

Minutes March 2009

Minutes of the Itchen Valley Parish Council meeting, held on Thursday 5th March 2009 at 7pm in Easton Village Hall.

PRESENT: Penny Flemons (Acting Chairman), Bob Banham, Shirley Howell, Elaine Labram, Bill Loader, Paul Moffatt, Sarah Robinson. Jackie Porter (County Councillor), Neil Baxter (City Councillor), Joyce Edgell (Clerk). Ron Darley (Locum Clerk). PC Stephen Dicker.

03.1 APOLOGIES: Steve Gapper, John Harris, Eric Thompson.

03.2. MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on February 5th were agreed and signed.

PC Dicker commented that he will be retiring in May. He reported on crime in the area. Travellers are the main concern. The travellers are on land at Fulling Mill which is privately owned. The landowner has been approached.

Several handbags have been stolen from parked cars. Chain link fencing has been stolen from Avington Park.

He was asked what can be done about cars parking on grass verges. Unless the footways are blocked, cars are not parking illegally. It was commented that cars are still speeding along the B3047.

PC Dicker responded that it is an enforcement site for checking.

The police surgeries are not well attended.

03.3 REPORTS from COUNTY COUNCILLOR and CITY COUNCILLOR

NB stated that there may be progress on purchasing the land for the Couch Green sewage treatment works.

The council tax is set at 2.75% for WCC.

WCC has given £60,000 for the new car park in Alresford.

NB will check who is allowed to the site visit at Lower Chilland House.

He will find out why the street light in Baring Close has not been mended. It was first reported in November.

PM queried the amount of Lit Signs at the Holiday Inn. JP will speak to Chilcomb Parish Meeting.

JP reported that County Council tax has been increased by 1.9%.

www.fixmystreet.com is the e-mail for potholes. This gets a quick response.

A small grant has been made towards the lighting at Shepherds Close. The Upper Itchen Valley Society has expressed an interest in paying also. HCC will carry out the work.

Several car tyres have been punctured by the edging at the Trout Farm.

HCC has granted £1,000 to Easton Village Hall Committee.

Ron Darley (Locum Clerk) gave the background to his experience. He has been clerk to Tadley Town Council and is currently clerk to several parishes in the Basingstoke area. He said it will be a learning curve as far as Winchester is concerned. He will see how things go. It was suggested that JH receives the planning applications and that the posters are put up by the councillor living nearest to each of the 5 notice boards.

03.4 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION

a) PlayAreas

Money has been received from the Open Space Fund for the Safety Surface at Couch Green and football nets for Couch Green and Old School Field.

It was agreed to accept Nick Adams estimate for the play area inspections. These will take place in May.

No money has been received from Winchester City Football Club for use of Couch Green. This facility will be withdrawn.

JAE

b) Footpaths

Zigzag path - possible start end of March. SR has contacted the landowner at Strawberry Lane re hedge cutting. The landowner has refused to cut the hedge. SR will contact Peter Watson again.
SR

c) Footway B3047

Nothing to report

d) Lit Signs

Alresford will do the administration and bill IVPC.

e) Vacancy for Parish Clerk

See above

f) Parish Plan

Nothing to report

03.5 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS and QUESTIONS

ET asked BL to comment on the 2 metal spikes left at the Percy Hobbs.

EL would like to check what one is allowed to do in one's own garden in a conservation area. She will contact the conservation department at WCC. EL

03.6 FINANCE

Letters have been received from the secretaries of Easton PCC and Martyr Worthy PCC re the withdrawal of the grants. The meeting agreed not to reissue the grants for this financial year.

JAE

The Open Space Fund can be used for Easton Cricket Club. A grant of £10,000 will be given towards the showers and changing facilities.

JAE

The following cheques were signed before the meeting:

101658 Southern Electric (KGV)	£879.37
101659 Abbey Business Banking	£1,000.00

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101661 White & Etherington Ltd.(Old School Field)	£1,780.18
101662 Playdale Playgrounds Ltd. (KGV)	£1,124.70

The following cheques were approved and signed:

101663 Southern Electric (KGV)	£95.92
101664 HALC (Affiliation Fee)	£291.00
101665 Serco (Play Area Inspections)	£23.00
101666 Joyce Edgell (Salary & Expenses February)	£277.12

03.7 PLANNING

Applications:

WLDC/472 Mr Herridge, Land Opposite Farm Buildings, Northington Road, Itchen Abbas. Siting of residential mobile home and change of use of land to contractors yard. NO COMMENT

W09225/06 Mr Barot, 2, Hillside Cottages, Station Hill, Itchen Abbas. Internal alterations to remove pillar.

WTPO/0218/07 Mr White, Princes Mead School, Worthy Park House. Fell 1 Beech tree.

Decisions:

W17252/03TPOCA Mrs Tovell, Lower Chilland Cottage, Lower Chilland Lane, Martyr Worthy. Crown reduce 1 Beech by 15%. NO OBJECTION BE RAISED

WTPO/0031/19 Mr West, Avington Trout Fishery, Lovington Lane, Avington. Fell a group of 4 Fraxinus.fell 1 Fraxinus. Fell 1 Acer Pserdoplatanus. APPLICATION PERMITTED

PLANNING MATTERS

Lower Chilland House-Site Visit

BL will speak at the planning committee meeting.

03.8 CORRESPONDENCE

Local Council Review - PF

Standards Board-February Issue - BL

WCC Cultural Services Community History Partnership - 24.03.09 - PM

03.9. DATE of NEXT MEETING

Thursday April 2nd at 7pm in Martyr Worthy Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm