

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
October 4th 2012

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

HCC – Cllr Mrs Porter
 Clerk Vivienne A Brook

8.154 HCC Presentation – Cllr Mrs Porter. (Report circulated to all Councillors.)

Cllr Mrs Porter gave a presentation on the proposed footpath link across the frontage of Longfield House and asked Council what materials that they would prefer for the retaining wall finish. There is also a suggestion that we approve works to reduce in height or remove the hedge alongside the footpath from the School to the Village Hall, bearing in mind the steep drop alongside that footpath. These matters pass to a future Council meeting for determination.

8.153. Apologies: Were received from Cllr Gottlieb. He asked that instances of non-collection of refuse be passed to him as the contractor could now be fined for such breaches.

8.155 Selection & Co-option of a new Councillor.

Recent advertisements in the local magazines have not solicited any further applicants.

8.156 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 6th 2012.

Amend Cllr Andrews to read Cllr Kennedy

Amend 8.144 to read:

“**Open Spaces** Cllr Riley was not in attendance but she had submitted a report to Council to consider the safety recommendations on the playground equipment. This was passed to F&GP for determination.”

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

Matters Arising – Cllr Ms Riley and Cllr Mrs Robinson would like a copy of email 6 regarding speeding through the village. The Clerk does not normally keep emails on computer when they have been dealt with but a copy being available will be sent.

8.157 Finance

a) Minutes of the meeting of September 20th 2012.

The Committee recommend the change of the banking account from Santander to the Nationwide Bank. This was agreed. It was also recommended that we hold only

one account until such time as the interest rate would make a deposit account a positive consideration. This was also agreed.

Cllr Ms Riley requested that the Terms of Reference point 10 of Key Responsibilities be amended to read "Consider requests for grants and make recommendations to the Council". This was agreed.

The Council agreed to delay paying the grant for £1200 to the Parochial Church Council until later in the year and after the bank accounts are changed.

Further discussion took place on the budget report circulated by Cllr Kennedy and it was agreed that the £500 held in our accounts from the grant to the Parish Plan be banked with the Parish Plan Group as soon as possible and that a further £1000 only would be requested in this financial year.

Cllr Kennedy asked that portfolio holders give thought to the funding they require in the coming financial year in order to help with agreeing our precept. This would be discussed at the November meeting.

It was noted that we are due to seek quotations for 2013/14 the grass cutting contract.

The Clerk was instructed to approach Julian Higgins of HCC to ask whether our lighting can be upgraded to be in line with the upgrades being made in the SDNP.

It was agreed that all lighting maintenance be transferred to HCC in 2013 after the SEE contract has expired.

b) That the Accounts be Paid as Listed (apart from Cheque 022067)

022058	Cannon (Grass Cutting)	1080.00
022059	Audit Commission	162.00
022060	Fawns Playtime	3239.99
022061	SSE Contracting (Street lights)	150.58
022062	IA&A Village Hall (Section 137)	650.00

(The accounts listed above were agreed at F&GP on 20th September 2012.)

022063	IA&A Village Hall (meetings)	9.50
022064	Came & Co (added play equipment)	25.00
022065	V. A. Brooks (Sept salary & Exp)	244.80
022066	Inland Revenue	55.05
022067	IVPCC Grants for 4 churchyards	1200.00 (HOLD)

8.158 Planning.**a) To agree the Minutes of the Meeting of 20th September 2012.**

It was agreed to accept the recommendations contained within the committee minutes.

b) Planning Issues.**i) Trellis Cottage, Easton – Resubmission.****Objection**

Over development of the site which is in the curtilage of a Listed Building. The objections that raised by IVPC and WCC Planning in 2007 still stand. The orange planning notice has not been displayed for the prescribed period. The proposed extension will extend towards the SSSI of the Itchen Valley.

ii) Dolphin Hill, Easton – No Objection.**iii) Store & Compound Daffodil Cottage, Fair Lane (Resubmission) No Objection.****c) Itchen Abbas - Old Sewage Works**

Cllrs Loader and Robinson attended a presentation in the village hall by WCC of the design for five council houses on this site.

8.159 Parish Plan.

WCC officer Steve Lincoln has been assisting with the questionnaire and the next Steering Group Meeting will be held shortly. Cllr Riley asked if anything will be ready from the group to aid our budget deliberations. Cllr Flemons reported that it will not be ready until after the Precept deadline.

8.160 Footpath Matters.

The Clerk will chase the grant assistance to improve the steps at the Old Railway Line, Chillandham Lane and if not forthcoming will apply to Cllr Porter for £350.

Parish Lengthman Scheme

Cllr Porter had hosted a meeting to inform local parish councils about the Parish Lengthsman Scheme. Cllrs Flemons, Kennedy and Loader had attended. The HCC are offering £1000 to each parish each year to undertake small works to enhance the services already undertaken by the Countryside Service (HCC). Parishes already in the scheme receive three days' work per season.

It was explained that each parish provide a prioritised list of tasks and these are forwarded to the lead parish a month in advance of the work being undertaken. Parish representative co-ordinate the task with the lengthsman and ensure the work is carried out before submitting a worksheet for payment.

The Council agreed to join the scheme. The Clerk volunteered to undertake the work required so that IVPC become the lead council and this was agreed. We also agreed to include Micheldever Parish Council in our scheme.

The funding will be approved in March 2013 and be available to start in April 2013.

8.161 Road & Highway Matters – dealt with at 8.154 above.

8.162 Representatives to Village Halls – No reports

8.163 Open Spaces.

Couch Green – Cllr Riley reported that she had contacted the cricket team who had expressed an interest in hiring the field. They continue to express an interest. It was agreed that the Clerk place an advertisement with the Hampshire Playing Fields Association.

Cllr Howells asked Council what her duties were now that Cllr Riley is the portfolio holder for Open Spaces. Cllr Loader stated that she continues with her role of village hall representative for Martyr Worthy and her input for the enhancement of the Couch Green play and other facilities were still sought. Cllr Howells reported that she had been approached to provide picnic benches and the Council decided that this be placed with the F&GP for funding in next financial year.

McPherson trust – James Rember has been appointed Chairman. Discussion took place on the playground maintenance and the need to add Easton's equipment – Jamie Sparks will be contacted for a quotation for the repairs that were listed.

Open spaces strategy needs renewing (Agenda item for Full Council in November)

8.164 Public Transport Representative – No report.

8.165 Winchester Villages Trust.

Will meet later this month.

8.166 Web Master Progress.

The Clerk reported that Hantsweb would provide a basic service at no cost. Details of their product had been circulated by email. The F&GP Committee felt that we did not need nor could we afford a "flashy" site. It was agreed that we will demonstrate different sites hosted by Hantsweb at the next meeting.

8.167 South Downs National Park – Settlement Study.

Cllr Kennedy produced an amended copy of the SDNP Settlement Study for our parish and the Clerk was asked to send the corrected sheet to the SDNP.

8.168 Councillor's Questions.

Cllr Flemons – Avington Park has an expensive defibrillator that can be used throughout the parish and the owners would welcome anyone to attend a training

session on 2 November at Avington Park to learn how to use it. Cllr Mrs Robinson had also been approached in her role as IA & A Village Hall committee member on this subject.

BT – will refurbish the post box in Avington in the next financial year. It was suggested that other villages with such phone boxes should also apply.

Cllr Robinson and Cllr Kennedy will attend the WCC budget meeting.

Cllr Riley asked what progress had been made to obtain the trees to be planted in celebration of the Queens Jubilee. The budget is in place so it was agreed that Cllr Riley will arrange the purchase of trees and guards. Cllr Flemons will determine whether Mark Porter is still able to engrave the commemorative plaques for the trees.

Notice Board at Couch Green – As a replacement is required the Clerk will contact her carpenter to determine a cost.

Councillors interest forms – we need to have a new one every May and any interests that alter be advised to the Clerk for a new form as and when the changes occur.

Cllr Howells has been asked by two people for a Boules piste at Couch Green. The Clerk commented that most parishes are removing them as they are not used sufficiently, get overgrown with weeds and used as a dog fouling area.

8.169 Correspondence.

1. WCC – Round Robin email regarding New Support Network for food and drink, Funding to kick start apprentices.
2. Internal Auditor recommendation, Email contact from Mr P Reynolds who services many local councils.
3. WCC Invitation from Mr Bonnon to attend a briefing session on 10th October re the next part of the Local Plan – anyone wishing to attend? Cllr Mrs Flemons & Cllr Loader are booked to attend.
4. Localism Act 2011 – Community Rights from WCC information sheet.
5. List of WCC meetings
6. Posters containing the Flooding link see last month's correspondence list.
7. Vanessa Kit Winchester Area Community Action AGM Invite for 25th October 2012.
8. Itchen Valley Flower Show – Application for a grant – the applicant is asked to send us another application in 2013 as this money is not required until July 2013.

9. New Alresford Town trust – Application for a grant – regretfully we cannot assist.
10. Charity Commissioners – King Georges Field Martyr Worthy – Instructions to complete the end of the year accounts – Cllr Mrs Robinson & Cllr Kennedy will assist the Clerk with this return.
11. HALC Conference 27th October 2012 – I have responded that we will be sending a representative who is that to be – The Clerk will attend.
12. Northern County Watch Weekly – copied to all Councillors.
13. Local Plan Special Edition – Examination dates are set, briefing session on 10th October at 6:30pm in the Walton Suite – Cllr Loader will attend.

8.170 Date of the Next Meeting – November 1st 2012 – Martyr Worthy Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.