

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

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

McPherson trust – Mr J Rember, Trustee

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks.

14.30 Apologies: Cllr Powe & Cllr Labram, WCC – Cllr Gottlieb.

14.31 County & City Council Reports – None received.

The council would like to acknowledge the work undertaken in a calm and reassuring manner by Cllr Gottlieb. It was very much appreciated. He was the right man in the right place at the right time for his parish during the floods.

14.32 The minutes of the Meeting of February 6th 2014

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

14.34. McPherson Field proposed Licence.

Cllr Mrs Riley declared a code of conduct interest as a trustee appointed by Council of the McPherson trust.

The council discussed this matter in depth. We now believe that we had previously been paying to insure the play equipment on the Old School Field erroneously as could not insure anything that we did not have the management of.

We are seeking to put what was an oral arrangement into a formal agreement (Licence) so we could ensure the play equipment under our public liability insurance including the equipment itself. The asset list seems to infer (due to the cost of equipment insured) that we will not incur additional costs for insuring additional equipment. The Clerk objects to the fact that the licence asks that we continue to pay for the Trustees insurance in addition to the maintenance costs of the field.

Mr Rember felt that the trustees would not agree to the option to disband and close the trust so that the ownership and running costs revert to the Council.

Local Govt Act. C Arnold Baker 12:17 states “trustees who hold property for the purpose of a public recreation ground or of an allotment for the benefit of the inhabitants or any of them for other charitable purposes other than an ecclesiastical charity may, with the consent of the Charity Commissioners, transfer the property to the local council or its appointees upon the same trusts”. The Clerk felt this might be a better option than paying twice for insurance.

However it may be possible, with consultation, to expend the Council's insurance to cover the whole area and recognise the Rector of the Itchen Valley Churches (1. Trustee) & Mr Rember the second trustee. The Clerk will enquire. The Council agreed to sign the Licence before the next F&GP meeting.

14.33 Finance & General Purposes.

The committee did not meet in February 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.

300102	Martyr Worthy Parish Hall	14.00
300103	V Brooks Salary & Exp	259.19
300104	HMRC Tax	55.00
300105	Littleton Landscapes (SLR)	88.00
300106	Southern Electric	45.44
300107	Vita Play (basketball Couch Green)	820.80
300108	Craig Morris – Lengthsman	812.50
300109	WCC – Play area inspections	72.00

b) Financial Report for 2013/14 – carry forward amounts to be agreed.

The forecast was emailed prior to this meeting and, as usual, the invoice from WCC Cheque 109 above refers came in afterwards.

The Open spaces expenditure is as stated. We are under-spent as we are awaiting the s.106 payment. Cllr Riley informed us that this amount is likely to be paid soon.

The bus shelter account still has £1000 in and we will bring this amount forward, add it to the £2000 budgeted for 2014/15 which will allow the scheme with SDNP to proceed, the funding having been secured.

We will request the payment of the Vita Plat account (cheque 107 refers) to be taken from Section 106 money – Clerk will request this amount less VAT from Mr Dunbar-Dempsey.

The Parish Plan reserve – we have £750 in the budget for 2014/15 so we agreed to move the remaining £943 into general reserves.

The Clerk will seek quotes for works to refurbish the car park and improve the entrance to Couch Green.

“The Council accepts the earmarked reserves as stated via the amount to clear the web site deficiency subject to any differences in the financial reports.” This was agreed.

c) Application for a grant – Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.

Cllr Riley was saddened that the application is for a dishwasher replacement and not for swings.

Cllr Robinson responded that the hall could run without swings but an industrial dishwasher was needed to hire the hall.

Cllr Kennedy noted that the application was headed "Annual Grant" and the council has moved away from giving annual grants due to financial shortages and we have moved towards grants for capital expenditure based on need.

The dishwasher cost is £2000 it was a pity that the hall had only asked for £650 as we could have given more.

Proposal "That we award a grant of £600 to be added to the £650 in the previous year that was not used for a bike rack" proposed Chairman Seconded Cllr Kennedy and agreed.

It was agreed to set criteria for Section 137 grants. The Clerk will do so.

14.35 Planning

SDNP/14/00665/HOUS & Listed

Grasmere, Avington Park Lane – demolition of existing conservatory and replacement single storey extension to the rear – No Objection.

SDNP/14/00153/HOUS

Plough Heights, Main Read Itchen Abbas

Construction of a timber framed porch – No objection.

SDNP/14/00354/CND

Matterley Basin

Variations to conditions 1-3, and operating between 08:00-18:30

This council support the certificate of lawfulness of use to cover the whole site and thus regulate the whole site as one. We do note that some residents have objections but many residents do not.

SDNP/13/06072/HOUS

Mulberry House, Avington Lane

Demolition of a twentieth century extension and replacement by a new two-storey building – No Objection.

Cllr Appleby declared a code of conduct interest in the following application.

SDNP/14/00416/HOUS

Itchen Grove, Main Road, Itchen Abbas.

Single-storey extension and replacement roof.

The scale of this application is incorrect and shows the roof line as being 5 metres high, the applicant has been advised to resubmit with the correct drawing perspective.

SDNP/14/00545/CND

Lower Chilland House

To leave low level lighting on all night removing the 9pm curfew on the lighting. The Clerk had forwarded two objections to this application. The council object to the removal of this condition as lighting at that lower level is not a deterrent.

There will be a Planning meeting on March 20th prior to F&GP.

14.36 Emergency Planning/ flooding in Itchen Valley.

The problem in the valley has been caused by rising groundwater levels. Cllr Riley will compile a list of properties damaged and forward it as required.

The road surface of the B3047 at Itchen Abbas is now appalling.

Cllr Appleby did attend the IA&AVH to ascertain what power would be needed to run the hall, and The Clerk will look for other emergency plans and link them to Cllr Appleby.

14.37 Footpath Matters/Lengthsman visit 31st March 2014.

A list for the Lengthsman was completed; the Clerk will pass a copy to Cllr Phillips and Mr Morris. The Clerk was pleased to report good feedback from other councils using the scheme.

Cllr Phillips is liaising with Elliot Rowe (HCC Footpaths) on some footpath matters and there have been some finger posts installed. The move away from stiles to kissing gates and this may prove difficult in some areas with livestock.

Cllr Phillips is also attending the Paths to Partnership conference on June.

14.38 Parish Transport and Bus Shelters Report – No report.

14.39 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.

Bad weather has still preventing work. We were pleased to hear that work will begin in May. Sadly, it looks as if it will be surface dressing from Couch Green to the A33, when the worst-affected place is in the other direction, from MW to Itchen Abbas which needs done to the standard of Station Hill.

We also note that reports of problems to the 30mph sign which was knocked over. It says on line that works are complete, and in fact the sign is still lying on the verge. We will ask Cllr Mrs Porter to assist with this problem and the HCC website.

14.40 Village Hall Representatives.

Cllr Mrs Robinson, Itchen Abbas & Avington – asked a question with regard to the new Community Infrastructure Levy as opposed to the Section 106, the Clerk

reported that we are still able to get full funding in a good cause and we as part of SDNP still have 12 months to spend our funds.

14.41 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley

a) Grass cutting tenders 2014 Season.

The Clerk had passed three sealed envelopes to Cllr Riley and they are as follows:

1. Countrywide for 9 cuts £1,692.00
2. OCS for 9 cuts £1,778.00
3. Greensmile for 9 cuts £ 2,025.00

The Clerk is asked to return to the tender given by Greensmile and ask why the discrepancy on the Martyr Worthy Football cuts and the matter will pass to F&GP on 20th March to award the contract after further deliberation.

Cllr Riley will ask FILO for the unpaid football fees that are due.

Cllr Riley had stated that the Barings money was in the Section 106 funds and that we will ask the play manufactures to refresh their quotations so that we can order the equipment.

14.42 Website – Cllr Riley

There have been 106 hits about average, plus we have additional pages for the Choral Society and Martyr Worthy Parish Hall.

14. 43. Parish Plan – Cllr Flemons.

Is on schedule, with a Steering Group meeting on Monday and the pre-launch set to follow the Annual Parish Assembly on 14th May.

The next edition of the village magazine will advertise the event.

14.44 Correspondence.

1. McPherson Trust – various emails ending in a draft Licence agreed by Came & Co.
2. Emails between Clerk & Chairman re Agenda.
3. Email copied to all re A34 drainage works at Kingsworthy.
4. Emailed to all – Advice that the SDNP will be rolling out 2 documents the first The South Down Local Plan and the second regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy.
5. Countrywatch 14/2
6. HALC – e-update Feb 2014 – emailed to all 7/2
7. NALC – Repeal of s150 (5) of the Local Govt. Act 1972 regarding the amount of signatures required on cheques etc. Circulated to all 19/2

8. NALC – Local Govt. Accountability – Openness of Local Govt. Bodies re recordings etc. Circulated to all 19/2
9. Planning for Winchester Town – emailed 21/2
10. Official link to Govt. papers on flooding assistance.
11. Countrywatch 21/2
12. Boomtown attached minutes of their latest meeting – emailed 26/2 plus same mailing copy of the link to the traffic management plan.
13. E mailed (Chairman) re Service of commemoration of the 1914 outbreak of war service at the Cathedral on 22nd June 2014 – Chairman will attend.
14. Countrywatch 28/2
15. Simon Eden – flood watch update.
16. Email regarding any parishes that can identify areas to put a caravan to hold Syrian refugees.
17. Email regarding flood relief on flooded homes.
18. The Local Plan – SDNP poster re the consultation link.
19. Boomtown 3/3 thanking residents for feedback and the traffic management plan.
20. Email Cllr Robinson regarding planning application distribution.
21. Copy letter from resident regarding the Lower Chilland House – responded that they must copy same letter to WCC as the planning authority.
22. NALC/SLCC 2013/14 Clerks salary review.
23. Objection re lower Chilland Housie another resident – emailed to planning committee 28/2 and advised they must copy objection to WCC.
24. Copy Letter – Mr Rember McPherson trust asking for the donation promised with copy involve – no cheque has been received to date.
25. Email from Cllr Riley with regard to Domestic Flooding in the Itchen Valley.
26. Boomtown – update letter regarding the licence and giving us a time line for charity applications of 31st March 2014.
27. Emails regarding financial matters – earmarking £1000 reserves for bus shelters – dealt with at item 33(b) above.
28. Emailed list of meetings that Cllr Kennedy cannot attend.
29. Open space list of funds unspent – emailed Cllr Riley.

30. Email play equipment leaflet – pass Cllr Riley
31. List of WCC meetings in March 2014
32. Email to Clerk from Chilcomb Parish Meeting on broadband.
33. Copy email inviting Cllr Phillips to the Paths to Partnership meeting on 5th June 2014.
34. Full electoral roll received.
35. Email between Clerk & F&GP Chairman re accounts.
36. Ico registration for IVPC now at the correct address.
37. Emailed confirmation of playground safety checks 2014.
38. Meeting at The Castle Winchester regarding the superfast broadband tickets booked.

14.45 Councillors' Questions.

Cllr Phillips –Suggested that all meetings would proceed faster if all comments were through the chairman and all reports were taken as read. This was supported and the Clerk will streamline the agenda.

Cllr Phillips – We can obtain free trees through the woodland trust but we must take 30. This will go on the website.

Cllr Flemons – Will take note of saving time at the next full council meeting.

14.29 Date and Venue of the Next Meeting.

Thursday April 3rd at Easton Village Hall at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.