

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

Attending: Cllr Flemons - Chairman Cllr Moffatt Cllr Phillips
 Cllr Labram Cllr Kennedy

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks.
 HCC – Cllr Mrs Porter

14.88 Apologies: Cllr Mrs Robinson, Cllr Mrs Howells, Cllr Powe & Cllr Appleby & WCC Cllr Gottlieb

14.89 Public Participation & Declarations of Interest on issues on the agenda. – None.

14.91 The minutes of the Meeting of June 5th 2014
 Were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

14.92 Matters Arising from the Minutes of June 5th 2014

14.90 County Council Report – Cllr Mrs Porter.

Full copy of the report held with these minutes.

B3047 Cllr Mrs Porter reminded the council that drainage works were meant to be done before the resurfacing works commence on July 12th. Cllr Flemons reminded her that Avington Manor Road will be shut for all of July and to do both at the same time will cause great difficulty accessing anywhere in the parish from Avington.

Cllr Phillips had spoken to a BT man and said that there are ducts under the road (Broadband Services) and the cables can be pulled under the road without digging it up. Cllr Mrs Porter also commented that the road would not be allowed to be dug up unless in an emergency for 5 years after the new surface goes down.

We have received complaints regarding sightlines on the exit from Easton Lane and Cllr Flemons had reported this on line. Residents will be asked to go direct to the Highways website and register problems rather than going to a Parish or County Councillor to do this for them. It's quicker to do it online.

List of jobs we want done by the County Council can we add to the County list Avington – along the lane by the triangle needs haunching. Easton lane along to Chilland Lane the verge is eroding and needs work. Plus the Railway Footpath could do with being wider.

Local Plan part 2. Will be delayed another year and the item that appears to be of most need is smaller rural housing allowing older people to downsize.

14.93 Finance & General Purposes.

The committee has not met.

a) Accounts to be paid as listed.

300134.	Green Smile Ltd	167.18
300135	Littleton Landscapes (SLR)	80.00
300136	N W Adams (safety checks)	269.10
300137	IA & A Village Hall	4.50
300138	Inland Revenue	55.00
300139	V A Brooks salary/Exp	243.53
300140	Craig Morris (Lengthsman)	812.50
300141	V Tottle (footpath repairs)	6.39
300142	J Squires Parish Plan refreshments	23.44

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed

b) Financial forecast.

Was circulated prior to this meeting. It was noted that the Clerk had not had an increase in salary this year so it was increased by 11p per hour.

Cllr Kennedy presented his report that would indicate a shortfall in the budget that will be caused by the need to replace swings in the Old School Field. We note that we still have funds in the Section 106 budget held by the City Council and we will require this to be set against the new swings. Furthermore the “zip wire” costs will increase and we cannot access that 106 fund until the last house is occupied. Councillors wish to revisit the zip wire as and when the money becomes available as we may not be able to afford additional funding at that time.

The Clerk will schedule a meeting of the Planning (if needed) Committee and Finance & General Purposes Committee on 31st July 2014.

14.94 Planning Applications received and decided.

Cllr Mrs Robinson sent an email telling the Clerk that the plans for the Old Police House were for a 1.5meter height increase at the eaves. – Noted.

We note that Cllr Gottlieb has an application going to committee at the city.

14.95 Footpath Matter – Cllr Phillips.

Rectory Lane to Little Hayes Lane is a footpath not a footway.

On footpath 39 there are 2 new kissing gates paid for by the estate that hope to recuperate the money from a County Council Grant.

Footpath 12 is still closed and will remain closed until the flooding subsides; it's still too muddy to walk.

Itchen Way – the fallen trees have been cleared away but the landowner has not trimmed or given permission for the trees to be trimmed.

Footpath 13/14 and the Ox Drove are nearly impassable and we will be requesting the County Council to issue a notice to get them sorted out in due course.

We have the Lengthsman in August and the clerk & Cllr Phillips will get a list sorted out, in the budget are enough funds to allow council to purchase (from IVPC Budget) a couple of days extra works and the Clerk will ask Mr Morris if he can fit in additional works for the Council to ensure footpaths are cleared for the school holidays if at all possible. The Clerk informed Council that Mr Morris has a holiday booked in July.

Parish Paths meeting – there is funding available for Councils to open or pay for leaflets or signed from SDNP or Ramblers. Cllr Phillips suggested a circular walk some on the road to take in all 4 villages. Cllr Phillips is requested to work up his proposal for Septembers Full Council Meeting.

14.96 Parish Plan – Cllr Labram.

The Steering Committee have adopted the plan will the Parish Council endorse it so it can go to WCC to be adopted?

Proposed “That this council accept the parish plan as circulated” Proposed Cllr Labram Seconded Cllr Kennedy and agreed.

Cllr Labram was asked to work up an action plan for the parish council.

14.97 Parish Transport – Bus Shelters – Cllr Powe.

The plans are in hand.

14.98. Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.

No report. We note that the SLR sign was at 5090 a reduction from the last count. If they were to increase substantially the Clerk would ask the Police for a speed check.

14.99 Village hall – Representatives.

Easton Village Hall had its AGM in May and the one real problem has been dog fouling. Robert Hall was re-elected as Chairman. The Oak tree at Easton is still there are thriving.

14.100 Web Site – Nothing to report.

14.101 Open Spaces – Cllr Kennedy

Cllr Riley was delayed in London but a full report and copy quotations were circulated.

Couch Green – football club have offered the outstanding account, they wish to reuse the field in 2014 season if we can assist with getting the water and electricity back on. The Council were unanimous in agreeing not to turn on the water or electricity; they could use the field on the same terms at 2013 with an additional £100 deposit needed.

There has been no further progress or contact from the Easton Cricket Club.

It was agreed to accept the quotation of £265.00 for a new basketball backboard from Vita Play, this will be set against the remaining 106 funding.

Over the past weeks we had been informed of a problem with the swings on Easton Old School Field we need to replace the flat swings and the recent safety report advises that within 12 months we need to replace the cradle swings. Three quotations were commissioned they are as follows:-

Fawns Play ;- Flat Swings £3432.60
Cradle Swings £2882.50

Vita Play Ltd;- Flat Swings £2230.00
Cradle Swings £2467.00 Offered a discount to £4200.00 if both done at the same time.

Fenland Play:- Flat Swings £2877.00
Cradle Swings £3077.00

All comes with new play surfacing and removal of the old equipment.

Proposal " That we accept the quotation for £4200.00 from Vita Play Ltd" Proposed Cllr Kennedy Seconded Cllr Flemons and agreed.

Cllr Mrs Porter advised that Littleton Council have a zip wire the Clerk will contact them to see if there are any issues with having an unattended zip wire. Cllr Kennedy will contact Cllr Riley with Council's decisions on the equipment.

14.102 Correspondence.

1. Emailed agenda out on 13/6/2014 replaced/added Easton play area on 30/6.
2. Email from Cllr Appleby re Broadband and the resurfacing of the B3047 to Cllr Mrs Porter/Cllr Gottlieb & Steve Brine MP.
3. Re above email from Cllr Labram to Councillors 6/6
4. Rural Opportunities Bulletin – 2/7/2014
5. Winchester CAB AGM on 28/7 – circulated to all Councillors.
6. SDNP/WCC Cllr Gottlieb - application will go to committee on 10/7/2014 at 9:30am (Black Farm, Lovington Lane) – noted above.
7. Apologies from Cllr Mrs Robinson.

8. Email from Fiona Stubbs re footpaths – will these go on the Lengthsman list for August?
9. Invitation and map for the opening of Baxter Cottages on 8th July at 5PM – circulated to all Councillors, Cllr Flemons is attending.
10. Rural Services Network – emailed all Councillors 3/7
11. Thank you letter from Mr Tottle for the footpath across the front of Southwood House.
12. Lights out – British Legion even asking all houses and groups to switch all the lights out between 10 – 11pm on 4th August and leave a single light in the window as a sign of Remembrance. – circulated to all Councillors.
13. Email quotes and research on the new swings proposed for Easton Field – Cllr Riley circulated.

14.103 Councillors' Questions.

Cllr Flemons reiterated Easton Lane junction needing clearing back.
Avington Manor Road being shut as well as the B3037

Next meeting – September 4th at Easton Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.01pm.