

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
February 6th 2014 2014

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

HCC – Cllr Mrs Porter

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks.

14.16 Apologies: None.

14.17 County & City Council Reports.

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

Flooding is still a major problem, with the worst effected parishes being The Worthys and Micheldever. The County Council has run out of flooding signs, more are on order.

New grips have been installed but with saturated ground we are still experiencing problems with more rain forecast.

Other issues covered were the Morn Hill Camp memorial which will be in place for June 2014, with an exhibition in the Great Hall from 23rd June.

Recent meetings with regard to a new hospital situated between Basingstoke and Winchester have been taking place. It will have 300 high dependency beds but, if agreed, will not be in place for some years.

1418 The minutes of the Meeting of January 9th 2014

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

14.19 Finance & General Purposes.

The committee did not meet in January so there are no minutes to approve. Copies of the current financial forecast were available for members of the council.

a) Accounts to be paid as listed.

		£
300095	Littleton Landscapes (SLR)	80.00
300096	IT & A V Hall (hall Hire)	15.00
300097	Cannon Grass cutting	232.61
300098	Easton V Hall (section 137)	25.50
300099	V A Brooks (salary/Exp)	265.46
300100	Inland Revenue	55.00
300101	Craig Morris (Lengthsman)	812.50

14.20 Planning

SDNP/13/05935/FUL

Sunny bank, Itchen Abbas

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

Sunnybanks application was discussed and an objection made in line with the comments from the last minutes.

a) Hampage Farm – Certificate of Lawfulness of Use.

The owners have applied for a licence to cover all of the uses of the site from Music Festivals to tank driving, the council discussed the issues and are not mindful to object to the certificate being issued.

Cllr Labram felt that people enjoyed Hampshire for its peace and quiet and felt that this type of activity is not suitable.

b) Other planning issues – at a recent meeting the Chairman was accosted by an irate resident of Easton concerning the impending sewage works. Cllr Flemons wished to reiterate the events that led to the decision to install a sewage pipe to pump 16 houses in Avington to the mains via Easton pumping station. Both she and Cllr Mrs Porter (HCC) recalled a unanimous vote at HCC that a sewage system should not be installed in Avington next to a Grade 1 listed church, although residents would have welcomed it on a more suitable site in Avington. We further note that as a utility Southern Water did not require planning permission to lay the pipeline. The Easton sewage pipe is currently overloaded, but its replacement with a considerably wider pipe will act as a buffer when the pumping station is overloaded from excess groundwater and should thus help to improve the system overall, so Easton should benefit from the new system.

The River Itchen was being compromised by effluent in the Avington area and this was considered by Southern Water to be the only suitable alternative.

14.21 Footpath Matters

There was discussion on the Lengthsman and the works undertaken. Cllr Phillips felt that other things are more useful than footpath maintenance at this time. The next visit is in March and the Clerk will compile the list for then.

It has been noted that footpath 33 and 34 now are joined to footpath 39 where the landowner has allowed some fencing to be neglected. Cllr Phillips will meet with Cllr Robinson and Elliot Rowe to look at the position of the footpath, which may be affected by a recent planning application.

A pedestrian has complained about a partially-felled lime in Avington that restricts them from getting off the road when traffic approaches. The tree cannot be removed by the landowner because of its proximity of the oil pipeline, but there is a warning notice on the tree.

14.22 Parish Transport and Bus Shelters Report – Cllr Powe.

Cllr Powe gave a report on the recent meeting between himself and two representatives of the SDNP (Nick & Nina). They wish to assist us with a possible replacement scheme for our bus shelters where we can showcase local felled timber and artisan workers. The scheme has not been finalised yet but we hope to give further details as they are confirmed. We will hold over our bus shelter spending barring small repairs until the Finance & General Purposes Committee have met and the scheme has been approved by SDNP.

Bus services – currently are funded by HCC and the tender is up shortly Cllr Powe will attend a meeting of the passenger forum shortly and report back to council.

Parish Plan has highlighted some transport issues that we hope will be sorted out such as how to contact Dial a Ride. We will put information up on the web site shortly.

14.23 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.

The weather is making highway matters worse but there is little that can be done until the weather improves. We note that the 30mph sign has been concerted in with a new pole at Rectory Lane.

14.24 Village Hall Representatives.

Cllr Labram, Easton – Finances are reasonably healthy with no immediate capital projects.

They are considering removing the old garages and replacing with additional parking and storage. A new audio system with a PA system is being installed.

Cllr Mrs Howells, Martyr Worthy – did not attend the last meeting due to a family funeral however noted that the pantomime had been well received.

Cllr Mrs Robinson, Itchen Abbas & Avington handed the Clerk a request for a grant to replace the dishwasher.

14.25 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley

Licence for McPherson Field – sent to Mr Rember today with a reply hopefully to F&GP on 20th February.

Horses have been using Couch Green field and have churned up the land. Dog fouling is still a problem. If the Clerk is informed of the car number plate of the owners she will seek to prosecute the offending dog owner.

We are retendering for the grass cutting and it will be a full agenda item on next month's agenda.

We should chase FILO for unpaid football fees. The Clerk will write a letter.

14.26 Website – Cllr Riley

There is a web page up for the Flower Show. Any Councillors wishing access should contact Cllr Riley for a password and choose their own user name.

The Council sections hold the draft minutes until approval. Cllr Flemons will forward an existing welcome pack compiled by the church to Cllr Riley so that an A-Z of contact numbers can be added to the site.

Cllr Powe will add to the transport page as soon as we have any news to add.

14. 27. Parish Plan – Cllr Flemons.

The two meetings, one in Itchen Abbas hall and one in Easton well attended and it is hoped that we can launch the Parish Plan at the Council's Annual Parish Assembly in May. The Clerk is requested to book the hall as soon as possible.

We understand that we will have a more comprehensive plan than the existing draft used had these meetings. The launch will take the form of a short Power point presentation.

14.28 Councillors' Questions.

Cllr Moffatt – Is arranging a road litter pick on March 29th could this be advertised to encourage teams to be made for the voluntary cleaning of the parish.

Cllr Mrs Porter (HCC) –there is a broadband meeting in April (we have two tickets to attend) also Mr Nicholson may have sorted out the BT problem with telephones could anyone getting a regular call see if the recipients of that call feel that the reception has improved.

Cllr Phillips – asked if the result of today's meeting at WCC concerning the Northington Lane conversion application was known – No.

Cllr Appleby – was asked to investigate further a generator and emergency plan for bad weather for the village. Cllr Labram felt that this was not required and that he was doubtful about the economics, which raised some comments from other councillors who had no power for 52 hours and the Clerk added that Cheriton that was off from Christmas Eve to New Year. The Clerk will assist Cllr Appleby with a proposed plan and costings.

14.29 Date and Venue of the Next Meeting.

Thursday March 6th at Martyr Worth Parish Hall. Hall at 7pm.

The meeting close at 8:50pm.