

# Minutes April 2012

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th April 2012 at 7pm in Chestnut Horse, Easton

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 M Porter	(MP)
Ms K Wells	(KW)
Mr S Gapper	(SG)

In attendance:

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.      (EM)

12.058 Apologies: Councillors Mr A Kennedy (AK), Mrs S Robinson (SR), County Councillor J Porter (JP) and District Councillor Gottlieb (KG).

12.059 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

a) It was unanimously agreed that the meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2012 at 7.00pm in the Martyr Worthy Village Hall be signed as a true and accurate record.

12.060 Public Participation – None

12.061 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 attend the meeting and did not provide a written report.

12.062 Matters Arising

a) Councillor Riley said that with regard to the money that had been identified from Paddocks Development to provide an improved footpath to the school that she has spoken to Council Officials who are assessing two proposed routes and that she is satisfied that the project is progressing satisfactorily.

b) Councillor Howell said that she had reported the footpath from John Harris's house towards the playing field to Hampshire Highways.

c) Councillor Moffatt said that he had replaced the street light at the top of Church Lane that was not working.

d) Trees for the Queen's Jubilee

Councillor Porter volunteered to walk around the villages and identify suitable locations for the planting of the four Jubilee trees one for each of the villages.

e) Councillor Howells said that she has started her investigation into new play equipment for the Martyr Worthy playground.

f) Abbots Worthy's Residents request to become part of Itchen Valley Parish Council.

Councillor Riley posed the question; of what benefit would it be to include Abbots Worthy into the village?

A discussion then took place whether there should be a survey of Abbots Worthy residents to determine their wishes. It was the consensus of the meeting that because only one person had formally requested the boundary change and that this person had since moved away from the area, that there is insufficient evidence of interest and that it should not be pursued.

Councillor Flemons said that she would write to Chris Ashcroft – Head of Democratic Services to inform him of the Parish Council's decision.

g) Parish Plan

Councillor Porter expressed concern about Councillor Flemons being the only representative of the Parish Council on the Parish Plan Steering Committee which he felt left the Parish Council underrepresented.

A lot of Councillors were under the impression that they were not allowed to sit on the Steering Committee and Councillors Porter and Loader both expressed an interest in becoming members of the committee.

Councillor Riley said that she would also like to see the Parish better represented and said she would support Councillor Porter's request to become a member of the committee.

Councillor Flemons said that she would ask the steering group to co-opt Councillor Porter onto it.

12.063 Matters for Decision/Discussion:

a) The Clerk was asked what the renewal date is for the Council's insurance Policy

The Clerk said that it will be up for renewal in June.

b) Councillor Wells said that she would represent the Parish Council at the Parish Policing Partnership Forum on the 1st May.

c) Councillor Riley said that she had contested Winchester City Council's decision to downgrade Couch Green's playing field status, which if invoked would mean that the Parish would not be entitled to any Section 106 funding. She said that she had emailed Stuart Dumbar-Dempsey and was optimistic that she would get the status returned to its former level.

d) Councillor Riley said that the Parish Council should have a Councillor responsible for the its Open Space Strategy.

e) Councillor Flemons said that she had written to Mr Ottley to re-assure him that there was no foundations to the concerns raised in a letter presented at the Annual Parish Assembly, that the Parish Council was considering selling the playing field for development.

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

12.065 Planning:

a) The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on the 15th March 2012, having been circulated were received.

b) Councillor Riley asked about the disused sewage works?

Councillor Loader said that he that had attended a Forum Meeting and that he would be liaising with District Councillor Gottlieb to push this forward.

12.066 Playing Field:

a) Quotation for the grass cutting maintenance has been received from OCS Ltd & Avington Park Golf Course. The way the quotations have been presented made it difficult to compare them on a like for like basis.

It was therefore decide that the clerk makes an analysis of the quotations and emails this to all Councillors so that an informed decision can be made.

12.067 Footpath Matters:

a) Councillor Flemons reported that a contractor has now been appointed to undertake the work on the repair of the footpath bridge at the bottom of Church Lane Martyr Worthy that is in an unsafe condition, although it looks unlikely that the work will be commenced before May.

12.068 Road, Highway & Street Light Matters:

a) Councillor Porter reported that the Bus Service Contractor for routes 6 and 7 will probably be awarded to Velvet who he considered gave the best presentation.

b) Councillor Porter informed the Council that it is a part a group of four Councils taking part in the lit sign scheme. All that he now has to do is to submit appendix 2 which indicates where the signs will be placed. The signs can only be placed onto street signs and must be above 2.1 metres in height and to achieve this extension sleeves need to be place onto the sign posts.

County Councillor Porter has agreed to provide the Council with a £900.00 grant for the lit plan project once the application form has been received.

Councillor Flemons said that she would complete the grant application form

c) Councillor Riley asked that the two lollypop signs in Church Lane be removed.

It was agreed that these two signs could be removed.

12.069 Representatives to the Village Hall Committees:

a) The Clerk was asked to report to Easton Village Hall that the Hall had not been made available for tonight's Council Meeting

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

12.071 The McPherson Field, Easton:

a) The McPherson Trust has agreed to donate a £100.00 to the Parish Council as a contribution towards the grounds maintenance costs

b) The McPherson Trust has reported that the children's climbing frame is not child friendly and that it needs narrower bars and grab-rails.

It was decided to await and see what the actual requirements are.

12.072 Public Transport Representative: Nothing to report

12.073 Winchester Villages Trust: Nothing to report.

12.074 Web Master: Nothing to report.

12.075 Finance

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

Cheque List Apr-12

Transaction Cheque No Creditors Name Payment For Nett VAT Gross

277	Southern Water Recreation Ground Changing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
276	Southern Water Recreation Ground Changing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
269	22022 Eddie Mason Clerks Expenses (Postage)	£1.38	£0.00	£1.38
265	22022 Eddie Mason Clerks Expenses	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
270	22022 Maplin (Paid to the Clerk) Stationery	£7.49	£1.50	£8.99
271	22022 Currys (Paid to E Mason) Stationery	£14.99	£3.00	£17.99
264	22022 Eddie Mason Clerk's Salary	£211.13	£0.00	£211.13
267	22022 Eddie Mason Clerk's Expenses (Mileage)	£26.26	£0.00	£26.26
266	22022 Society of Local Council Clerks Membership Fees	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00
268	22023 HM Customs and Inland Clerk Tax	£52.80	£0.00	£52.80
272	22024 Hampshire Association of Local Membership Fees	£275.00	£0.00	£275.00
273	22024 National Association of Local Membership Fees	£59.00	£0.00	£59.00
274	22025 Southern Electric Recreation Ground Changing	£43.83	£2.19	£46.02
275	22026 Hampshire County Council Street Lighting	£170.35	£34.07	£204.42
278	22027 Martyr Worthy Parish Hall Hire of Halls	£24.00	£0.00	£24.00
279	22029 Shoecare (Paid to Paul Moffatt Grounds Maintenance	£9.17	£1.83	£11.00
Totals Paid		£975.40	£42.59	£1,017.99

12.076 Date of the Next Meetings – The next meetings will be on Thursday 3rd May 2012 in the Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.

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