

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
July 4th 2013

Attending: - Cllr Flemons - Chairman
 Cllr Appleby Cllr Powe
 Cllr Kennedy
 Cllr Moffatt
 Cllr Riley
 Cllr Mrs Robinson

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks. HCC – Cllr Mrs Porter

13.33 Apologies: Were received from Cllr Mrs Howells & WCC Cllr Gottlieb.
 Cllr Mezger has resigned.

13.34 Public Participation.

Easton & Martyr Worthy Cricket Club.

Adam Murch and Julian joined the meeting to discuss the use of Couch Green as a cricket ground. They had a copy of the report commissioned by the club on the suitability of the ground. The consensus was that the ground is better suited to an artificial wicket which is suitable for junior all-weather play. The ground would benefit from levelling works to the outfield, plus demountable nets to prevent balls reaching the road.

The Council discussed tenure and suggested that it will be to the length of the required tenure (Sport England grant requirement.)

The Clerk will draft a quick note to WCC Planning asking if planning is required for the nets.

13.35 County & city Councillors Reports

Cllr Mrs Porter had circulated her report and council asked questions regard speed limit applications etc.

Lengthsman – the Clerk is instructed to write to the tenderers and ask what service we could get for the £10k with Boarhunt or £9k without.

Cllr Mrs Porter mentioned a £1000 grant for the flower show this year.

A33 works were changed (footpath) after a request from the school – noted.

Verges at Couch Green are over a metre high. We agreed to have one side cut and one side left.

Post at the site of the toll gate has gone and needs replacement or the hole filled in. The council cannot afford a new post so the consensus is to fill in the hole.

Can council email a list of priorities to Cllr Mrs Porter before the 10th July please.

13.36 The Minutes of May 9th 2013/June 5th 2013

The minutes of May 9th were agreed as a true record.

The minutes of June 5th were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

13.37 Finance Committee – 20th June 2013

Discussions on the George V – Couch Green to Open Spaces to discuss.

Lengthsman discussed above.

Asset register involved some discussion and the map of the lights does not follow the same list as the assets!

The Clerk is requested to find out what ‘unoccupied’ means as an Insurance term.

The council cannot cover the PL cover on the McPherson Field as it does not control /manage the site. There is no reason why we should pay the insurance premium and we should not insure the play equipment as, again, we do not manage the site. We are only custodian trustees. The Clerk considers the site in underinsured against recommended £10 million PL cover.

The Clerk will advise the trustees to reinsure, ask Parish Council for a grant and meet. The application for a grant should also be accompanied by a set of accounts and the Trust Deed.

Flower show: after Cllr Mrs Porter informing us of the £1000 grant, we feel that any other grant would not be required.

a) Accounts to be paid as listed.

	£
300046 MWP/PH/Hall Hire	12.00
300047 HALC (affiliation)	347.00
300048 IA&AVH/Hall Hire	15.00
300049 V A Brooks (June salary/Exp)	252.20
300050 HMRC Tax	55.05
300051 Littleton Landscapes/SLR	80.00

Cfwd: - £16748.54

Inc.:- 8007.87

Exp: - 4372.32

Balance;- Statement 8 £20,384.00.

Accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

We note that there were no issues in the internal audit to note.

We do not own the tree that has been causing problems in Avington. Clerk checked back into the 1977 minutes; during Jubilee year the council did not plant any trees but encouraged residents to do so.

13.38 Planning – 20th June 2013 – minutes circulated.

Noted – Application from Mr Baring re the cow sheds: this council raises no objection provided the building remains on the original footprint.

SDNP 13/02071/LIS Church Cottage chimneys – no objection.

ADNP 13/020843 Abbey Cottage, Rectory Lane
first floor extension – no Objection.

13.39 Parish Plan.

The group has not met yet this month.

13.40 Footpath Matters – Vacant post.

Article could go into the village newsletters asking for residents to cut back their own hedges and trees. However with the lack of a Lengthsman and knowing that we will need someone to cut back all paths before the school holidays, Councillors will approach local companies and individuals for a one-off job.

Footpath near Itchen Abbas church: new residents have put in a gate that has obstructed the small gate which does not close properly now.

13.41 Public transport and Bus Shelters report. – Cllr Powe

The report is imminent and will be circulated for discussion prior to the September meeting. He had attended the recent Public Transport Forum at the county and gave a brief report to Council. Links will be put in the village magazines and later on the new web site.

13.42 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby

Potholes are bad, with hardly any works being done by the County. Cllr Mrs Robinson suggested “fix my street” is a good site to go on.

There had been a request for a 30mph to be painted on the road but as they will all need resurfacing this is a waste of time.

Mr Ottley complained about the sign that had disappeared regarding speed traps but no one else appears to have seen it. Cllr Appleby said it was not necessary anyway.

13.43 Village Hall representatives

Easton – None

Martyr Worthy –None

Itchen Abbas & Avington – None but commented on lack of play equipment.

13.44 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley

Council will support the application from the cricket club and not meet with the football club. However we do need more evidence of progress. We will offer a licence for 10 years (or whatever the application term needs) and insure the pavilion but pass all other costs to the club. In addition they should be asked to cut all the council-owned grass in lieu of any rent.

Goal posts are now critical and we need an estimate or repairs done before F&GP in July. – agreed. Until we sort the goal posts and get a third quotation for play equipment we cannot move forward.

13.45 Web Design – Cllr Riley.

Cllr Riley will liaise with Vision. Would councillors all look at other sites to see what they like so they can understand our requirements.

13.46 Councillors Questions.

Avington Sewerage works: likely to start in September 2013.

13.47 Correspondence.

1. Theo Mezger resignation – noted
2. Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan – Development Plan Document – Public Examination – Inspector’s final report.
3. James Lupton – letter passed to planning re his future application.
4. Letter to Cllr Flemons – re Scouts from Mr A Rolt.
5. Boomtown – Third email – circulated.
6. Minutes of a meeting re Boomtown.
7. Email and subsequent order to Vision ICT for a new web site
8. Emails re (Cart & Horses roundabout on A33/B3047)
9. Emails re speed limit proposed north of Magdalen Farm and close to Winnall Down Farm.
10. Email application from the Licensing (WCC) re Matterley Bowl music for the British Motocross Grand Prix between 22/25th August.
11. A34/M3 Junction 9 Roundabout Improvement Scheme update.
12. Electoral Role alterations.
13. Community Right to Challenge – WCC circulated
14. Email: Cllr Riley due to continuing problems with OCS grass cutting contract.

13.48 Date of the Next Meeting – September 5th 2013 at Easton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:58pm