

# Minutes January 2012

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2011 at 7pm in Easton 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)

Also present:

County Councillor J. Porter                      (JP)

In attendance:

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council. (EM)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Councillor Flemons announced the sad death of Councillor Eric Thompson on the 29th December 2011. Councillor Thompson had for many years represented the people of Easton on the Parish Council

12.001 Apologies: Councillor Mrs S Howells (SH), Ms K. Wells (KW) and District Councillor K Gottlieb (KG)

12.002 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

a) It was unanimously agreed that with the following change to minute 11.125 b); that the increase in the precept should be 5% from the previous years precept; the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st December 2011 at 7.00pm in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall be signed as a true and accurate record.

12.003 Public Participation – None

12.004 Reports from County and City Councillor:

Action

a) County Councillor Porter had attended and presented a written report see Appendix A.

b) District Councillor Gottlieb did not attend the meeting.

#### 12.005 Matters Arising

a) Worthy Park Tennis Club

Councillor Riley said that the club was in the process of applying for EU LEADER funding to support its initial development costs.

b) Parish Plan

A public meeting to discuss the Parish Plan has been scheduled for: 10.30am on Saturday 14th January 2012 in the Itchen Abbas and Avington village hall.

c) Disused Section of the Railway Line:

Councillor Mark Porter said that he had heard from Hampshire County Council who is sending someone from 'Rights of Way' to walk through the pathway and establish its suitability.

d) Lit Signs:

Councillor Porter said that he would report in minute: 12.011

e) Couch Green:

i) The Clerk has not heard from the Charity Commission about the Parish Council's request to change its usage to allotments.

ii) The Council's decision that the grass is only cut five times per year may not be sufficient and the difficulty of cutting the grass so infrequently may prove to be more costly than a more regular mowing regime. It was therefore suggested that the playing field be left as a meadow.

Councillor Flemons said that she would put this suggestion in an article in the magazine and that she would also raise it at the Public Meeting on the 14th January.

f) Strawberry Lane – Councillor Robinson said that this is progressing; Hampshire County Council Rights of Way have been out and looked at the site and she is waiting to see if the steps can be included in grant for the work.

g) Street Lights

i) Councillor Porter said that he has now identified all the street lights. The next stage is to determine their ownership and the final stage is sorting out the contract for maintaining the lights. At present the contract is held jointly with Hampshire County Council and Southern Electric Contracting.

12.006 Matters for Decision/Discussion:

- a) Councillor Loader said that the walnut tree that the Council planted in Itchen Abbas needs to be pruned.
- b) Councillor Flemons asked that the 'Asset Register' be discussed and updated at the next Council Meeting.

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

- a) Councillor Riley said that she had received correspondence asking what events have been or are being planned to celebrate the Olympics. She said that the only one she knows about is Avington's planned mini Olympics. She asked that if anyone has any suggestions for events or information about planned events to please let her know.
- b) Councillor Loader said that funding is available for the renovation of war memorials.

12.008 Planning:

- a) The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on the 15th December 2011, having been circulated were received.
- b) The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Thursday 19th January in the Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall.

12.009 Playing Field: Councillor Flemons has contacted Southern Electric and has got a refund for the overpayment.

12.010 Footpath Matters:

- a) Councillor Robinson reported that the footpath bridge at the bottom of Church Lane Martyr Worthy that is in an unsafe condition is now scheduled for repair.
- b) Councillor Robinson said that the contractor who had made the bench has now returned to the area and that he is willing to undertake footpath maintenance at a cost £10.00 per hour.

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Robinson be given delegated responsibility to authorise required work on the footpaths.

12.011 Road, Highway & Street Light Matters:

- a) Councillor Porter has obtained the latest guidelines and is in the process of going through it. From the information he has so far gleaned, he has established that the Lit Signs have to be secured onto either road signs or street lights, so he is in the process of finding suitable locations.

b) Councillor Flemons said that the road between Easton and Avington was closed for a short while due to the storm.

c) Councillor Moffat reported that there had been a lot of fly-tipping around the village.

12.012 Representatives to the Village Hall Committees:

a) The sad death of Councillor Thompson has left a vacancy of Village Hall Representative for Easton. This will be filled after the appointment of a new Councillor.

12.013 King George V Memorial Playing Field Trust: Nothing to report.

12.014 The McPherson Field, Easton:

a) Councillor Gapper asked that his name be removed.

Councillor Flemons said that she would write to Mr Mills requesting that Councillor Gapper's name be withdrawn.

12.015 Public Transport Representative: Nothing to report

12.016 Winchester Villages Trust: Nothing.

12.017 Web Master: Nothing

12.018 Finance

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

Cheque List Jan-12

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
239	22010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	£6.28	£0.00	£6.28
238	22010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	£6.97	£0.00	£6.97
235	22010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	£13.13	£0.00	£13.13
236	22010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
237	22010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	£211.13	£0.00	£211.13
240	22011	HM Customs and Inland	Clerk Tax	£52.80	£0.00	£52.80
242	N/P	Southern Electric	Recreation Ground Changing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
241	N/P	Southern Water	Recreation Ground Changing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Totals Paid				£315.31	£0.00	£315.31

b) Councillor Riley said that she would be presenting a quarterly budget at the next Council Meeting

12.019 Date of the Next Meetings – The next meetings will be on Thursday 2nd February 2012 in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.

There being no additional business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Appendix A

12.004a) Report by County Councillor Jackie Porter:

Happy New Year!

I hope that the lack of snow continues into 2012: but if the weather turns bad, please go to my website for the daily weather alert updates from the Director for Environment, Transport and Roads. These reports are issued to County Councillors at around 5pm every day when the snow is threatened. If you prefer, I can send these direct to councillors (and others) who send me an email to [jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk) heading SNOW. I am putting the reports on to my website [www.jackieporter.mycouncillor.org.uk](http://www.jackieporter.mycouncillor.org.uk) for your information too.

Primary school places are at a premium at the moment. The reality is that for residents moving into the area mid-year, it is often difficult to find places at the same school for siblings. Families who live at the edge of a catchment area and parents who want their child to be at an out of catchment school for childcare reasons, for example, may not get their first choice. This is a real problem in rural areas where catchment areas are larger, and an obvious second choice of school is unclear. The County has received some money from Government (just under £8m) for building new schools to cope with the increased demand right across Hampshire, but it isn't enough to cover the places needed even in the Winchester district. A new 2 form entry primary school costs £7m, and a 1000 place secondary school costs around £30m, excluding land. Academies and Free school provision complicates the picture too. There is a draft School Places Plan 2011 - 2015 out for consultation. As a local Council you may even have a representative Governor at your local school. Please take the opportunity to debate whether your Council wishes to make a response to this consultation: a good, local school is what most parents seek for their children, and you can help to make that point in your response. The link is: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places>. Please send comments to [ian.lawson@hants.gov.uk](mailto:ian.lawson@hants.gov.uk) by 31 March 2012.

Footways (ie paths alongside roads, or metalled paths between areas) are most likely to be HCC responsibility. With the Operation Restore for Roads programme, the footways have not taken priority for several years now, but a number are in poor condition. Please report any faults on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) or report on the hants website under 'report a road problem' or call 0845 603 5633. If you think it is a real hazard, it is worth using the word 'dangerous' in your report: risk assessment requires a faster response. (Or if there are gaps where you need a footway, you are welcome to request this direct too but it may be worth talking, initially, to me)

Lighting: in particular, maintenance. I have had reports that the complaints procedure for failed lights isn't as good as it was pre PFI. I have taken this up at HCC who awarded the contract.

Lit Signs are in use in several villages now, but due to the maternity leave of the HCC officer, and the staffing cuts, the programme stalled in 2011. But new paperwork has been sent to all four villages in the next tranche at the beginning of January, so we hope to make some progress now.

The agreement for Barton Farm MDA by WCC has implications for HCC matters too: highways, and education, public transport are three of the issues to be tackled. If you think the decision will affect your Parish and want to be involved in any discussions, please let me know.

Finally, HCC and the New Forest and South Downs National Park authorities are putting out a pre application Bid Document for Public Transport. It describes the way forward for a Public bus service to serve tourists and residents alike. This is extremely interesting because it mirrors my proposal to the SDNPA in autumn 2011 when we were trying to improve village bus services. If it is relevant to your communities, please respond as individuals and the Parish to the Draft Plan by 27th Jan 2012. The link is: <http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/looking-after/partnership-working/local-sustainable-transport-fund-bid>

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#### Minute of the Planning Committee meeting- Thursday 19th January 2012

##### Councillors Present:

Mr. B. Loader (Chairman) (BL),

Mrs. P. Flemons (PF)

Mrs. S. Robinson (SR)

Mr. P. Moffatt (PM)

##### 1. Apologies for absence

All members present.

##### 2. Public participation

Mr Baring attended to provide an update on his proposals for the redevelopment of The Old Dairy Buildings, Rectory Lane, Itchen Abbas. He explained that in the planning history since the dairy business had been stopped there had been two applications refused for change of use to light industrial. He now wished to replace all the redundant buildings with two residential properties. He provided drawings showing the preliminary building designs and landscaping. The Planning Committee did not have any objections to the outline proposals.

##### 3. Applications for consideration

11/02907/SFUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Russell

Location: Clement House, Church Lane, Easton SO21 1EH

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Single Storey rear/side extension

Clement House sits in a large plot thus the proposed extension is quite in order and not at all overpowering the site or existing house. IVPC gave their unanimous support to the application.

11/02994/SFUL

Applicant: Dickinson Legg Ltd,

Location: Grove Works, Moorside Road, Winchester SO23 7SS

Proposal: Refurbishment of existing engineering and office building; extension to existing vehicle parking area within current site boundary

The refurbishment of the factory building and provision of additional car parking will improve the immediate area of Moorside road. IVPC gave their unanimous support to the application.

11/02965/SFUL

Applicant: Mr G Powe

Location: 2 Chapel Field, Chapel Lane, Easton SO21 1EP

(Householder) Two storey rear extension (RESUBMISSION)

As this only sought to extend the previously permitted extension by 0.5 metres the committee gave their unanimous support to this application.

11/03016/SFUL

Applicant: Mrs S Dunlop

Location: Riversmede, 6 Shelley Close, Itchen Abbas, SO21 1AUY

Proposal: (HOUSEHOLDER) Two storey extension.

Further fact finding was necessary before a decision could be made

11/03028/SFUL & 11/03029/SLIS

Applicant: Mr T Mezger

Location: Manor Farm Outbuildings, Easton Lane, Easton

Proposal: Change of use of part of outbuilding from ice cream dairy to first floor residential accommodation of new bed/sitting room and bathroom and to construct an indoor swimming pool. (WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF A LISTED BUILDING)

This involves the reuse of redundant buildings. The external changes to the building were very minor. The committee gave their unanimous support to this application.

#### 4. Decisions

Details of decisions made since the previous meeting were circulated

#### 5. Appeals

None received

#### 6. Enforcement Issues

No further information received.

#### 7. Correspondence

None received.

8. Any other business.

Date of next meeting 16th February 2012.