

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of :- Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
July 5th 2012.

Attending: - Cllr Loader – Chairman Cllr Flemons Cllr Riley
 Cllr Kennedy Cllr Howells Cllr Robinson
 Cllr Moffatt

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks

7.117. Apologies: - Were received from Cllr Porter, Cllr Wells & WCC Cllr Gottlieb.

7.118 Public Participation – No members of the public were in attendance.

7.119. Reports from County & City Councillors.

We had apologies from our City & County Councillors. The Council wish to have a written report on local issues if the County or City Councillors do not attend. It was noted that in the recent Hampshire Chronicle an article on proposed housing included the Old Station Close, some members of the Council were unaware of this housing and would have liked to have been informed by our City Member that this article was to be published.

7.120. Selection and Co-option of New Councillors.

No applicant was in attendance so this matter will pass to the meeting in September.

7.121 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of June 7th 2012.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7.122. Matters Arising from the Minutes of June 7th 2012.

Alresford Town Plan. The Council will debate the revised Town Plan when we receive it.

Dustbin Collections – Cllr Gottlieb was not in attendance to update Cllr Moffatt on this issue.

Flashing Speed Sign - The Clerk informed Council of the success of the scheme in Otterbourne, Compton, Twyford & Colden Common, where the County Councillor had purchased it for the villages and it moved two weekly around the parishes.

The Clerk is asked to try and find out where our scheme has got to.

Safer Routes to School – Cllr Riley will contact Cllr Porter for an update on the path and its future maintenance.

Parish Plan – Will be an agenda item on all future meetings. There was some discussion on the unfortunate miss-information that was passed to WCC. This information has been refuted and the matter is concluded.

7.123. Adoption of the Code of Conduct.

The Code will be circulated to all Councillors ready for its adoption at September's meeting.

7.124. Finance.

a) The Creation of Finance & General Purposes Committee

Council was concerned that this would mean an extra meeting each month, it is hoped to run it on the same day as the Planning Committee. The Clerk confirmed that she would be able to attend with no increase in salary.

The first members will be the cheque signatories and its first duty will be to check and confirm cheque payments; it will also deal with legal documentation, the Clerks terms of employment and other duties. It will not remove all of the "powers" from Full Council. It will simplify Full Council and have better control over the council's financials obligations and regulations.

b) Approve that the council pays its bills.

"That the accounts are paid as listed."

		£
022046	Eddie Mason June/July salaries	504.58
022047	HM Revenue & Customs	105.60
022048	Itchen Abbas & Avington V.H.	9.50
022049	Aon ltd	386.00
022050	Martyr Worth Parish Hall	50.00

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed the new signatories will be Cllr Loader, Cllr Flemons, , Cllr Robinson & Cllr Kennedy.

The Chairman & Vice Chairman signed the letter to Santander requesting that Vivienne A Brooks receives all the bank statements and has the authority to maintain the balances on the current account by moving funds between the accounts.

7.125 Planning Committee held on 21st June 2012.

SDNP/12/00577/HOUS

Martyr Worthy Place, Martyr Worthy Road, SO21 1AW

Erection of fencing to the boundary

– No objections we support this application.

Cllr Flemons & Cllr Loader will be meeting with the residents of Sunnybanks, Itchen Abbas and they will then know what is proposed for this application prior to it being deposited.

Alresford Town Trust, re bus services – the Clerk will respond that the Council do not wish the representatives to attend the meeting in September.

7.126 Footpath Matters.

Cllr Robinson has asked through the village magazine that any footpath matters are brought to her attention.

The Clerk has requested a definitive plan of the footpaths and has been informed that it will be forwarded free of charge shortly.

HCC will be asked for its service agreement for footpath and rights of way and when the Council has this information it will decide if it wishes to enhance the service on behalf of parishioners. This could be the job for a village Lengthsman.

7.127. Playing Fields & MacPherson Easton School Field Trust.

There has not been a letter from Easton and Martyr Worthy Cricket Club, so the Clerk suggested that we run and advert in the Hampshire Playing Fields Association Magazine – this was agreed.

The purchase of the new play equipment (nest seat) will also pass to the new F&GP Committee.

McPherson Trust – Cllr Flemons was the representative it will now be Cllr Ms Riley.

Grass cutting tender is due to expire on 31st March 2013 – the Clerk will (nearer the time) re-negotiate a contract with OCS or other contractors in accordance with the Financial Regulations current at that time.

7.128. Road & Highways Matters – No report

7.129. Representatives to the Village Hall Committees.

Easton Village Hall – Cllr Kennedy asked a question re funding from the Council to the Parish Halls? Easton had 5 years funding in advance due to the City Council match funding the sum during the building stage.

The Clerk commented that any funding should be made on the basis that we have ascertained for ourselves that the village hall does in fact have a need. We should also have a view of its last audited accounts; we should not just pay a grant unless we feel that it is for a specific use or need.

Martyr Worthy – have purchased a large marquee that can be hired by villagers (10m X 4m)

7.130 Winchester Villages Trust.

This is the old parish relief fund. Open to all rural residents in need of assistance. The trustees try hard to distribute funds so please pass the word around.

7.131. Web Master.

We need to replace our web site, Cllr Riley has been negotiating with a local company that can design a new site for £499 and will host it for £125 per annum. Hantsweb is a comparable cost. This matter will pass to the F&GP Committee for determination.

The Clerk noted that the council does not have sufficient budget allocated for this service.

7.132. Councillors Questions.

Cllr Flemons – The council would like to provide a bike rack for the Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall. This matter will pass to the next meeting of the hall management committee.

Cllr Flemons had attended a meeting with Scottish & Southern Energy and was quite impressed.

Cllr Howells – Can we install dog bins? The Clerk commented that the criteria is requires nearby access for the van, and there would be a weekly emptying cost.

Cllr Riley – Can we get a new notice board for Couch Green? After discussion it was agreed to ask HCC how much a new board would be and secondly to try and find who owns the original one and would they mind if we replace it?

Cllr Loader – There are travellers down at Long Walk.

7.133. Date of the Next Meeting – September 6th 2012.

There being no further business the meeting closed.