

## Minutes June 2011

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd June 2011 at 7pm in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.

Councillors Present:                      Abbreviation:

Mrs P. Flemons (Chairman)	PF)
Mrs S. Howells	(SH)
Mr B. Loader	(BL)
Mr P Moffatt	(PM)
Mr S. Gapper	(SG)
Mrs K. Wells	(KW)
Mr M. Porter	(MP)

Also present:

County Councillor J. Porter                      (JP)

Two members of the public

In attendance:

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.      (EM)

11.050 Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillors: Sarah Robinson (SR), Eric Thompson and District Councillor Kim Gottlieb (KG).

11.051 Election of Chairman: Proposed Councillor Loader, seconded Councillor Howell and unanimously agreed that Councillor Flemons should be elected Chairman of the Parish Council.

Councillor Flemons having been elected accepted the appointment and duly signed the declaration of acceptance.

11.052 Election of Vice Chairman: Proposed Councillor Flemons and seconded Councillor Howell and unanimously agreed that Councillor Loader be elected as Vice-chairman of the Parish Council.

Councillor Loader having been elected accepted the appointment and duly signed the declaration of acceptance.

11.053 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th April 2011 at 7.00pm in Martyr Worthy Village Hall be signed as a true and accurate record.

11.054 Co-option of a Parish Councillor:

Two nominations had been received for the vacancy: Mr Anthony Lane, who attended the meeting and Mrs Yvette Riley who could not attend, both had provided a written statement.

After undertaking a secret ballot the clerk having counted the papers declared Mrs Yvette Riley elected as a Parish Councillor.

#### 11.055 Appointment of Representatives

Representatives to the Village Hall Committees:

- i) Councillor Sarah Robinson – Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.
- ii) Councillor Eric Thompson – Easton Village Hall.
- iii) Councillor Shirley Howell – Martyr Worthy Village Hall.
- iv) The McPherson Easton School Trust – Councillors: Penny Flemons and Karen Wells.
- v) Public Transport Representative – Councillor Mark Porter
- vi) Footpath Representative – Councillor Sarah Robinson
- vii) Winchester Village Trust – Councillor Penny Flemons.
- viii) Web Master – Councillor Steve Gapper.
- ix) Highways Representative – Councillor Mark Porter.
- x) Planning Representatives – Councillors: Bill Loader (Chair), Paul Moffatt, Penny Flemons and Sarah Robinson.
- xi) South Downs – Councillor Paul Moffatt.

#### 11.056 Adoption of Standing Orders & Financial Regulation: -

It was unanimously agreed that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations should be re-adopted.

#### 11.057 Public Participation:-

- a) Two members of the public had attended the Meeting Mr Lane who had applied to become a Parish Councillor and Mr Baxter who had come to advise as the past District Councillor for the area.

Action

#### 11.058 Reports from County and City Councillor:

- a) County Councillor J Porter had attended and presented a written report see Appendix A.
- b) District Councillor K. Gottlieb could not attend the Council Meeting and provided written notes see Appendix B.

#### 11.059 Matters Arising

- a) Footpath B3047: County Councillor Porter had reported that the County Councillors are preparing a report and asked Parish Councillors to walk the path so that when the report is released they will be aware of the problems.

b) Lit signs – Councillor Flemons expressed concern that because Councillors Harris and Banham had resigned from the Council that nothing was being done.

County Councillor Porter assured everyone that she has lit signs in hand.

Councillor Gapper said that he would take the lead on lit signs for the Parish Councillor

c) Couch Green:

i) Councillor Flemons said that she did not believe that it would be allowed to change the usage of the Playing Field from recreation to allotments.

ii) Councillor Gapper said that he would advertise the Playing Field

d) Street Lighting –.SEC have prepared a contract.

The Clerk was asked to send a copy to all Councillors so that they had time to study it before the next Council meeting.

11.060 Matters for Decision/Discussion:

a) Councillor Howell

i) Said that she was very impressed with the security posts that had been replaced on Couch Green

ii) Reported that the grass had been cut on the Playing Field.

iii) The goal posts are weak iv) Because it was a danger to the public, the kick wall had been taken down by Playground Inspector during the undertaking of his annual report. It was agreed that the kick wall should not be replaced.

iv) Councillor Howell said that she would like to have play equipment installed for older children and that it would be nice to have keep-fit equipment that is suitable for adults.

b) A discussion took place about the Play Equipment Annual Report particularly about the interpretation of assessments.

Councillor Flemons said that she would contact the Play Ground Inspector to get an interpretation of his meanings.

c) Councillor Loader informed the meeting that the Itchen Abbas Houses planning application has been sent to the Planning Committee.

d) A discussion took place about the work undertaken by Mr Yeates for the Parish Council on the footpaths, with specific reference to who authorises the work and specifies what should be done? This matter to be left until the next meeting so that Councillor Robinson can be consulted.

11.061 Correspondence: All correspondence had been issued to all Councillors prior to the meeting:

11.062 Planning:

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

11.063 Playing Field:

a) Already discussed

11.064 Highways:

a) Councillor Flemons said that she would put the telephone number and web-site links about where to report problems with the highways into the village magazine.

11.065 Finance:

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

Cheque List Jun-11

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Gross	VAT	Nett
158	102162	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	£4.43	£0.00	£4.43
157	102162	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	£16.16	£0.00	£16.16
156	102162	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
155	102162	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	£211.13	£0.00	£211.13
159	102163	HM Customs and Inland	Clerk Tax	£52.80	£0.00	£52.80
160	102164	Came & Company	Insurance	£851.46	£0.00	£851.46
161	102165	C F Yeates	Footpaths Maintenance	£203.50	£0.00	£203.50
163	102167	N W Adams	Annual Play Equipment Inspection	£145.80	£24.30	£121.50
164	102168	Itchen Abbas and Avington	Hire of Halls	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00
Totals Paid				£1,517.28	£24.30	£1,492.98

The only exception was the removal of an invoice No. 162 from the list for Southern Electric; for electricity charges for the changing rooms at the Playing Field at Couch Green. In light of the changing rooms not being used the Council felt that the bill was excessive and decided not to pay it, until the Clerk could investigate the charge.

11.066 Date of the Next Meetings – The next meetings will be on Thursday 7th July 2011 in the Martyr Worthy Village Hall.

There being no additional business the meeting closed at 8:45pm

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Appendix A

11.053a) Report by County Councillor Jackie Porter:

i) local news:

Footpath along B3047: I have placed a request to update my knowledge of the ownership of roadsides between Chilland and Shelley Close to look again at the footpath issue. These may have been passed to Eddie- if they have, could I have them back please for a while?

ii) Avington water treatment passed, but it is probable that this work will not take place within this financial year. It is big enough for residents in the village, and capable of taking an 'extension' for Avington Park.

I was informed by Hyde that they must seek planning permission to change the lights at Bridgets Lane. Bev Morris at WCC has confirmed that this is the case. Would the IVPC be prepared to do this (as far as I know PC's get applications for free). Please go to look at the lights in Church Green Close, Kings Worthy to confirm you are happy with the design (the back path is best-along the back of the green, parallel to the main road). This cost, plus installation will have to be covered by others if it is not to be attached to the service charge for Shepherd's Field residents. Upper Itchen Valley Society have said they will support this- but still we have no idea of the final cost. It has been suggested that just three are changed to start with to see if it helps, but this may cost more in the long run.

iii) Footpath/cycle path from Itchen Abbas to the A33: the Itchen Abbas section is popular with runners, and I have seen cyclists along it. What is your view about seeking to extend this as far as possible within the route to the A33?

You may be interested to know that there are a number of applications for Abbots Worthy House- easiest way to see the list is to view by applicant: Mark Gardner.

iv) HCC News:

HCC's Rural Broadband bid to Government wasn't successful: the first tranche of grants are covering even more rural counties than Hampshire, but it seems that they made favourable noises to HCC for the future. Please continue to register your support via [www.hants.gov.uk/broadband](http://www.hants.gov.uk/broadband)

The decision on Children's Centres was made on the 27th May: the budget is being cut by 35%, merging centres, delivering primarily the 'core offer of services' to vulnerable & disabled children, services including child development, job centre signposting and health visitor, and putting the management of fifteen clusters of four centres out to third sector organisations. The catchment areas are changing too: this uncertainty has hit this ward.

vi) The new mobile library service schedule is just about to start: it is proposed that stops where less than ten people use it will be stopped in a year's time. Please encourage people to use it! I have sent the list by district to Eddie and to Steve for the website.

vii) The County Councillor grant is £8000 this year. I want to encourage all Parishes to bid for a small sum towards their Jubilee celebrations next year: these will take place in the first weekend of June.

After that, to encourage new ideas and new groups, I hope to give grants to small organisations who have not sought funds before. Please ask anyone who is interested to contact me before completing the online form.

11.053a) Notes by District Councillor Kim Gottlieb:

I know there is a tight schedule, but there are three things I might have touched upon.

The first, just in case anyone didn't know, was that the new administration has cancelled the Sunday charging for in-town car parks.

I know some might say that this isn't very 'green', but in my view the vitality and prosperity of the town is critical and Sunday parking charges have a clear negative impact on this – to be 'green' you need to be able to afford it, but perhaps that's a debate for another day. Apart from which, folk are burdened with charges and costs every which way they look, so a bit of relief must be welcome.

Second, I have to say that I fully endorse the views of the PC in relation to the proposal to build a new 3-bed house next to Itchen Abbas House. Adding a relatively low value/cost 3-bed house to the local housing stock in a well-designed and sensitive way should indeed be supported.

Lastly, I wanted to mention that in a number of Council meetings I've attended recently – there have been several just in the last fortnight – there have been frequent comments on the need to improve Broadband in rural areas. I can't promise results, but I can say that the issue is 'live' and firmly on the 'agenda'.

The only other thing I would have said is that I'm happy to be contacted at any time, at the email address and on the mobile number below, so please do not hesitate to contact me or to distribute these details to anyone else.

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