

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
January 9th 2014

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

HCC – Cllr Mrs Porter

WCC – Cllr Gottlieb

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks.

14.1 Apologies: Were received from Cllr Mrs Howells

14.2 To Co-opt Mr M Phillips & Mr H Labram

Both gentlemen completed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and are members of the Council and took their seats.

14.3 County & City Council Reports.

Cllr Mrs Porter – gave copies of her report (Copy held with these minutes.)

Many of the issues are on flooding, poor BT service and sewage problems. The Clerk commented on problems with the lack of power in Cheriton and the council may wish to consider an emergency plan for the parish. Which would mean a set hall or school that would have a generator and be a warm haven in times of crisis?

Cllr Gottlieb – CIL – (Community Infrastructure Levy) has been under discussion at WCC. Parish Councils with a neighbourhood plan in place the parish could receive grants of up to 25% toward suitable projects.

At an exhibition for the social housing in Itchen Abbas only 10 turned up but there are now 47 applicants. If there are any other people that may wish to be considered with a local connection please gets in touch with Nick Fisher.

Sunnybanks application – Cllr Gottlieb is not on the WCC planning committee now and therefore can speak to council on this application. He considers that it is not a sympathetic design for the valley; it is imposing upon the existing resident's homes, in particular Vine Cottage which is listed. The driveway is still extremely steep and the first house on the plan looks as if it could be split into two at a later stage of the planning process.

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Sunny bank, Itchen Abbas

Land at the rear of Sunnybank, erection of 3 dwellings, associated access road and landscaping.

There were no members of the public in attendance but in view of this application (due in by 21st Jan) we will canvass full council and neighbours. The Council's last comments submitted on 18/1/2013 were circulated to all before these meetings and we will email a consensus of comments before we submit our formal response.

Councillors had discussed many aspects of this application during tonight's meeting.

14.4 The minutes of the Meeting of December 18th 2013.

Were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

14.5 Finance & General Purposes.

The committee did not meet in December and apart from £10 in interest earned our financial position has not changed.

a) Accounts to be paid as listed.

300087 Easton V Hall	48.00
300088 Littleton & Harestock PC (SLR INS)	6.50
300089 Vita Play (Bark Easton)	889.20
300090 Playtime (Rocker Easton)	1206.24
300091 Cannon (Grass) couch green	110.18
300092 IA & A V Hall (parish Plan)	31.50
300093 V Brooks salary IVPC & Lengthsman/Exp	529.74
300094 Inland Revenue	101.24

The Clerks salary is split (and expenses) between the Council and the Lengthsman Scheme for which we have banked £11,000.00. The breakdown of expenses and salary is attached to the Expenses and salary form as an additional sheet. We have also added an additional column to allow the amounts to be seen clearly.

We have paid for the springer on McPherson Trust field will now request their contribution.

b) Lengthsman Payments

Will be made in 12 equal payments over the year.

14.6 Play area funding problems – clarification required.

McPherson Trust will enter a licence with us. They have asked us to draft it. Cllr Kennedy and Clerk will do so.

Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall – after trawling back through minutes back to 1998 the Clerk has found that whilst we paid (via s106) for the equipment, we then donated it to the hall as the only available open space. The minutes of 2009 state clearly that we had booked our two play areas and the then Clerk was requested to ask the hall if they wanted "their play equipment included" (Minute 01.8 of the 8th January 2009), therefore they must pay for their own bark. We cannot licence this play area as the Montessori may not appreciate adults and children accessing the

site during one of their hires, which is quite understandable. For an area to be Parish Council maintained it must be available to the public at all times.

14.7 Planning – anything further – None.

14.8 Footpath Matters.

There was discussion on the Lengthsman and the footpath that goes along the railway bridge at Northington Road. There will be the opportunity to use the Lengthsman to ensure road signs in the area are cleared when the trees are in leaf. Cllr Phillips will assist with the Lengthsman as a point of contact after the first visit on January 20th.

14.9 Parish Transport and Bus Shelters Report – Cllr Powe.

Upper Itchen Valley has been approached to assist with a grant to replace the shelter at the end of Easton Lane.

The Clerk and Cllr Powe have a meeting with the SDNP Sustainable Transport Officer next week and they look willing to fund repairs, which will be useful as some shelters have not stood up well to the recent storms. Some lack a roof and have moved off their foundations.

14.10 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.

Bridget's Lane drains have been cleared and seem to be working well. It may be useful to have a supply of cones for bad weather. The Chairman commented she had signs but the last time she set them up HCC came along and loaded them all up. The same thing could happen with cones,

Dangerous trees reported along B3047 from its junction with Avington Lane (the Trout) to the Elms, the Clerk will try and get HCC tree officer on the case.

14.11 Village Hall Representatives.

No reports. Cllr Labram will be our representative at Easton until May.

14.12 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley

The play park at Easton was done in the nick of time, the springer is in at Easton (McPherson).

14.13 Website – Cllr Riley

New Councillors photographs will be added with a list of Council dates of meetings. The link to the parish plan will be moved to the front page. Plus the Flower Show will have a page and any other groups that would like a free page should contact Yvette direct.

14.14 Councillors Questions.

Cllr Appleby – Any update on the sewerage works – Chairman reported that they are due to begin on January 29th but this will be a token scrape to keep their planning. The tender has been awarded to BTU but a formal scheme has not been on public display yet.

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the Parish Plan meetings in Itchen Abbas & Easton.

14.15 Date and Venue of the Next Meeting.

Thursday February 6th 2014 at Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall at 7pm.