

Minutes February 2012

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2012 at 7pm in Itchen Abbas & Avington 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)
Ms K Wells	(KW)
Mrs S Howell	(SH)

Also present:

County Councillor J. Porter	(JP)
District Councillor K. Gottlieb	(KG)

In attendance:

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council. (EM)

12.020 Apologies: Councillor Mr S Gapper

12.021 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

It was unanimously agreed that the meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2012 at 7.00pm in the Easton Village Hall be signed as a true and accurate record.

12.022 Co-option of Parish Councillor

One application had been received in writing from Mr Andrew Kennedy, who said that due to personal commitments he would not be available until the 9th April.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Kennedy be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

12.023 Public Participation – None

12.024 Reports from County and City Councillor:

Action

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

District Councillor Gottlieb did not present a written report.

Councillor Gottlieb apologised for not being present at recent Council meetings and explained that this was due to his District Council commitments.

Councillor Gottlieb's explained that his main responsibility on the District Council is planning, and on this he hoped to fully support the Parish Council.

The highest priority project that he is working on at the District Council in the District Plan.

Councillor Gottlieb said that he had been slightly disappointed with Itchen Valley's Public meeting to discuss the Parish Plan as he felt the terms of reference was too wide ranging, a view that was supported by Councillor Loader.

Councillor Gottlieb asked if the Parish Council had ever got a price for levelling the playing field.

It was explained that this would be very expensive with very little chance of the Parish Council recouping the cost.

12.025 Matters Arising

Parish Plan

Councillor Flemons said that the public meeting to discuss the Parish Plan that was held at 10.30am on Saturday 14th January 2012 in the Itchen Abbas and Avington village hall had been a big success, attended by almost 100 members of the public, who had come to listen to Steve Lincoln giving a talk on how to proceed with the Parish Plan.

A further Public Meeting has now been arranged for Saturday the 18th February at 11.00 a.m. in the Easton Village Hall. Councillor Flemons said that at this meeting each village would be asked to elect members onto a working party, and each of the four working parties will be asked to nominate two representatives onto a main steering group. Councillor Flemons will also be in this group.

Councillor Robinson said that she would email everyone a transcript of Steve Lincoln's talk given at the last public meeting.

District Councillor Gottlieb suggested that the working parties need to be aware of the importance of keeping consistency amongst the villages.

District Councillor Gottlieb asked if the Parish Council needed any more assistance from the District Council. Councillor Flemons said that she had spoken to Winchester City Council who has offered to assist the Council with a sum of £500.

Disused Section of the Railway Line:

This is in the hands of the County Council who are proceeding with it

Olympic Champion:

Councillor Riley has had three approaches for Parish Council Funding. Avington has several events planned and have asked for a grant of £350.00 which will cover the cost of a guest speaker.

She asked that if anyone new of an event being planned to let her know and said that at the next Council Meeting she hoped she would be in a position to present to the Council proposals of the funding that is required.

County Councillor Porter said that the Olympic Torch will be passing through Kings Worthy.

Councillor Robinson suggested that the Council arranges to have four trees planted one in each of each of the Parish's villages.

Councillor Riley asked if there were any more suggestions of what the Council can do and handed to everyone a list of what other parishes will be doing which she had downloaded from the internet. She suggested that residents' views could be sought through the parish magazine whilst at the same time requesting that land-owners volunteer to have a jubilee tree planted on their land.

Councillor Loader said that he has put in a bid for a Boules pitch on the Easton Cricket Ground.

He said that he would be taking it forward with talks with both the Easton Cricket Club and Easton Parish Hall Committee.

d) Lit Signs:

Councillor Porter to report in 12.031 a)

e) Couch Green:

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

Councillor Riley said that we should approach the National Playing Field Association to obtain permission to turn the playing field into allotments. Councillor Flemons said that she would write to the National Playing Field Association.

f) Strawberry Lane – Councillor Robinson said she has been chasing Hampshire County Council to get the work done, and said that she had received a quotation from Jamie Sparks to put in two sets of steps plus installing the two fingerposts for a price of £200.00.

Councillor Robinson was given delegated responsibility to authorise the work to be undertaken.

g) Street Lights

i) Councillor Porter said that he has nothing to report.

12.026 Matters for Decision/Discussion:

a) Councillor Loader said that the walnut tree that the Council planted in Itchen Abbas needed to be pruned.

12.027 Correspondence: All of the correspondence had been issued to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

12.028 Planning:

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on the 19th January 2012, having been circulated were received.

Business Conducted at the meeting

These two applications have come in but already Church Cottage is going to be withdrawn for a second time to enable a bat survey to take place. The Percy Hobbs is very similar to the initial application - signage is reduced in number and size, lighting is very much reduced and with uplighters rather than bollards so minimising spread of light and shadow.

Case No: 11/03051/SAVC

Closing date for comments: 9th February 2012

Location: Percy Hobbs, Alresford Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 1HL

Proposal: 2 no. non-illuminated fascia signs; 2 no. swing boards using existing posts and lighting

Comments:

One of the signs to the north end of the building above the widened entrance is new, the others are utilising the existing locations and lighting as for the pub.

Itchen Valley Parish Council has no objection to these lighting features provided that illumination is limited to hours of business.

Case No: 11/03050/SFUL

Closing date for comments: 9th February 2012

Location: Percy Hobbs, Alresford Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 1HL

Proposal: External alterations to fenestration, removal of porch and alterations to external lighting and signage, widening of site entrance (RESUBMISSION)

Comments:

It is good that use is made of existing but redundant buildings but a shame that yet one more public house is lost. The proposed external alterations to the building are minor as is the rearrangement of the car park. Lighting is now necessary for such areas and we are pleased to see a significant reduction of the number of lights in this resubmission and that the bollards have been replaced by up-lighters in this rural location.

Itchen Valley Parish Council has no objection to this application provided that illumination is limited to hours of business.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Thursday 16th February 2012 in the Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall.

12.029 Playing Field: Discussed in 12.025 e)

12.030 Footpath Matters:

Councillor Robinson reported that she had been unable to obtain a date for the repair of the footpath bridge at the bottom of Church Lane Martyr Worthy that is in an unsafe condition. She said that she has been told by the County Council that the money has been allocated to other projects and that no work can be undertaken whilst the fish in the river are spawning.

County Councillor Porter said that she would see why no date has been given for the repair of the bridge and that she would be nagging the County Council until it relented and provided a date.

Councillor Robinson said that the old railway line is moving forward.

Councillor Robinson said that from time to time she gets a request to have necessary maintenance work undertaken on footpaths.

Councillor Robinson was given delegated authorised to spend up to £80.00 per job.

12.031 Road, Highway & Street Light Matters:

Lit Signs:

Councillor Porter has identified one suitable site and he is still trying to identify a second.

County Councillor Porter said that if there is a need for the Parish Council to purchase a post then there could be some funding from the County Council.

Shepherds Fields Lights

County Councillor Porter had brought along the agreement to change the lights at Shepherds Fields. The agreement was signed on behalf of the Parish Council by the Clerk.

County Council Porter said that she had identified money from the Paddocks development for providing an improved footpath from the village hall to the school.

She said that plans are at present being drawn up and she has suggested that a 'back door' footpath be considered.

Councillor Riley said that she would write supporting the 'back door' footpath.

12.032 Representatives to the Village Hall Committees:

- a) Councillor Howell said that the Martyr Worthy Village hall is celebrating the Jubilee by holding a function the first week in June.
- b) Councillor Robinson thanked the Council on behalf of the Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall for the grant that it had given it.

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

12.034 The McPherson Field, Easton: Nothing to report

12.035 Public Transport Representative: Nothing to report

12.036 Winchester Villages Trust: Nothing to report.

12.037 Web Master: Nothing to report.

12.038 Finance

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

Cheque List January 2012

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
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239	022010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	6.28	
0.00	6.28				
238	022010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	6.97	
0.00	6.97				
235	022010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	13.13	
0.00	13.13				
236	022010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	25.00	0.00
25.00					
237	022010	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	211.13	0.00
211.13					
240	022011	HM Customs and Inland	Clerk Tax	52.80	0.00
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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					

The asset register was discussed. Councillor Loader volunteered to produce the Asset Register on a spread sheet.

12.039 Date of the Next Meetings – The next meetings will be on Thursday 1st March 2012 in the Martyr Worthy Village Hall.

There being no additional business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.