Meeting held on Thursday April 6th 2006 in Easton Village Hall.

PRESENT: Alison Matthews (Chairman), Bob Banham, Cynthia Bolton, Jennifer Ffennell, Steve Gapper, Elaine Labram, Geraldine Phillips, Eric Thompson, Joyce Edgell (Clerk).

Jackie Porter (County Councillor) was also present.

04.1 APOLOGIES: Fiona Parry

04.2 MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on March 2nd 2006 were approved and signed.

04.3 MATTERS ARISING ACTION

a) Couch Green

The play area reports have been received. All of the apparatus complied with ROSPA standard. Sara Mason supplied a breakdown of the ages of the children who would use the equipment at Couch Green. It was again decided to wait until the Low Cost housing was occupied before ordering new equipment. The Open Space Fund will not pay for the rail and post to be mended. IVPC agreed to finance the repair.

Football nets have been acquired for the Old Schoolfield. It was agreed to order the new swings for Old Schoolfield. JAE

A request has been made for a slide to be added to the existing equipment. The climbing frame must not cater for mixed age groups. JAE

b) Low Cost Housing

Hyde Housing are still waiting for the electricity diversion work to start. The path down the embankment has been agreed. IVPC has been asked for ideas for an opening ceremony for the housing and the path in July/August.

c) Pinder Centre Signs

Estimates have been received for replacing the Physiotherapy Centre signs. WCC will not finance the new "Pinder Centre" signs. AM will write to the chairman of the Pinder Centre governing body voicing the concerns of the Parish Council and the villagers. AM

d) Footpaths

New powers have been given to Parish Councils under the Clean neighbourhoods bill. This is applicable to Dog Fouling. CB to put an article in the magazines informing dog owners. CB

The footpaths from Chilland to Cow Down and Grey's Lea to Itchen Abbas Church are about to be surfaced.

e) Traffic Calming

The traffic calming in Easton has been started. Red patches have been put in Itchen Abbas. Jo Cleary's consultancy will look at the B3047 on 24/25th April to see if her consultancy can make a useful contribution.

f) Annual Parish Meeting

The chairman's report and the order of the agenda were discussed, and agreed.

g) Parish Councillor Vacancy

Two good candidates had applied to fill the post. After a secret ballot John Harris was co-opted on to the Parish Council. JAE to inform both applicants. JAE

h) Hampshire Constabulary Meeting

AM and JP attended the meeting in March. JP will represent IVPC at the next meeting in June.

04.4 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS and QUESTIONS

CB commented about the state of the pavement from the Trout to Little Hayes. SG will talk to the landlord. SG

GP queried the car parking at "Pheasants". She will ring the planning office. GP

SG stated that his "Litter Pick" had been a success and that it is likely to become an annual event. He had received comments on signs and it was agreed to inform Neil Broadbent about the loose "Give Way" sign at Northington Lane. JAE

EL asked whose responsibility it was to clear gullies. She was informed it is the land owners' responsibility.

BB asked if another insurance quote had been received. JAE had rung AON who informed her that they only deal with IVPC's present insurers.

JF asked if the speed through Martyr Worthy would be considered in the survey. She was assured it would be.

JP presented her report, commenting on the £11 million pound deficit in adult care. JP circulated a letter from County Councillor Tim Knight on B3047 speed management.

AM attended a meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership. She will be leaving the committee shortly having completed 3 years as WDAPC representative.

The SDNP inspector's report should not be delayed much longer as the legal problems re the definition of natural beauty have been resolved by new legislation.

The Head of Policy will be speaking at the WADPC meeting on 19.04.2006.

04.5 FINANCE

The KGV accounts were circulated.

The following cheques were approved and signed:

101449 Park Golf Club £41.13

101450 Joyce Edgell (Salary & Expenses March) £254.43

101451 Alison Matthews (Expenses) £4.71

101452 WCC Play Area Inspections £119.85

101453 HCC Street Lighting £194.66

04.6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

W08917/12TPOCA Mr Barker, The Green, Avington Park Lane, Easton. 1 Apple tree remove rotting wood by up to 3m, crown thin and reduce by 15%. Information only.

W17514/01 Mr and Mrs Prince, Fishing Cottage, Main Road, Itchen Abbas. Conversion of existing garage to residential; single storey front extension; new single attached garage. NO COMMENT JAE

W08154/20TPOCA Mr and Mrs Wolfe, Manor Farm House, Easton Lane, Easton. Fell 1 evergreen tree; fell 1 Cherry tree; reduce size of 1 Laurel bush. Information only.

W02013/08A Whitbread Restaurants PLC, The Percy Hobbs, Alresford Road. 1 free-standing externally illuminated advertising sign. OBJECT JAE

W13900/03 Mr Hart and Miss Wilson, Ivy Cottage, Avington Park Lane, Easton. Single storey rear extension, single storey extension to outbuilding, alteration to double garage to convert to single garage with pitched roof. OBJECT EL

04 7 PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted as listed in the agenda

04.8 PLANNING MATTERS

AM attended the Homelands hearing. The licence was granted. IVPC will not appeal.

The Motocross application goes before the Planning Committee on 20.04.2006. AM will ask Philip Windsor-Aubrey to speak for the Parish Council.

GP will attend the Parish Council Training on planning.

Old House - Nothing to report, no new application yet.

A letter has been received from the owner of the Police House asking for support in agreeing to the Extinguishment of Highway Rights. IVPC is not in favour of this.

The Statement of Community Involvement re the new planning system has been received for comments by 27th April. AM

A meeting has been arranged with Fiona Tebbutt and Steve Opacic re the value of Village Design Statements. (7th April).

On 20.04.2006 the planning committee will discuss whether Morn Hill has fulfilled its S106 agreement by substantially starting the building. Phillip Windsor-Aubrey will represent IVPC.

04.9 CORRESPONDENCE

DEFRA-Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 CB to acquire the guide.

Environment Agency-Test and Itchen Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy – Final Document-GP

04.10 DATE of NEXT MEETING

Thursday May 4th 2006 at 7pm in Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm