Valley Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February 2003 at Martyr Worthy Village Hall

PRESENT: Alison Matthews (Chairman), Cynthia Bolton, Jennifer Ffennell, Steve Gapper, Eric Thompson, Paul Twelftree, Martin Woodcock.

02.1 APOLOGIES: Elaine Labram, Fiona Parry, Adrian Sindall.

02.2 MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd January 2003 were approved and signed.

02.3 MATTERS ARISING ACTION

a) Couch Green

Neil Baxter and FP have met Patrick Aust to discuss state of sewage at Couch Green and Itchen Abbas.

Robert Stent has requested that we accept his suggestion JAE

that we pay for mowing by the hour. He thinks this could work out cheaper. It was agreed to trial this for a year. Work needs to be carried out on the goal mouth areas. This would cost between £400 and £500. JAE to enquire if the Open Space funding could cover this. JAE

b) Old School Field

Nothing to report

c) Footpaths

The gate on the footpath behind Shelley Close is completed.

JF queried ownership of kissing gates in Texas Field. AM and MW pointed out that the gates would have formed part of the property on sale.

d) Easton Traffic Calming

36 residents attended the meeting on 3rd February. 2 alternative

schemes put forward by W S Atkins were displayed. A vote was taken and the most favoured option was traffic calming measures including changing the priority at the Cricketers junction. Neil Baxter to push for action as many meetings had been held and it was time to do something.

e) Easton Village Hall/ Cricket Pavilion

PT had attended a village hall committee. Alternative sites for a new hall were discussed.

f) South Downs National Park-Government Consultation

AM to respond voicing similar points as in her previous letters.

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g) Address Management

Nothing to report

h) Low Cost Housing

AM updated the council on progress. The planning application presented at the development control committee meeting on 30th January had been approved. The design of some houses will be slightly altered.

i) Flooding

In reply to a letter from IVPC the Environment Agency had written stating that the re-opening of the watercourse alongside the footpath behind Paidon is on the operations work programme, and will be done in due course.

JF to contact Patrick Aust to see if he can do something to speed work.

JF

j) Parish Council Web Site

SG reported that the Web Site is almost up and running. He will bring a laptop to the next meeting to demonstrate the site and if agreed it can then go “live”.

SG

k) Parish Project

WCC are considering withdrawing the grant for the year 2003/2004. JAE has written to Neil Baxter asking him to push for the grants to continue.

Parish Project No. 25-the gate behind Shelley Close was signed off by AM.

l) Freedom of Information Act 2002

We have received a letter from the Information Commissioner accepting our scheme. Notices have been put in the magazines.

02.4 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS and QUESTIONS

JF reported from her meeting of WDAPC. She said that Parish

Councils are to be circulated for views on the road signs bearing WCC.

JF stated that there was a case in the North of England where a

Planning Inspector had not accepted recommendations from the VDS.

As a result the value of a VDS is under consideration.

JF said the Martyr Worthy notice board had been vandalised. It has been temporarily repaired and is likely to be re-sited near the village hall.

She is to inquire the cost of re-siting.

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MW stated that the wheely bin is again missing from the bus shelter
opposite the end of Rectory Lane. JAE to request a replacement.

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PT is dissatisfied with the reply about resurfacing the A31. He is to
talk to Susan Glasspool.

PT

PT asked if IVPC could write a letter supporting Mr Cotton in Fair Lane,
who has had his planning application refused. Mr Cotton is to contact AM..

ET is concerned about a hedge protruding into the road on the bend
near The Chestnut Horse. AM to speak with the owner.

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SG said the bins have been emptied. Old Station Road has not been
properly cleared by the Contractors. AM to contact and mention the
surfacing of KGV car park and to comment on a smell of gas in the area.

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CB mentioned the First Responder Defibrillator scheme. She will write
an article for the magazines ascertaining if there is any interest in the valley.

CB

02.5 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Itchen Abbas and Avington Village News wish to do profiles of candidates.

The meeting felt this was not appropriate. AM will write an article for the
magazines encouraging more people to stand for the council.

02.6 FINANCE

Cheques signed prior to the meeting:

101213 Charlie Yeates (Footpath Maintenance Nov./Dec.	£27.00
101214 Mr Gray (Hedge Cutting KGV and Old School Field)	£148.05

Cheques agreed and signed:

101215 Geoff Wheeler (Parish Project Gate)	£392.00
101216 WDAPC (Annual Levy)	£10.00
101217 Joyce Edgell (Jan. Salary & Expenses)	£188.84
101218 Easton Village Hall (Hire-Traffic Calming Meeting)	£9.00

02.7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

W 15523/01TPOCA Martyr Worthy Parish Hall. Fell one Ash tree.-Already permitted.

W 08935/05 Mr and Mrs Winstone, Walnut Cottage, Avington Park Lane, Easton.
Conservatory to rear. No Comment

WTC/66/02 Orange PCS Ltd. Hampage Wood, Alresford Road, Ovington. Installation of a
ground based electrical equipment cabin enclosure. No Comment

W 03412/16 Mr and Mrs Clark, 1, Railway Cottages, Old Station Road, Itchen Abbas. Two
Storey Side Extension. No Comment

W 18172 Mr Sly, Phoenix Cottage, Station Hill, Itchen Abbas. Single Storey Side Extension
and Conservatory. No Comment

W 08799/09 Mr and Mrs Skinner, Shroner Barn, Shroner Hill Farm, Martyr Worthy. Single
Storey Side Extension. No Comment

02.8 PLANNING DECISIONS

As noted in the agenda.

W 17550/02 Mr and Mrs Kent, 1 and 2 Graces Farm Cottages,
Martyr Worthy. Two Storey Rear Extension to no.1, First Floor
Side Extension and Single Storey Rear Extension to no. 2.

APPLICATION REFUSED AM to write asking why this application was refused as planning permission for demolition was granted.

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02.9 PLANNING MATTERS

Oil Exploration Borehole-Permission Granted by HCC. AM has been approached by the media for her views.

Park and Ride Scheme. IVPC approves of the Magdalen Hill Down site.

AM to write asking that the lease be increased from 25 years to 75 years.

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A proposal by David Humphrey for a development outside the village envelope behind Little Hayes Lane towards Rectory Lane was considered.

After discussion, a vote was taken to see if IVPC would support this proposal. No-one was in favour. 5 were against and there were 2 abstentions.

Mr Jellett, The Worthys, has appealed against the refusal of planning permission. IVPC will support the refusal by WCC for use as a hotel.

A copy of a letter from Mrs Faber, a resident in Chilland, to the Chief

Planning Officer was read. She has complained about advice received from the tree officer.

02.10 CORRESPONDENCE

The rest of the Lime Trees in Station Approach, Itchen Abbas are to be felled in March.

WCC's Museums Service have asked if there is a site which could be excavated. JAE to write suggesting the Roman Villa.

JAE

WCC-Tourism's "Open Gardens" Theme-Passed to Helen Allan

02.11 DATE of NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6th March 2003 at 7 pm in Easton Village Hall

