

Minutes October 2011

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th October 2011 at 7pm in Martyr Worthy Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Abbreviation:

Mrs P. Flemons (Chairman)	PF)
Mr B. Loader	(BL)
Mr P Moffatt	(PM)
Mr M. Porter	(MP)
Ms Y Riley	(YR)
Mrs S Robinson	(SR)
Mr S Gapper (SG)	(SG)
Mrs K. Wells	(KW)

Also present:

County Councillor J. Porter (JP)

Four Members of the Public

In attendance:

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council. (EM)

11.085 Apologies: Councillors: E Thompson (ET) and Mrs S. Howells (SH), District Councillor K Gottlieb

11.086 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2011 at 7.00pm in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall be signed as a true and accurate record.

11.087 Public Participation:

a) Sue Cole had attended the meeting in her capacity as secretary of the local branch of the Cyclist Touring Club to talk about off road facilities with particularly emphasis on the disused section of railway line that is used informally by cyclists and ramblers. She said that this is an ideal site as most other local paths are unsuitable for cyclists and designated for pedestrian use only. She put aside fears that the path would be abused by mountain bikers saying that it is not suitable for their use and is more likely to be used by families and less experienced cyclists. By designating the path a right of way it will protect the right of cyclists and when the path requires maintenance make it eligible for grants.

Councillor Loader asked that if the path were designated as a permissive right of way or a bridle way who would be allowed to use it.

Sue said that horses would be allowed to use a bridle way but that motorcycles would be prohibited.

Councillor Loader drew to Sue's attention that exposed tree roots could be a danger to cyclists.

Sue said that she had recently used the path and had seen no danger from tree roots.

Councillor Porter said that he too had recently walked the path and had found only one significant tree root running across it.

Councillor Gapper pointed out that the path only provides a short off road break for the cyclists.

Councillor Robinson said that if permissive cycling were allowed it would have to be marked onto the signs but that these only need to be 4" square.

Councillor Porter said that if the path is designated as either a permissive right of way or as a bridle path then it would have to be registered onto the Ordnance Survey maps. He also made a comment that after living in the Village for eleven years he had never seen a horse being ridden on the B3047.

Mr Vernon Tottle asked the council whether it is correct that if the path is registered as a bridle path then there is a legal right to stop motorised transport from using it.

Councillor Robinson confirmed that this is correct. She also commented that she had received fears from residents that additional maintenance on the path will be detrimental to its wildlife.

Councillor Porter said that he fully supported the path being designated as a permissive right of way because there are no problems with either the surface or signage.

County Councillor Porter said that if there is a fear about horses using the path this could easily be averted by taking out a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting horses.

Councillor Flemons said that she had had strong representation objecting to the path becoming a bridle way.

Sue Cole asked if everyone is aware of the implications should the path not be designated a footpath.

County Councillor Porter said that all that is required is light maintenance twice yearly and this could be done by volunteers if a 'friends of the pathway' group were established. She said that the County Council would like to open the path as a bridle way to show good practice and assured the Parish Council that it would not be responsible for cost of maintenance because once adopted it would become the responsibility of the Hampshire County Council.

A member of the public asked that if it is adopted whether it would go onto the blue sign map?

Sue Cole said that the blue sign map is for designated bridle paths and that if the path is designated as public footpath with permissive rights then it will not be included.

Action

11.088 Reports from County and City Councillor:

- a) County Councillor Porter had attended and presented a written report see Appendix A.
- i) Councillor Porter reported that the veterinary laboratories, due to a reorganisation are closing, and although where possible staff will be redeployed, there will be some redundancies.

11.089 Matters Arising

a) Disused Section of the Railway Line:

- i) It was unanimously agreed that the disused section of railway line, that had been discussed in the public participation section, should be used by both cyclists and pedestrians and County Councillor Porter was asked to pursue getting it designated as either a bridal way with a Road Traffic Order prohibiting horses or a public footpath with permissive rights for cyclists.

b) Village Design Statement

- i) Councillor Flemons is arranging for the old VDS to be made into a text document for using as a basis for a Parish Plan.
- ii) Councillor Loader said that the Village Design Statement is required to give the Parish Council control over future planning development for the village.
- iii) County Councillor Porter said that whilst the Village Design Statement is of importance; of far more importance is for the Village to have a Village Plan. It was decided that this should be discussed under Planning Matters.

c) B3047 Foot Path:

- i) County Councillor Porter said that she had received a promise that it would be placed on the list.

d) Lit Signs:

Councillor Porter said that he is reading through the documentation and that he has arranged a meeting in two weeks' time and he will report to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

e) Couch Green:

- i) The Clerk was asked to prepare tender documentation for undertaking the grounds maintenance with grass cutting of the Playing Field at a frequency of five cuts per year.

ii) The Council overwhelmingly voted by seven votes to one to pursue the possibility with the Charity Commission of turning the playing field into allotments.

iii) Council Moffat was asked to drain down the water system and then turn off the electricity in the pavilion.

f) Keys:

i) Councillor Flemons had brought copies of the keys to issue to key holders; the only key that she could not get copied was the key to the new gate which has a high security lock. The Clerk was asked to see if he could obtain copies.

g) Strawberry Lane – As District Councillor Gottlieb was not present it was decided to defer this it until the next Council Meeting.

h) Agenda:

It was agreed that the presentation of the Agenda should be changed in the following way:

i) That the list of items be removed from the agenda and replaced with a list of responsibilities under the following headings:

Representatives to the Village Committees

Winchester District Association of Parish Councils

King George V Memorial Playing Field Trust

The McPherson Easton School Trust

Public Transport Representative

Footpath Representative

Winchester Villages Trust

Prannell Trust Representative

Web Master

Highways Representative

i) Abbots Worthy

i) The Clerk had checked with Winchester City Council about some residents of Abbots Worthy's request to have it included as part of Itchen Valley Parish Council. He had found that all that is necessary is for the Parish Council to make a formal request to Winchester City Council who after checking its validity will, if the request is found to be fully supported by the residents of Abbot's Worthy, transfer responsibility to Itchen Valley Parish Council. The Parish Council will decide whether to take this forward after discussions at a later date.

11.090 Matters for Decision/Discussion:

a) County Councillor Porter said that she had done everything she could to restore the bus service and emphasised how concerned she is about children getting safely to school. She asked the parish to lend its support by writing to Hampshire County Council.

Councillor Flemons said that she would write on behalf of the Parish Council to Hampshire County Council and send copies to the schools.

b) Councillor Wells said that she has been approached by Hampshire County Council and has agreed to have a bottle bank at the Chestnut Horse Public House.

c) Councillor Riley asked whether the Council should comment on the Framework Review Policy Statement?

Councillor Flemons said that it is important for the Council to comment.

It was agreed that Councillors: Flemons and Loader should meet on Tuesday 11th October and left an open invitation for others who are interested to attend.

d) Councillor Riley asked what is to be done about the Parish Plan?

Because of the importance of the Parish Plan it was decided that it should be the single item on the agenda of an informal council meeting to be held in the Chestnut Horse on the 9th November 2011 at 7:00pm.

Mr Steve Lincoln to be invited to attend the meeting to provide advice on developing the Parish Plan.

e) Councillor Porter asked the Clerk if the amount of email he receives can be reduced.

The Clerk was asked to look into this.

11.091 Correspondence: Most correspondence had been issued to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

a) Additional Correspondence:

Internal Audit Compliance had written to the Council introducing themselves as offering to undertake the Council's internal audit. – Noted

Winchester City Council wrote introducing Chris Powell who had been commissioned from 'The Event Expert Ltd', to provide support for its Parish Celebration Initiative. – Councillor Riley to be the Council's liaison with Chris.

Boundary Commission Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England – Noted

New Alresford Town Trust has made a request for financial assistance towards its Community Mini Bus – Noted.

A telephone request had been made by Mr T Bennett to use ferrets to reduce the rabbit population on the old railway line. – Permission was granted.

11.092 Planning:

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

b) Councillor Flemons proposed that there should be a more formal approach to planning including properly constituted advertised and minuted meetings.

It was agreed that there should be a formal planning meeting held on the third Thursday of each month in the Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall at 7.00pm with the inaugural meeting being held on the 20th October.

Elected onto the Planning Committee were Councillors: Loader (Chairman), Flemons, Moffat and Robinson.

11.093 Playing Field: Already discussed

11.094 Highways: Already discussed.

11.095 Finance:

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

Cheque List October 2011

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
201	102188	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	£6.25	£0.00	£6.25
200	102188	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	£2.73	£0.00	£2.73
197	102188	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	£13.13	£0.00	£13.13
198	102188	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
199	102188	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	£211.13	£0.00	£211.13
202	102189	HM Customs and Inland	Clerk Tax	£52.80	£0.00	£52.80
203	102190	Hampshire Association of Local	Training	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
204	102191	Serco	Grounds Maintenance	£566.52	£113.30	£679.82
205	102192	Itchen Abbas and Avington	Hire of Halls	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00
206	102193	Martyr Worthy Parish Hall	Hire of Halls	£12.00	£0.00	£12.00
207	TRA111006	Santander Current Account	Transfer Money (Reserve -	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00

Totals Paid £2,921.56 £118.30 £3,039.86

b) Councillor Riley said that the Council will be discussing the setting of the Precept at the next meeting and asked Councillors to look at what projects they wanted to include in next year's budget.

11.096 Date of the Next Meetings – The next meetings will be on Thursday 3rd November 2011 in the Easton Village Hall

There being no additional business the meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Appendix A

11.088a) Report by County Councillor Jackie Porter:

A Big Lottery funding competition is available offering between £10K and £30K to start a small community enterprise in rural Britain —see this link: <http://www.villagesos.org.uk/competition> If you have an idea, go online and apply: the deadline is 20th October.

Youth workers are being asked to take voluntary redundancy across Hampshire- your nearest Hampshire run youth clubs are both likely to close unless different staffing and management arrangements are put in place (at Airesford and Micheldever). If you are willing to be a supporter, through volunteering or as a Trustee, please contact me to hear more about this exciting opportunity with young people.

Micheldever Station is to lose its office permanently- after a period of uncertainty. I have started rail liaison meetings every four months, so please pass on your concerns.

I have been asked to put forward applications for under £30K projects again. Please let me know how you want me to take the footway application.

A reminder that the CAB is now operating every week from the Alresford surgery on Monday afternoons from 1-3pm. You can drop in or make an appointment by calling CAB direct: 01962 848000: there is free transport available on request.

The new 67 timetable has now been lodged with the DfT. This is very disappointing for Itchen Valley residents: with no Sunday service, or journey to Alresford before 9.30am, or home after 16.14

I am still querying this, having appealed direct to everyone, including the Chairman of South Downs National park, Margaret Parnell, and our MP has had no success in improving this position either. The last hope is that the Itchen Valley Society could consider funding this. What do you think? Would the Parish Council consider putting in place a shared taxi scheme for example? A self help kit is on the HCC website (link from my site too)

CANGO services are reducing: there is now just an Alresford to Basingstoke leg. I have brought some timetables to the meeting. Although these were printed specifically for Old Alresford (because they are losing the regular bus) but the principle is there for our local residents too. I will place details of the new timetable and how to catch this service in the magazine this month. You do not need to book this bus if you catch it in Alresford, at the top of Broad Street, but you must register to travel before your first journey.

Hampshire Broadband: HCC have been awarded a sum to roll out faster broadband. Up to fifty per cent of Hampshire postcodes are still unable to receive a service of more than 2 megabits per

second (2Mbps), yet urban areas are able to benefit from internet connection speeds of up to 50 Mbps or more. In the very near future, speeds of 2Mbps will no longer be considered an acceptable service standard by most users, as available services require higher speeds. No specific detail yet, but I do know that the County have changed provider to Virgin this week: BT has announced faster broadband too: HCC is aware of the issues for the rural community. The current situation is as follows: The County Council has received positive feedback on its bid, and agreement for more than £8million to roll out to Hampshire's 'not spots'. The campaign continues to get residents and businesses on board and register their demand for faster broadband in their areas. This will not only help us to secure enough funding, but also when it comes to fruition faster broadband will be rolled out on a combination of demand and most efficient use of resources. Please ask residents who are affected to continue to register on: www.ehampshire.org.uk.

Barton Farm Application for 2000 homes was rejected! The strong 'bottom up' approach using the Blue print exercise was used as one of the reasons that the application was refused: it is very important to encourage local residents to take part in planning exercises: they really do matter! I am very happy to be involved with a Parish plan as a citizen, as well as a Councillor

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Appendix B

11/01421/SFUL

Applicant: Mr M Spencer

Proposal: Removal of condition no. 3 of planning permission WIR/11605; agricultural occupancy condition

Location: Easton Manor Farm Easton Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1DG

IVPC Recommendation: Objected

WCC Decision:

11/01524/SLDC

Applicant: Mr Richard Hunt

Proposal: Use of Oakhammer West, originally an annexe to Oakhammer, as a separate dwelling (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS)

Location: Oakhammer West Main Road Itchen Abbas Winchester Hampshire SO21 1AT

IVPC Recommendation: No objection

WCC Decision:

Applications received 17th July 2011

Case No: 11/01409/SFUL

Applicant: Mr Rhys Lewis

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Two storey side and rear extensions; new double garage to replace existing timber garage

Location: Old Lime House Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EG

IVPC Recommendation: No objection

WCC Decision:

Case No: 11/01519/SFUL

Applicant: Mr Robert Stent

Proposal: Change of use of land to equestrian and construction of uncovered manege including fencing and landscaping, for private use only

Location: Park Farm Avington Winchester Hampshire SO21 1BZ

IVPC Recommendation: No objection

WCC Decision: Permitted

Applications received 24th July 2011

Case No: 11/01714/STCON

Applicant: Mr Jon Mills

Proposal: 2no. Ash fell.

Location: The Old School House Church Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EH

IVPC Recommendation: Not seen

WCC Decision: That no objection be raised

Case No: 11/01734/STCON

Applicant: Mr Gloyn

Proposal: 1no. Sycamore crown lift to 5m. 1no. Cherry fell. 1no. Yew tip prune by removing no more than 0.5m.

Location: Grasmere Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EG

IVPC Recommendation: Not seen

WCC Decision: That no objection be raised

Applications received 31st July 2011

Case No: 11/01619/SFUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Wickham

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Single storey side extension

Location: Field House Main Road Itchen Abbas Winchester Hampshire SO21 1AT

IVPC Recommendation: Application withdrawn

WCC Decision:

Case No: 11/01693/SLIS

Applicant: Mrs J O'Connor

Proposal: Ground floor extension, alterations to the fenestration, first floor extension, detached garage & home office

Location: Vine Cottage Main Road Itchen Abbas Winchester Hampshire SO21 1BQ

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Applications received 7th August 2011

Case No: 11/01428/SFUL

Applicant: Mrs Sara Janssen

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Removal of garage door and replacing with wall and window

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

IVPC Recommendation: No objection

WCC Decision: Permitted

Case No: 11/01668/SFUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J & S Bunney

Proposal: 3 no. steel portal framed buildings, infilled with concrete panels to 2m high with timber space boarding above, two for housing cattle and one straw barn and concrete hardstand apron around perimeter and between buildings

Location: Avington Manor Farm Alresford Road Winchester Hampshire SO21 1HN

IVPC Recommendation: No objection

WCC Decision: Permitted

Case No: 11/01774/SFUL

Applicant: Test Valley Trout (Itchen) Ltd

Proposal: 1 no. Agricultural workers three bedroom dwelling and associated works

Location: The Test Valley Trout Farm Main Road Itchen Abbas Winchester Hampshire SO21 1BQ

IVPC Recommendation: Support

WCC Decision:

Applications received 14th August 2011

Case No: 11/01821/SFUL

Applicant: Mrs H Allan

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Single storey extension to rear and utility to side

Location: 8 Little Hayes Lane Itchen Abbas Winchester Hampshire SO21 1XA

IVPC Recommendation: Support

WCC Decision: Permitted

Case No: 11/01909/STPO

Applicant: Mr Carter

Proposal: 1no. Cherry crown reduce by 25%.

Location: Chillandham Cross Chillandham Lane Itchen Abbas Winchester Hampshire SO21 1AS

IVPC Recommendation: Support

WCC Decision: Permitted

Applications received 4th September 2011

Case No: 11/01966/SFUL

Applicant: Mr M Cox

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Demolition of existing single storey garage and utility area, raising ridge height of existing dwelling by 1200mm to eliminate flat roof, new extension to east side and new

bedroom and bathroom at first floor within roof space, existing flat roofs eliminated, extension to bedroom at ground floor and internal alterations
(RESUBMISSION)

Location: Bramble Cottage Easton Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EQ

IVPC Recommendation: Support

WCC Decision:

Case No: 11/02092/STCON

Applicant: Mrs Sara Janssen

Proposal: 1no. Lawson Cypress and 1no. Yew fell.

Location: Dymoke House Church Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EH

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Case No: 11/02095/STPO

Applicant: Mr Chris Anderson

Proposal: 1no. Norway Spruce fell.

Location: Broom Cottage Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EF

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Applications received 11th September 2011

Case No: 11/02102/SFUL

Applicant: Mr Hughes

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Orangery/Conservatory to the rear (RESUBMISSION)

Location: 20 Little Hayes Lane Itchen Abbas Winchester SO21 1XA

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Case No: 11/02115/SFUL

Applicant: Mrs Rochienne Pearce

Proposal: (Extension to the time limit for implementing planning permission 08/02333/FUL)

Erection of two storey rear extension to replace existing single storey extension

Location: Fulling Mill Cottage Easton Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1DG

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Case No: 11/02147/STCON

Applicant: Lord Temple

Proposal: 1no. Willow reduce by 25%.

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

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Applications received 18th September 2011

Case No: 11/02009/SFUL

Applicant: Prince's Mead School Trust

Proposal: Entrance gates (WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF A LISTED BUILDING) *

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

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Case No: 11/02026/SFUL

Applicant: Mr Gareth Goodall

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Single storey rear extension and internal ground floor alterations

Location: Wellswood Easton Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EJ

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Applications received 25th September 2011

Case No: 11/01617/SAVC

Applicant: Neptune Europe Ltd (Mr John Sims-Hilditch)

Proposal: 2 no. externally illuminated fascia signs and 1 no. projecting hanging sign attached to building; 2 no. swing boards using existing posts and lighting

Location: Percy Hobbs Alresford Road Winchester Hampshire SO21 1HL

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Case No: 11/01660/SFUL

Applicant: Neptune Europe Ltd (Mr John Sims-Hilditch)

Proposal: External alterations to fenestration including removal of porch, signage and lighting to building and installation of lighting bollards to car parking area and widening of site entrance

Location: Percy Hobbs Alresford Road Winchester Hampshire SO21 1HL

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision:

Case No: 11/02170/SFUL & 11/02171/SLIS

Applicant: Mr And Mrs W Collis

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Demolition of two single-storey extensions and the construction of one single-storey extension at the rear of the property to form kitchen/breakfast room and a side extension to accommodate boot lobby and shower room: internal alterations to form a bathroom on the first floor, demolition of front porch and construction of brick and flint garden wall at the rear and reconstruction of external chimney (AFFECTS THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING) (RESUBMISSION)

Location: Vine Cottage Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EF

IVPC Recommendation:

WCC Decision: