

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
December 5th 2013

Attending: Cllr Flemons - Chairman Cllr Mrs Robinson Cllr Kennedy	Cllr Moffatt Cllr Powe	Cllr Riley Cllr Appleby
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Clerk Vivienne A Brooks.

PCSO Willshire - gave council a brief report on the crime figures, which in the past two months have been few. Councillors are requested to advise parishioners on the need to lock sheds and garages. Currently PCSO Willshire has a large beat but from January 2014 she hopes to be more evident in the parishes when the beat is reorganised. It is hoped that police attendance at the AGM may be possible. All Councillors have a copy of contact details for our PCSO.

13.99 Apologies: Were received from Cllr Porter, Cllr Mrs Howells

13.100 Public Participation - None

13.101 County Councillor's Reports – None.

13.102 The Minutes of November 7th 2013

The minutes of October and November were agreed however the budget discussions will continue under the financial section of this meeting.

13.103 Finance Committee – Minutes of November 20th 2013

Issues not resolved were the fact that we cannot offer the cricket club a 25 year lease of KGV playing field.

Cllr Riley – will go back to the club and ask how their business plan is proceeding.

9.4 Correspondence with Mr Rember is ongoing and we hope that this will be successfully concluded shortly. The Trust does understand our position.

9.5 Lengthsman interviews took place today and the interviewing panel recommended a candidate. The Clerk will secure our funding and then give the contract and we should have everything in place for a January start.

Forecast: Council went into some detail into the forecast produced; we still have funding of £1325 on highways. £325 being allocated to SLR and £1000 for bus shelters that we hope will be spent before 31st March.

We have a quotation for bark and works to repair the area around the Vita Play for bark. The source at the IV&AVH had quoted £600 for play bark, without any repair work to the surrounding wood that need replacing. Vita Play quote us £741 plus VAT to replace new timber half rounds surrounding the multiplay unit and supplying 9 cubic meters of bark. This is approved as a safety issue.

Basketball area at couch green.

Cllr Riley had a quotation for £1570 to replace the concrete Vita play quote £684 plus VAT to scarify the top of the concrete, repairing where required and relaying this is also accepted. The Clerk will give the required orders.

Gate has been fixed on Couch green and the notice board will be fixed shortly, thanks to Cllr Flemons for arranging these works.

Parish Plan amount remains at £750 and two meetings have been booked.

Our reserves will be low we have assumed a precept of £17,700.00 which (on last year's figures) will be an increase from £20.87 to £25 but we feel that this is unavoidable.

We are cutting Section 137 expenditure to £2000 and allowing a further £1000 next year to bus shelters and allowing £250 for other uses and possibly 1914 remembrance ideas.

We will secure £1000 now for the Lengthsman and another £1000 for administration that means we will get our £280+ that we are owed.

Any excess will be allocated to Open Spaces.

We note the letter from the Internal auditor and we do already conform to the issues raised and we note the fixed asset requirements for 2013/14 accounts.

a) Accounts to be paid as listed.

Accounts to be paid as listed – December		£
300082	SEB	46.28
300083	Itchen Abbas & Avington Hall hires	15.00
300084	HMRC	55.00
300085	V Brooks (salary & Exp)	257.85
300086	GH & I Gray (hedge cutting)	158.00

The accounts were agreed and the cheques sign

b) Application for grants.

Application from Martyr Worthy Parish Hall for up to £650.00.

The Clerk advised that the council should not be giving funds to organisations that have sufficient funds. Their income over expenditure is £2,222.94 and the reserves are at £21,718.03 at a level of under £5000 a year to run they hold 4 years funds already.

The council did discuss this issue at great length.

Proposal "That we give a grant of £650.00 to Martyr Worthy Parish Hall" proposed Cllr Riley Seconded Cllr Flemons.

Amendment "That we give a grant of £500.00 to Martyr Worthy Parish Hall" proposed Cllr Moffatt with no seconder the amendment failed.

Votes for the proposal 3 against 4 and the proposal failed.

13.104 Precept Requirements 2014/15

The sum of £17,700 is required proposed Cllr Kennedy Seconded Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.

13.105 Planning – any further applications.

Very quiet month with no applications.

13.106 Footpath Matters – Cllr Robinson

Shelly Close gate needs a new post. The consensus is that a gate is not required in this position.

13.107 Parish Transport & Bus Shelter Report – Cllr Powe

We have not won any funding but the Upper Itchen Valley Society has been asked for an application form.

13.108 Highways Matters – Cllr Appleby

After the last meeting as requested, Cllr Appleby had given County Councillor Porter our priority list. We do note new white lines near Easton at the side of the road.

13.109 Village Hall Representatives.

No reports.

13.110 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley

The gate is fixed at Couch Green and the bollard is in thanks to Cllr Moffatt. We do need to train someone to do weekly inspections, the RoSPA course is in the region of £300 and Councillors will canvas residents and associates to see who will take the course and work for the council.

13.111 Web Design – Cllr Riley.

Excellent web site and all minutes are up, draft minutes will appear under the Councillor only section and you will each need a user name and password. All accompanying papers can also be put on the website Councillors section.

We need terms of reference for planning applications.
There is a link to HCC & WCC sites and Councillors.

13.112 Councillors' Questions

Cllr Riley – hedges are cut but we can now see all the rubbish under them it is hoped that residents will be encouraged to clear the rubbish in their area.

Cllr Appleby/Flemons gave a brief report on the continuing sewerage saga that now appears to be set for February 2014. It will take about 3 months and some disruption on the Avington Road will be evident.

13.113 Correspondence.

1. Various emails between Mr Rember & IVPC re McPherson Trust Field
2. Country watch – 22/11
3. Parish Event – HCC transport & Environment Cllr Woodward invitation to attend 16/1/2014
4. HALC – mMeeti9ng schedule 2014.
5. Editorial from Cllr Flemons re precept & nut tree.
6. Notification that PC Willshire will be attending tonight's full council
7. Email re the availability of a 1 bed flat in Martyr Worthy – copied to all councillors 18/11
8. Information re works to Junction 9 Winnall Roundabout.
9. Countrywatch – copied to all Councillors
10. Letter regarding Groundwater Management Plan.
11. Email from Cllr Kennedy advising the F&GP minutes are correct.

The Clerk read the correspondence re dispensations not being required by Councillors discussing the precept and being needed IF Trade Union membership is sponsored.

13.114 Date of the Next Meeting - Thursday January 9th 2014 (a change from the one scheduled on the 2nd January) at Easton

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.