

Minutes January 2011

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th January 2011 at 7pm in Easton Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Abbreviation:

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| Mr J. Harris (Chairman) | (JH) |
| Mr B. Banham | (BB) |
| Mrs E. Labram | (EL) |
| Mr E. Thompson | (ET) |
| Mr B. Loader | (BL) |
| Mrs S. Robinson | (SR) |
| Mrs S. Howell | (SH) |
| Mr. P Moffatt | (PM) |

Also present:

County Councillor J. Porter (JP)

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council. (EM)

11.001 Minutes of Previous Meeting: - Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th December 2010 at 7pm in Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall it was accepted that the minutes should be amended by adding the following paragraphs to the end of minute 10.035 c):

“A discussion took place amongst Councillors about whether or not the comments made by the Upper Itchen Valley Society, should have been included into the Parish Council’s Blue Print report.

It was agreed that the comments and decisions of the Upper Itchen Valley Society that had been included into the Blue Print report should be highlighted as their own views and not necessarily the views of the Parish Council.”

It was agreed that the signing of the minutes should be deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

11.002 Apologies: Apologies were received from Parish Councillors: Penny Flemons (PF), Steve Gapper and District Councillor Neil Baxter (NB)

11.003 Public Participation - Nothing

Action

11.004 Reports from County and City Councillor:

District Councillor Baxter did not attend and did not provide a written report.

County Councillor Porter attended and provided a written report see Appendix A

Questions:

Councillor Porter asked the Clerk to send the Itchen Valley grit bin requirement to Mr Mike Pillows – Hampshire County Council.

The Clerk was asked to send the grit bin requirement to all Councillors, so that it could be ratified, before sending it to Mike Pillows.

11.005 Matters Arising

(a) Footpaths:

Councillor Gapper has sent an email saying that he would like to re-commence work on Sunday 23 January 2011 starting with putting the hard-core onto the path (weather allowing). He said that he will order the materials and the equipment.

Councillor Gapper said in his Email that there are five tonnes of hard-core to be laid and asked for volunteers to help.

(b) Footway B3047 – nothing to report.

(c) Lit signs – Application for the lit signs are ready to be submitted to Hampshire County Council

(d) Couch Green:

Councillor Howell reported that the security posts had been removed from the playing field and this had left Mr Steve Brewer's property vulnerable to intrusion; as a consequence, he had had all of his tools and equipment stolen, depriving him of the opportunity to earn a living.

Councillor Harris said that this is deeply regrettable but perhaps he could be helped through the Credit Union.

(e) Bench at Itchen Abbas by the 'Downs House' – deferred until the next meeting

(f) Street Lighting – The Clerk said that he had still not received a quotation from Southern Electric Contracting for repairing and maintaining the Parish Council's street lights.

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11.006 Matters for Decision/Discussion:

(a) Councillor Labram:

Reported that because of personal problems she may be stepping down before the May elections.

Asked that before the "Section 137 of the Local Government Act" cheques for grants be sent out, that the recipients should write informing the Parish Council how they intended the money to be spent.

(b) Councillor Howell said that she has got the football nets and will be putting them up.

(c) Councillor Moffat asked what is being done about the request to have a tree planted at Easton?

(d) Councillor Thompson:

Reported that opposite the cemetery two dilapidated old caravans had been parked up.

County Councillor Porter said that she would look into this.

The Caravan Club has closed the road (Can you please supply details)

Councillor Porter said that she would investigate and report back

11.007 Correspondence:

(a) Serco – Monthly Safety Checks Report on the Couch Green and Easton play areas – Noted

(b) Email from Alison Perry – Area Countryside Access Manager: requesting information about the quantity and type of material the Parish Council intended to use on footpath 31.

The Clerk to reply.

(c) Email from Councillor Gapper saying that weather allowing he would be laying the hard-core on footpath 31 on Sunday 23rd January and that he was looking for volunteers to help him.

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11.008 Planning:

(a) Applications and Decisions – See Appendix B attached to these Minutes.

11.009 Playing Field

(a) It was unanimously agreed that the quotation from Nick Adams to undertake the annual play equipment report should be accepted.

11.010 Highways:

(a) County Councillor Jackie Porter

That the edges of the road surface have broken up on Park Lodge Road from Ovington to Avington. Making this section deadly in icy weather.

On the road towards Ovington at the 'lay by'; both sides of the road are exposed and when dark it would be easy to shred a tyre.

(b) Councillor Labram:

Reported that there are a number of potholes in Easton, especially on the main section and on the corner between the Chestnut Horse public house and the garage.

The sides of road from Itchen Abbas to Itchen Stoke and beyond are exposed and it would be improved if white lines were painted along the sides of the road, to identify the edges for motorists.

11.011 Finance:

It was unanimously agreed that the Council should pay its bills:

Cheque List Jan-11

| Transaction | Cheque No | Creditors Name | Payment For | Gross | VAT | Nett |
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| 92 | 102120 | Eddie Mason | Clerks Expenses (Postage) | £7.27 | £0.00 | £7.27 |
| 90 | 102120 | Eddie Mason | Clerks Expenses (Mileage) | £13.13 | £0.00 | £13.13 |
| 89 | 102120 | PC World (Paid to The Clerk) | Stationery | £15.00 | £2.23 | £12.76 |
| 88 | 102120 | Maplin (Paid to the Clerk) | Stationery | £12.50 | £1.86 | £10.64 |
| 91 | 102120 | Eddie Mason | Clerks Expenses | £25.00 | £0.00 | £25.00 |
| 93 | 102120 | Eddie Mason | Clerks Salary | £211.13 | £0.00 | £211.13 |
| 94 | 102121 | HM Customs and Inland | Clerk Tax | £52.80 | £0.00 | £52.80 |
| 95 | 102122 | Serco | Monthly Play Area Inspections | £23.50 | £3.50 | £20.00 |
| 96 | 102123 | Southern Water | Recreation Ground Changing | £145.98 | £0.00 | £145.98 |
| 97 | 102124 | St Mary's Church - Avington | Grants | £300.00 | £0.00 | £300.00 |

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| 98 | 102125 | St Mary's Church - Easton | Grants | £300.00 | £0.00 | £300.00 |
| 99 | 102126 | St John the Baptist Church - | Grants | £300.00 | £0.00 | £300.00 |
| 100 | 102127 | St Swithun Church - Martyr | Grants | £300.00 | £0.00 | £300.00 |
| 101 | 102128 | Itchen Abbas and Avington | Grants | £650.00 | £0.00 | £650.00 |
| 102 | 102129 | Martyr Worthy Parish Hall | Grants | £300.00 | £0.00 | £300.00 |
| 103 | 102130 | Citizens Advice Bureau | Grants | £200.00 | £0.00 | £200.00 |

Paid £2,856.31 £7.60 £2,848.71

11.012 Date of the Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd February 2011 in the Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall at 7:00pm.

There being no additional business the meeting closed at 8:30pm

Appendix A

10.035 a) Report of County Councillor Jackie Porter:

County Report for January 2011 Parish and Town Council Meetings

Grit bins have continued to be at the top of the agenda after the December snow.

There was criticism by the Exec member that some people have used the grit to clear their own drives and not public places. In the 'good old days' residents always cleared the footway in front of their houses, as well as their own drives. You may have seen my letter to the press, which seemed to have got some reaction, but still no more grit bins until this month at least.

Itchen Valley Grit Bins

After the list was compiled I think we realised that the Itchen Valley list had not been submitted as we had thought. I have spoken to Mike Pillans who is very happy to deal with this for you. His email is mike.pillans@hants.gov.uk (telephone 892870). Please send him a complete list of where you want grit bins and he will sort it out for you. He is the same officer that came out to see John and I about Station Hill- he is very reliable and will deal with it asap.

The Government Grants to Councils have been agreed: Hampshire is taking a significant brunt of the cuts, and will

not receive as much as it hoped: the 11/12 formula grant will be down 14.3% on this year, a reduction of around £30m to £185m (excl. schools) with no cushion to cover inflation(although this was advertised, it won't benefit Hampshire).

Because the Council Tax increase is decreed as 0%, it means that voluntary redundancies have been called for, and more job losses will follow. Services are being rearranged so that managers cover larger areas. Whilst many of us have watched the rise in staffing levels with alarm over recent years, it is never pleasant to be under the threat of redundancy.

The extensive (and expensive?) bus pass consultation has led to very little change: the passes will be run by Hampshire from April 2011, but residents will only be entitled to free travel if they board the bus between 9.30am and 11pm. This is a backward step. The HCC Executive has said that they would try to improve this if the settlement to fund this element allowed. So far, this seems unlikely: this is very disappointing news.

Avington water treatment

Penny and I went to see Peter Chadwick about this in early December. He is yet to arrange a meeting with 4D but I have confirmed that they will not get a response from me at least until we have had that meeting.

FACABO

FACABO continues raise money for the new CAB service which we hope to start in April at Alresford Surgery, for anyone who needs straightforward advice on any subject. The total sum for 2011-12 has been pledged so the service can start beginning of April, subject to receipt of funds. Councillors and Public: please contact me or go online to www.facabo.org.uk to find out how to help with this worthy cause.

Councillor Jackie Porter

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Appendix B

Planning Applications Received and determined

Planning application receive 7th April 2010

10/00877/LDC

Applicant: Mr A Wilson

Proposal: The Production Of Logs And Kindling With Ancillary Retail Sales (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS)

IVPC Recommendation: Supported

WCC Decision

10/00878/LDC

Applicant: Mr A Wilson

Proposal: The repair rebuilding and refurbishment of motorcycles, mopeds and scooters and the preparation of motorcycles, mopeds and scooters to MOT test standards together with ancillary storage while awaiting repair, preparation to MOT test standards and collection (Class B2) (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS)

IVPC Recommendation: Supported

WCC Decision

10/00879/LDC

Applicant: Mr A Wilson

Proposal: The repair, refurbishment, maintenance and servicing of general garden machinery including lawn mowers, cultivators, strimmers, chain saws, ride on mowers and hedge cutters and the ancillary storage awaiting repair and collection of general garden machinery, Class B1 (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS)

IVPC Recommendation: Supported

WCC Decision

10/00888/LDC

Applicant: Mr A Wilson

Proposal: The construction, repair and refurbishment of agricultural tractors, trailers, farm machinery and the ancillary storage of vehicles and machinery awaiting repair and collection/delivery. (Class B2) (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS)

The Old Yard, Fair Lane, Winchester, Hampshire

IVPC Recommendation: Supported

WCC Decision

Planning applications received 18th October 2010

10/02465/FUL

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Rember

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Two storey front extension to existing dwelling and associated works

Location: Thornbury Church Church Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EH

IVPC Recommendation: Commented regarding light to Steeple Cottage

WCC Decision: Permitted

Planning applications received 25th October 2010

10/02603/FUL

Applicant: Test Valley Trout (Itchen) Ltd

Proposal: Construction of trout hatchery (RESUBMISSION)

Location: The Test Valley Trout Farm Main Road Itchen Abbas Hampshire

IVPC Recommendation: Supported

WCC Decision:

10/02629/FUL

Applicant: Ms Karen Wells

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Two-storey rear extension, new porch and replacement of the existing upvc windows (RESUBMISSION)

Location: 5 The Terrace Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EG

IVPC Recommendation: Supported

WCC Decision: Permitted

Applications received 8th November 2010

10/02692/FUL

Applicant: Mr G Lawrence

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Single garage

Location: Woodlands Main Road Itchen Abbas Winchester Hampshire SO21 1AT

IVPC Recommendation: No objection

WCC Decision:

10/02831/TPC

Applicant: Mr Philip Knockles

Proposal: 1no. Leyland Cypress fell.

Location: Meadowside Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 2EG

IVPC Recommendation: Not seen

WCC Decision: That no objection be raised

Applications received 15th November 2010

10/02684/LIS and 10/02685/FUL

Applicant: Mr C Porter

Proposal: Conservatory to rear

Location: 1 Post Office Cottages Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EF

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Applications received 22nd November 2010

10/02950/TPC

Applicant: Mr Duncan Grey

Proposal: 1no. Sycamore fell. 1no. Sycamore crown raise to 6m. 6no. Willows pollard by 50%.

Location: Church Cottage Church Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EH

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Applications received 29th November 2010

10/02951/TPO

Applicant: Mr Duncan Gray

Proposal: 1no. Beech thin by 20% and raise canopy to 3m.

Location: Church Cottage Church

IVPC Recommendation: Support

WCC Decision:

Applications received 20th December 2010

10/03026/FUL

Applicant: Princes Mead School

Proposal: Erection of chain link fencing and new surfacing to existing sports training area

Location: Princes Mead School Worthy Park House Worthy Park Lane Kings Worthy Winchester
Hampshire SO21 1AN

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision

10/03200/TPC

Applicant: Mr Lyndn Gauntlett

Proposal: 1no. Ash fell.

Location: Black Farm Avington Winchester Hampshire SO21 1DA

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision

Applications received 27th December 2010

10/02758/FUL

Applicant: Mrs Valerie Harper

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Conservatory

Location: Cherry Cottage Chillandham Lane Martyr Worthy Winchester Hampshire SO21 1AS

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision: