

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
April 3rd 2014

Attending: Cllr Flemons - Chairman Cllr Mrs Robinson Cllr Mrs Howells	Cllr Moffatt Cllr Appleby Cllr Phillips	Cllr Riley Cllr Powe Cllr Labram
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HCC – Cllr Mrs Porter

WCC – Cllr Gottlieb

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks.

14.47 Apologies: Cllr Kennedy

14.48 County & City Council Reports – Copied to all Councillors.

The report was accepted and the contents therein.

Velvet bus service is causing concern as they are not providing a regular morning service. Please report comments on the service to Cllr Mrs Porter.

B3047 – needs resurfacing but HCC are going to resurface Northington Lane; the council would like to be included in decisions that affect the parish concerning roads as the B3047 is our priority. Cllr Flemons in dialogue with Derek Osborne of HCC.

14.49 The minutes of the Meeting of March 6th 2014

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

14.36 – Not one resident has contacted Cllr Riley with regard to flooding. Cllr Riley commented on the lack of residents reporting flooding, which would mean that in the future there could be less provision for assistance in the valleys.

14.48 WCC – Cllr Gottlieb joined the meeting.

Cllr Gottlieb asked if anyone in the room used the park and ride in Winchester. None did. The proposed Silver Hill application has only 27 parking spaces over and above those provided now. With over 125K extra retail units and parking for those that work there, Winchester may not have nearly enough of the short-term parking most essential to out-of-town villages. This is a real problem and members of the council wish to support Cllr Gottlieb in his endeavours to try and get more parking provision.

Boundary Commission is again in the area and the possible outcome will be fewer Councillors for Winchester and more grouping together of parishes to even out District Wards.

Station Close – housing four families have come forward and been directed to Mr Maggs, they do have a contact but it is not yet known if they meet the criteria for housing.

14.50 Finance & General Purposes.

It was agreed to accept the recommendations contained in the committee minutes.

We do not have a signed licence from Mr Rember. The Clerk is also asked to write again with copy invoice to get the funds promised for the rocker.

a) Accounts to be paid as listed.

300109	WCC – play ground safety.	72.00*	
300110	IA&A Village Hall	600.00* (Section 137)	*Issued last month
2014/15			
300111	V A Brooks salary/Exp	250.65	
300112	Inland Revenue	55.00	
300113	Craig Morris (Lengthsman)	812.50	
300114	WCC – playground checks.	72.00	

14.51 Planning

It was agreed to accept the recommendations contained within the committee minutes.

14.52 Footpath Matters/Lengthsman visit 31st March 2014.

Cllr Phillips reported on a meeting with Eliot Rowe from Rights of way Office they walked footpath 39 and reported that the landowner has been requested to reinstate the footpath across the field and to widen the entrance to the footpath. It will also need a new sign post. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked that the gate design be altered here and also on the footpath near Shelley Close to stop dogs running under the gate and into the road.

There is still a tree down on the old Ox Drove and so far the landowner has not removed it.

The Lengthsman visit went well and his work was of a good standard. He was asked to report on a blocked ditch/culvert behind the bus stop by the Trout Pub.

The litter pick took place thanks to the Councillors that assisted and a few residents as well.

14.53 Parish Transport and Bus Shelters Report.

The bus shelters have been cleaned.

14.54 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.

B3047: we are campaigning to get the road resurfaced. The speed limit is still lying by the road side despite Cllr Riley having an email to say that it has been replaced. She will bring this email to the highways department's notice, it is possible that without all the signs being in place any speeding prosecution might fail.

Cllr Phillips asked a question with regard to the SLR sign location. Residents will be approached to cut back trees overhanging the road to allow it to be placed in the alternative location. Littleton Landscapes will be approached to provide readings of numbers of times the light was triggered.

14.55 Village Hall Representatives.

Cllr Mrs Robinson, Itchen Abbas & Avington – the new dishwasher is in place.

Cllr Mrs Howells, Martyr Worthy Parish Hall – the floor has been re-sanded and sealed.

Cllr Labram, Easton Village Hall – Nothing to report.

14.56 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley

Greensmile now have the contract for grass cutting in 2014 and Cllr Riley passed the keys to the Clerk for copying.

FILO still have not paid – the Clerk will write to them it is understood that they want running water but they must pay their bills before it can be considered.

Rectory Lane development: there will be no Section 106 money until occupation but we have an undertaking from WCC that this money will not become CIL funds but will remain Section 106 funds. Therefore we will not purchase the zip wire yet. We will acquire another piece of equipment in the new financial year from our own funds.

Oak tree at Avington has died but Mr Juppe has offered a replacement that we accept with thanks.

14.57 Correspondence.

1. Southern water – still £26.78 in credit.
2. Rural services Network – Email News Digest 31st March 2014 – emailed to all Councillors.
3. Funds available to spend do we have additional claims to be made – Cllr Riley.
4. Velvet Bus 67 cancelled and an emergency service is in place.
5. Country Watch – emailed 7/3
6. HALC – e-Update March 2014 emailed to all 17/3.
7. Country Watch 15/3
8. WCC email re Flood recovery business grant applications opened 1/4/2014 closing 28/5/2014
9. Country Watch 22/3

10. Environmental Agency website changed to www.gov.uk.
11. WCC invitation to flood assistance thank you buffet Cllr Flemons will attend I have booked a place.
12. In Unity – newsletter from our bankers.
13. Letter from Lasham Gliding re TAG Farnborough Airport expansion – this will be put on the web site. Cllr Flemons to look into the proposal.
13. a. Press Release re above – Lasham Gliding.
14. Email from S Dunbar-Dempsey assuring us that Rectory Lane 106 funding will not be swallowed in to CIL funding.
15. Emails re grass cutting contract Cllr Riley/Clerk & Steve Postle (Green Smile).

14.58 Councillors' Questions.

Cllr Appleby – is still working on an emergency plan and costs for a generator.

Cllr Moffatt – another applicant for the Social Housing at Station Close – please pass to the Chairman.

Cllr Powe – the notice board at the Cricketers is broken – the Clerk and Cllrs will see if we can get it mended.

Cllr Flemons – APM is on 14th May it is in the magazine and we will purchase wine and nibbles.

Next meeting – F&GP on 17th April, Annual Parish Meeting on May 1st 2014 at IA&A plus the Assembly on 14th May at IA&A.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm