ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy) Minutes of the Meeting June 5th 2013

Attending: - Cllr Flemons - Chairman Cllr Kennedy Cllr Riley

Cllr Appleby Cllr Mrs Howells Cllr Moffatt Cllr Mrs Robinson

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks.

13.18 Apologies: Were received from Cllr Powe & WCC Cllr Gottlieb & HCC Cllr Mrs Porter

13.19 Public Participation.

Representation from a resident opposed to an application for the Brethren Hall (Formerly the Lunways Inn) & 3 members of the congregation. This council had already supported the application. We will seek to see if there is a negotiated way forward in getting the 19 light standards lowered. However we will not recall (nor can we) our support for the application.

- 13.20 County & city Councillors Reports None
- 13.21 The Minutes of May 9th 2013 passed to next full council uncirculated.

13.22 Finance Committee – No meeting.

a) That the accounts be paid as listed.

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300041	V Brooks	May Salary	264.70
300042	HMRC	May Tax	55.05
300043	N Adams	Report	210.60
300044	Southern Electric		45.42
300045	Newsquest (V Brooks)		157.06
300046	MWPH	Hall hires	12.00

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

b) Review of Insurance asset Register

Avington War Memorial – we have the deeds. (See if we can attract funding to refurbish)

MW War Memorial – it's not the Churched it may have been a privately funded memorial.

We appear to have 5 bus shelters.

We have 5 notice boards only Couch Green is insured.

We have another bench on couch green

We own the new gate and fencing at Couch Green.

We discussed street lighting and the Clerk would like a copy of Mark Porters definitive map. Plus check the ownership of lights at Baring Close. We own 1 number jubilee tree.

Regarding another tree planted in 1977 the Clerk is to review minutes to see if that is a parish council tree and report back to council.

13.23 Planning.

A very quiet month and we note that we still do not get copies of any applications from WCC or SDNP.

Cllr Flemons reported that we may get an application (it's at the pre planning stage) for a hydro power supply to Avington Park – the details of which were passed to Cllr Appleby.

There has also been some contact re an old application for sewerage works using a "mole".

13.24 Parish Plan.

The group has not met again but works are underway for the children's questionnaire

13.25 Footpath Matters – Cllr Mezger not in attendance.

13.26 Public transport & Bus Shelters report. – Cllr Powe not in attendance.

It is hoped that Cllr Powe can attend the transport meeting.

Lengthsman Scheme

Is a total failure so far we only had 1 response from 10 tenders sent out it would appear that the distances for the money offered is to low – we will go back to Cllr Mrs Porter and see if we can operate with 9 dropping Boarhunt.

2 other avenues have come forward to explore from Cllr Howells & Cllr Riley.

13.27 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby

Cllr Mezger has been proven correct the road marking up to the Percy Hobbs roundabout is dangerous and confusing. Cllr Appleby was advised to contact Peter Ede at HCC for an onsite visit to see if it can be approved.

B3047 – Avington Place have been checked we haven't had enough rain so it was difficult to check flooding (Cllr Riley to forward flood risk report) however most culverts and drains need cleaning.

No works have been seen to the new school path promised for 27th May – email Cllr Mrs Porter for a progress report.

Road signs – not a lot of redundant signs were found- however they all need cleaning.

13.28 Village Hall representatives.

Easton – None

Martyr Worthy – only to say there will be a Christmas fare in November – Cllr Mrs Howells.

Itchen Abbas & Avington – we hope to be able to ask to use some of the Rectory Lane money for additional play equipment.

13.29 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley.

Cricket Club —emailed to ask for an update on their fundraising and plans. They will be requested to attend the July Full Council to progress the scheme.

Cllr Kennedy felt that the cricket club should attend so that we can further this scheme.

First in Last Out FC – they are only able to offer £35 a game they do wish to use the pavilion. The Council pay £45 standing charge, the pavilion is all electric and the water has been turned off for some time. £35 is not enough we requested £50. We will respond to the team but we feel that we are unwilling to subsidise a non-local team with local resident's taxes.

Play equipment.

List attached to these minutes. We may have to cut out the Pursuit Trim Trail. Quotations have been sought from Fawns, Playdale & Playforce but only one has been received to date so this will pass to F&GP on 20th June for further work.

Grass cutting has been really poor the Clerk had given Cllr riley a direct line to the supervisor and she will call him direct to expedite works at couch Green.

Mrs Dunbar-Dempsey has been approached to agree the funding for new equipment we may need some repairs or replacement to equipment once we know the impact of Nick Adams safety report.

13.30 Web Design – Cllr Riley.

Report with these minutes.

7 firms were consulted with 3 could be rejected by a lack of response or cost, the main ones Council liked were Vision ITC who host over 350 parish & Town Councils they would cost year 1. £625 over all for 3 years £1075.

TLC who were recommended by HALC year 1 cost £520 overall 3 year cost £1165. Councillors are recommended to look at the two companies. F&GP will agenda this item.

13.30 Councillors Questions.

Cllr Mrs Robinson – did council support Mr Tottle's idea of an additional seat – we would need to get approval from the site owners, but yes in principle we did.

Cllr Flemons – Boomtown meeting was poorly attended which you would expect when it was poorly advertised. The group appear to be trying harder this year to work with local residents and council's the next newsletter should be circulated more widely.

Natural England Meeting – has taken place. They have promised not to poison the tree stumps so in time they will regenerate. There are no further works planned for 12 months and they will consult more fully in future. Then works are proposed at Avington Lake, The Fish Farm at Itchen Abbas and Andre Impey's land he is working with the Wild Life trust. However they are unsure of any further government funding after this time.

13.31 Correspondence.

- 1. H&S Check Play areas N Adams 2013 pass Cllr Riley
- 2. Rural opportunities Bulletin June 2013 circulated previously
- 3. Boomtown newsletter circulated previously has been some Council's thinking this was one of our meetings.
- 4. Country Watch circulated previously
- 5. WCC Parish Connect e-newsletter circulated previously
- 6. Cllr Kennedys state of financial affairs as at April 2013
- 7. Brown Signs for the Chestnut Horse shop we would support this application if they were both on one sign.
- 8. Audit letter requiring more information sent.
- 9. Email to Adam re Cricket on the Couch Green field.
- 10. Grant awarded to IVPC from McPherson Trust Cllr Riley
- 11. Cllr Kennedy/Cllr Riley emails re Budgets etc.
- 12. Rural services Network 4th June email.
- 13. Cllr Wells resignation passed to Chairman, we have asked for a formal letter to be written to the Chairman. It is with regret that we note the resignation but well done for getting The Globe.
- **13.32** Date of the Next Meeting 4th July 2013 at Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:38pm