

Minutes July 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2009 at 7pm in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.

PRESENT: Steve Gapper (Chairman) (SG), Bob Banham (BB), Penny Flemons (PF), John Harris (JH), Shirley Howell (SH), Elaine Labram (EL), Paul Moffatt (PM), Bill Loader (BL), Jackie Porter (County Councillor) (JP), Neil Baxter (City Councillor) (NB), Ron Darley (Parish Clerk) (RD). & 1 member of the public.

ACTION

07.1 APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllrs Eric Thompson & Sarah Robinson.

07.2. MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June were agreed and signed.

07.3 REPORTS from COUNTY COUNCILLOR and CITY COUNCILLOR

JP undertook to attend as many IVPC meetings as possible, following her re-election. She drew attention to deadlines for reply on consultations (i) on the LDF and (ii) on gypsy housing. JH will respond on (i) and EL on (ii). Other issues covered by JH were (iii) the lack of alternative housing for existing residents when they become elderly (market housing not affordable or of wrong type), (iv) transport links, (v) the provision of Children's Centres at Alresford and Kingsworthy, (vi) alternative sources of funding other than S106, where there is little development in the area, (vii) the South Downs National Park (SNP) (NB confirmed that he will be attending the 1st meeting of the SNP Committee on 17th July), (viii) problems of funding v costings for the A3047 footway (ix) travellers squatting at Chilcomb Lane, (x) a Hampshire Constabulary Country Watch meeting was to be held on 8 July (Clerk will sign up to CW and attend the meeting).

It was agreed to invite the police (Wayne Curzon and/or John Stribley) to an IVPC meeting. JP also reported that the Dept of Transport had been asked for comments on speed issues in villages, and the possibility of 20mph in some small villages. On the question of Lit Signs, it was agreed that SG would liaise with Alresford & Old Alresford regarding allocation of the equipment on a rota basis. Councillors were asked to provide the Clerk with an indication of where the equipment should be used.

NB expressed concern that no objections had been raised to an application relating to the motocross track at Matterley Bowl, since there was an indication that the applicants plan to hold future international events there. It was agreed that JH would contact the relevant planning officer (Mr Robert Heathcott) to discuss the matter further in the light of this additional information.

NB referred to road safety material issued under the auspices of the Village 30 scheme, copies of which were handed to the Clerk, who will follow this up.

JH

EL

SG & Clerk JH Clerk

It was then agreed to bring forward discussion of Agenda Item 07.08. 3 relating to the Local Development Framework (LDF). JH reported that settlements had been designated as Level 1 to 4 in terms of the levels of future housing allocation targets. (Levels 1 & 2: 300-400 houses; Level 3: more infilling, redevelopment & significant social housing; Level 4: smaller, sometimes remote settlements; where people have a local connection with a particular settlement, there is to be a “fast-track” scheme. JH recommended that the parish council should object to the inclusion of Itchen Abbas in these allocations, particularly in view of the planning implications of its being in the new South Downs National Park. The proposed density of 30 dwellings per hectare (approx 12:1 acre) would be damaging to the character of the village. It was also felt that there should be prior consultation with parishes regarding S106 agreements, prior to there being determined by the planning authority. A negotiated settlement was felt to be preferable to a set tariff.

JH

07.4 MATTERS ARISING

a) Footpaths

Zigzag: work is planned to commence on 13 July.

Strawberry Lane: agreement reached, but cutting cannot take place until the bird-nesting season is over.

b) Footway B3047: covered under County Councillor’s Report.

c) Lit Signs: covered under County Councillor’s Report.

d) Parish Plan: it was agreed that this item be deleted at an earlier meeting. DELETE.

e) Couch Green

(i) Replacement of pedestrian gate. Work ordered.

(ii) Payment of outstanding debt by WCFC. Further pressure is to be brought on WCFC.

[The Clerk will ensure that details of the Couch Green pitch are included in HCC publicity with a view to its future leasing].

f) Prannell Trust (The Prannell Educational Foundation): this trust is still operational. In the absence of a rector at present, this item is to be “parked” for 12 months.

g. Model Standing Orders: draft almost complete. To be circulated to members for comment along with financial regulations.

h. Travellers; covered under County Councillor’s Report.

ACTION

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07.5 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS and QUESTIONS

SH reported a dead tree at Couch Green by the pedestrian gate. Clerk and PM to investigate.

PM reported that the whole of the small bridge over a footpath at Martyr Worthy over the River Itchen “carrier” needs replacing. Clerk to contact HCC.

RD & PM

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07.6 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved and signed:

102020

R. Darley

Salary & Expenses April

£316.26

102021

HMRC

PAYE on Salary

£54.87

102022

Serco

Grounds Maint/Inspections

£292.70

102023

Aon Ltd

Insurance Premium Macpherson Easton School Field Trust

£244.01

102024

IA & A Village Hall

Hall Hire 2 July 2009

£7.00

102025

C.F. Yeates

Grounds Maintenance (Footpaths)

£120.00

07.7 PLANNING

(a) Applications:

W04895/10TPOCA: Mr Barry Peak: Larchwood Avington Park Lane Easton: 1 no. Yew tree to crown lift by 4 metres and cut back from building by 1.5 metres.

W08154/25LB: Mr Philip Wolfe: Manor Farm House Easton Lane Easton: Replacement of existing asbestos roof with slate, two dormer windows, six sky lights and conversion of double garage into gymnasium:

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W21473: Mr George Mann: 6 Malthouse Close Easton: Erection of garden shed and replacement fence to rear of property.

W15937/02TPOCA: Mrs L Brooker: The Cottage Avington Road Avington: 1 no. Christmas tree sectional removal to ground level

(b) Decisions:

W02474/02: Mr M Gray: Replacement agricultural building: Graces Farm Martyr Worthy Road Martyr Worthy: Application Permitted

W04895/10TPOCA: Mr Barry Peak: Larchwood Avington Park Lane Easton: 1 no. Yew tree to crown lift by 4 metres and cut back from building by 1.5 metres. No objection be raised.

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07.8 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted.

1. Winchester CAB: Notice of AGM: 14 July: 7:30-8:30pm & Review of the Year.
2. Macpherson Easton School Field Trust: request for payment of insurance renewal due on 17 July.
3. WCC: Link to Forward Plan – www.winchester.gov.uk/Documents/ForwardPlan/2009/09-07July.pdf.
4. CPRE: A guided Experience to Danebury Vineyard: Wed. 8 July £27.
5. HALC Weekly Updates
6. NALC Report of Meeting with HMRC et al re VAT and P11ds.
7. WCC: Parish Connect newsletter: June 2009.
8. Winchester District Strategic Partnership: Action on Climate Change
9. SLCC: E-mail Newsletter: Various training courses.

07.9. DATE of NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3 September at 7pm in Itchen Abbas and Avington Village or Martyr Worthy Hall [TBC].

EL and BB gave their apologies for the September meeting.

RD

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:32