

Minutes February 2009

Minutes of the Itchen Valley Parish Council meeting, held on Thursday 5th February 2009 at 7pm in Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall.

PRESENT: Steve Gapper (Chairman), Bob Banham, Penny Flemons, John Harris, Shirley Howell, Bill Loader, Paul Moffatt, Sarah Robinson, Eric Thompson. Jackie Porter (County Councillor), Neil Baxter (City Councillor), Joyce Edgell (Clerk). One member of the public.

The chairman introduced Steve Lincoln of WCC who described the advantages of having a Parish Plan. WCC encourages all Parishes to develop a Parish Plan. This is a complementary document to the Village Design Statement. The Parish Plan lays out a shared vision for the community over the next 10+ years and contains a detailed action plan for achieving this vision. It should be comprehensive and consider all aspects of local life including social, economic and environmental issues of concern to the community. Representatives from each village should be on the steering committee in addition to several Parish Councillors.

SG introduced Steve Opacic, Chief Forward Planning Officer for HCC, to talk about the implications of the B3047 footway. SO explained that a footway will make little or no difference to any planning decisions under the current infilling policy (H4). However, he did add that H4 is seen as too restrictive and is due to be replaced in the next 12 to 24 months.

02.1 APOLOGY: Elaine Labram

02.2 MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on January 8th were approved and signed.

02.3 REPORTS from COUNTY COUNCILLOR and CITY COUNCILLOR

JP informed the meeting that the bulbs in the high lights at Shepherds Field have been changed. The bollard lights are still to be changed.

NB stated that the planning application for Lower Chilland House will come before the Development Control Committee on 17.02.09. He said it is important that IVPC is represented. IVPC will have a representative present.

WCC has not yet managed to purchase the land for the Couch Green sewage treatment works.

02.4 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION

a) Play Equipment

An estimate for £456 for the safety surface under the aero whirl at Couch Green has been received. IVPC accepts this estimate. JAE to write. JAE

The meeting agreed to accept the quotation which David Compton has obtained for the three play area inspections. This is for £114.50. It was agreed not to have a meeting with the inspector, but to ask for a written report. JAE

The suggestion that a resident be trained to do the monthly inspections is to be investigated.

b) Footpaths

There has been no progress with the footpath down from Shepherds Field to the old railway line. SG to contact Neil Broadbent. SG

SR has ascertained from Peter Watson that it is the landowner's responsibility to cut the hedges at Strawberry Lane. SR will contact Itchen Stoke Estates. SR

c) Trout Farm Trees

Neil Broadbent to be asked for a progress report.

JAE

d) Footway B3047

See above

e) Lit Signs

Nothing to report

f) Vacancy for Parish Clerk

No applicants to date.

g) Electricity-Couch Green

A large bill is expected for the electricity at Couch Green. The electricity board's records showed erroneously that the Portakabin was not being used. A meter reading has now been taken.

02.5 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS and QUESTIONS

JH contacted HCC and Stagecoach about the removal of the extra bus stop sign near Mill Lane. It was decided that as the cost of removing the sign is high, it will be left in situ.

PF reported that the slope on the footpath from the golf club to Avington has been lessened. HCC will seed it when weather permits.

SG will not be present for the March meeting. JH will also be away. PF agreed to chair the meeting.

02.6 FINANCE

Letters have been received from Martyr Worthy Parish Hall, Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall and Avington PCC. Their grants have been sent.

As no response has been received to our letters in December the following cheques have been cancelled:

101641 Easton PCC	£300.00
101642 Itchen Abbas PCC	£300.00
101643 Marytr Worthy PCC	£300.00

The following cheques were approved and signed:

101654 Martyr Worthy Parish Hall (Hire Jan.)	£12.00
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101655 IA and Avington Village Hall (Hire Feb.)	£7.00
101656 Serco Limited	£203.85
101657 Joyce Edgell (Sal. & Exp. Jan)	£303.79

02.7 PLANNING

Applications:

W04452/11 Box-it, Winnall Down Farm, Fair Lane, Winchester. Extension and re-cladding of existing buildings; upgrading of access track on to Alresford Road and associated landscaping (RESUBMISSION)

W17252/02TPOCA Mrs Tovell, Lower Chilland Cottage, Lower Chilland Lane, Martyr Worthy. 1 Beech tree-crown reduce by 15% to leave intended height of 60ft and intended spread of 45ft. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

W17252/03TPOCA Mrs Tovell, Lower Chilland Cottage, Lower Chilland Lane, Martyr Worthy. Crown reduce 1 beech tree by 15%

WTPO/0031/19 Mr West, Avington Trout Fishery, Lovington Lane, Avington. Fell a group of 4 Fraxinus. Fell 1 Fraxinus. Fell 1 Acer Pseudoplatanus. SUPPORT

W05515/04 Mrs Krone, The Old Rectory, Avington. Replace garden wall. SUPPORT

Decisions:

W09485/16TPOCA Mrs Janssen, Dymoke House, Church Lane, Easton. Fell 1 Sycamore tree. NO OBJECTION BE RAISED

W04895/08TPOCA Mr Peak, Larchwood, Avington Park Lane, Easton. 1 Picea Abies tree-reduce height by 4.6m. 1 Taxus Baccata tree-crown reduce by 15%. NO OBJECTION BE RAISED

W21314/01TPOCA Mr Frankland, Tumbledown, Church Lane, Martyr Worthy. Fell 1 Cherry tree and replace with similar; Fell 1 Willow tree. NO OBJECTION BE RAISED

W21314/02TPOCA Mr Frankland, Tumbledown, Church Lane, Martyr Worthy. Fell 1 Conifer. NO OBJECTION BE RAISED

W21314/03TPOCA Mr Frankland, Tumbledown, Martyr Worthy. Pollard and reduce canopy of 1 Willow tree by 50%; Fell 2 Apple trees. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

W09874/08 Mr Gaster, Candleford Green, 3, Shelley Close, Itchen Abbas. Construction of swimming pool in garden and erection of 1.8m high wall (RESUBMISSION). APPLICATION PERMITTED

W02962/13 Mrs Freemantle, Vekk House, Avington Park Lane, Easton. Two storey rear extension.
APPLICATION PERMITTED

W20376/03 Mr Leeming, Lone Farm, Northington Road, Itchen Abbas. Conversion of timber framed redundant barns to a live-work unit including landscaping and associated works; demolition of modern redundant concrete and steel agricultural buildings (amendment to 06/03183/FUL)
APPLICATION PERMITTED.

Planning Matters:

Chillandham Cross The Development Control Committee rejected the application.

Box-it is appealing to the Planning Inspectorate against WCC's refusal of their planning application.
JAE to write to the Planning Inspectorate in support of the appeal.
JAE

There will a presentation in Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall on 13.02.09 at 7pm re the Gospel Hall at The Lunways.

02.8. CORRESPONDENCE

1. "Inroads" - Highways News from HCC and Amey.
2. HCC - Community Transport News.
3. Hampshire Constabulary - Letter of introduction to new Chief Inspector, Rachel Farrell.

02.9 DATE of NEXT MEETING

Thursday March 5th at 7pm in Easton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.