

Minutes March 2012

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2012 at 7pm in Martyr Worthy Village Hall

Councillors Present: Abbreviation:

Mrs P. Flemons (Chairman)	(PF)
Mr B. Loader	(BL)
Mr P Moffatt	(PM)
Ms Y Riley	(YR)
Mrs S Howell	(SH)
Mr S Gapper	(SG)

Also present:

District Councillor K. Gottlieb (KG)

In attendance:

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council. (EM)

12.039 Apologies: Councillors Ms K Wells (KW), Mr A Kennedy (AK), Mrs S Robinson (SR), Mr M Porter (MP) and County Councillor (JP).

12.040 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

It was unanimously agreed that the meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2012 at 7.00pm in the Easton Village Hall be signed as a true and accurate record.

12.041 Public Participation – None

12.042 Reports from County and City Councillor:

Action

a) County Councillor Porter did not attend the meeting and did not provide a written report.

b) District Councillor Gottlieb did not present a written report.

i) Councillor Gottlieb reported that Winchester City Council would not be increasing the Council Tax this year and this had been achieved without any detrimental effect on front line services.

ii) Winchester City Council is now allowed to build Council Houses and is borrowing 160 million from the Government at a low interest rate of only 3%. This will not only provide work locally but also much needed social housing.

iii) Bartons Farm is a mess which needs to be sorted out.

iv) He said that the proposed Winchester City centre development is a mess which will ruin its appearance and went on at length to explain why he is opposed to it. He said that he would give a full and proper presentation outlining his objections at a future Parish Council meeting.

12.043 Matters Arising

a) Olympic Champion

i) Councillor Riley said that she has written two articles which have been published in the Parish Magazine.

ii) Councillor Riley has received five requests for funding these are as follows:

Request 1)

From: Avington Village Fete

Date of event: 17th June:

Event: To support the Olympian Fete, Inc Mini Olympics, Football Tournament

Funding Required For: Medals and equipment requirements for Mini Olympics.

Funding Required: £95.00

Request 2)

From: Worthy Park Tennis Club

Date of Event: 22nd April

Event: Club launch event with strong Olympic theme for all ages

Funding Required For: Medals and equipment for Mini Olympics

Funding Required: £35.00

Request 3)

From: Martyr Worthy Events Committee

Date of Event: 3rd June

Event: To Develop a mini Olympics event

Funding Required For: Prizes and equipment

Funding Required: £50.00

Request 4)

From: Itchen Valley Flower Club

Date of Event: 14th July

Event: Craft and garden event, a number of classes have Olympic theme

Funding Required For: Sponsorship of two classes. Children's Baking Class (Olympic Biscuits) and the adult Photography class (An Olympic Sport)

Funding Required: £40.00

Request 5)

From: Itchen Abbas Primary School

Date of Event: Summer Term

Event: Olympic theme project work

Funding Required For: Book voucher prizes for project work in each class

Funding Required: £30.00

Councillor Riley explained that this equates to a total of £250.00 which is the sum budgeted by the Parish Council.

It was unanimously agreed that the grants should be given, once an official request has been received from each of the organisation.

b) Parish Plan

Councillor Flemons reported that the first section of the Parish Plan has been completed and that a working party has been set up to develop the next two sections.

c) Couch Green Playing Field.

Councillor Flemons said that the Playing Field Association has refused the Parish Council's request to turn the playing field into allotments, but she said that they may be prepared to look favourably to it becoming a wild flower meadow because this would not restrict access.

It was the consensus of those present that decision on the playing fields future should put it in abeyance and to wait and see what recommendation emerges from the Parish Plan.

d) Footpath Bridge, Church Lane:

Councillor Flemons reported that work on the repair of the footpath bridge at the bottom of Church Lane Martyr Worthy that is in an unsafe condition has been scheduled to commence in March.

Councillor Riley said that the fish are spawning under the bridge and that the work should be delayed for two to three weeks.

District Councillor Gottlieb said that he would write and see if the work could be delayed.

e) Councillor Robinson had emailed informing that she had received a quote from JS Groundwork for putting in new posts at the Park in Easton. The quote was given in two parts the first for re-using the old rails and the second for replacing the old rails.

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Robinson should be given delegated responsibility to authorise JS Groundwork to undertake the work using new materials.

f) Improved Footpath

With regard to the money that had been identified from Paddocks Development to provide an improved footpath to the school, Councillor Riley is meeting an officer from Winchester City Council to establish the most practical route.

g) Councillor Gapper reported that the tenants of the Trout Public House are leaving and that the owners would be seeking new tenants.

h) Councillor Loader said that he had completed the revised 'Asset Register'.

12.044 Matters for Decision/Discussion:

a) Parish Plan.

The Clerk was asked to keep a separate account of all expenditure on the Parish Plan.

b) Councillor Loader reported that the outstanding grit bins have still not been delivered.

c) Councillor Howell said that Martyr Worthy was putting on an historic event on the first weekend in June and that everyone is welcome to attend.

She reported that the footpath from John Harris's house towards the playing field is in a terrible state.

Councillor Flemons recommended that Councillor Howells reports this on the County Council web-site.

d) Councillor Gapper said that a lot of rubbish has been deposited particularly around the bus stops.

It was decided to have a litter picking session on Saturday the 24th March at 10.00am with teams starting from each end and meeting in the middle. Everyone wishing to attend would be welcome to join in.

e) Councillor Riley reported that the telephone box in Martyr Worthy was being used as a litter bin with oil cans being dumped in it.

Councillor Flemons said that this is one of the items that the local community should take responsibility for.

f) Councillor Howell reported that the street light at the top of Church Lane is not working.

Councillor Moffat said that he would replace the bulb.

g) Councillor Flemons said that with regards to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee that she has looked into planting a tree in each of the four villages each tree have a tree guard with a ceremonial plaque commemorating the occasion. She said that she would put an article in the parish magazine to obtain the views on this including if accepted what variety of trees should be planted.

h) Councillor Riley said that Couch Green is very poorly equipped with play equipment and that the Parish Council should be looking to improve this.

Councillor Loader suggested that this should be based on recommendations that come out of the Parish Plan.

Councillors Riley and Howells said that they would get together to look at the type of equipment that is required.

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

- a) Councillor Flemons and Loader to attend the Planning Forum on the 29th March.
- b) Councillor Flemons to attend the South Downs meeting.

12.046 Planning:

a) The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on the 16th February 2012, having been circulated were received.

12.047 Playing Field: Discussed in earlier minutes.

12.048 Footpath Matters:

a) Councillor Flemons said that she had attended the meeting on the disused railway line.

12.049 Road, Highway & Street Light Matters:

a) Lit Signs:

Councillor Porter was absent from the meeting so the item was deferred until the next meeting.

12.050 Representatives to the Village Hall Committees: Nothing to report

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

12.052 The McPherson Field, Easton: Nothing to report

12.053 Public Transport Representative: Nothing to report

12.054 Winchester Villages Trust: Nothing to report.

12.055 Web Master: Nothing to report.

12.056 Finance

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

Cheque List Mar-12

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Nett	VAT	Gross
254	22016	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	£1.15	£0.00	£1.15
253	22016	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	£1.86	£0.00	£1.86
256	22016	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	£13.13	£0.00	£13.13
255	22016	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
257	22016	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	£211.13	£0.00	£211.13
258	22017	HM Customs and Inland	Clerk Tax	£52.80	£0.00	£52.80
259	22018	Eason Village Hall & Recreation	Parish Plan Expenditure	£25.50	£0.00	£25.50
260	22019	Jamie Sparkes	Footpaths Maintenance	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
261	22020	Winchester City Council	Monthly Play Area Inspections	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00
262	22021	Scats Country Stores (Paid to P	Grounds Maintenance	£40.31	£8.06	£48.37
Totals Paid				£650.88	£24.06	£674.94

12.057 Date of the Next Meetings – The next meetings will be on Thursday 5th April 2012 in the Easton Village Hall.

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