

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
September 4th 2014

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

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks.
 HCC – Cllr Mrs Porter

14.104 Apologies: Cllr Labram, Cllr Gottlieb - WCC

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

14.107 The minutes of the Meeting of July 3rd 2014

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

14.108 Matters Arising from the Minutes of July 3rd 2014

SLR – post no response to date.

14.109 Finance & General Purposes Committee 31st July 2014

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

Cllr Kennedy signed the minutes as a true record.

Filo still have £75.00 to pay and Cllr Riley will collect this on behalf of the council.

The Parish Plan printing will cost £253.00 well within budget.

Council acknowledges the account reports as circulated.

a) To set up a sub-committee to manage Easton Old School Field, and co-opt Mr Rember onto the sun-committee.

The council agreed the formation of the sub-committee to be called “Easton Old School Field Committee”. The Clerk will provide terms of reference and the meeting will consist of two Councillors, Cllr Riley & Cllr Kennedy with Mr Rember and the new Vicar when appointed.

b) That the Accounts be paid as Listed.

		£
300147	Destroyed	
300148	Vita Play Ltd	5358.00
300149	Craig Morris (Lengthsman)	812.50
300150	Craig Morris (footpaths)	390.00
300151	Littleton Landscapes (SLR)	80.00
300152	Green Smile Ltd	167.18
300153	V A Brooks (see list)	289.67
300154	HMRC Inland Revenue	58.20
300155	Southern Electric	45.50

Income:- FILO £100 deposit.

		£	
Carry Forward		26,729.72	
Income		9,706.04	
Expenditure		15,888.45	Balance £20,547.31

We have asked for the 106 funds to be released for the payment of the swings at Easton.

14.110 Planning Applications

SDNP 14/030836 Lane End, Mill Lane

5 No Horse Chestnut crown thin by 10% .

Decided.

SDNP 14/03430 Longbow, Avington

Erection of conservatory – Approved

SDNP 14/03407 3, The Old Dairy, Easton

Single storey rear extension – Approved.

14.111 Footpath Matters – Cllr Phillips.

We had three visits by Craig Morris and all the works were completed plus a re-visit to footpaths 33 & 39. Avington Lane (by bridges) was cleaned up and the hump back bridge sign uncovered.

Ox Drove – our piece of this Drove will be cleared in September it should be noted that it forms part of an un-adopted road.

HCC has an old list of our favoured footpaths that we wish set as a priority. Councillors can add more to the list if required.

Three Villages Walk will probably commence from Avington Park Car Park which is HCC owned and will take in the three villages. Cllr Phillips will meet with (HCC) Mr Rowe as soon as possible to discuss a route and try to attract funding for this project.

14.112 Parish Plan – report circulated by Cllr Labram previously.

Full report with these minutes.

Housing: To avoid any confusion:

Local Councils are entitled to claim notification of planning applications, we are allowed to comment, under planning guidance, on issues on that application. We do not consider ourselves to be involved in the planning procedure that is the prerequisite of the District Council governed by its Local Plan as published. We have a Parish Plan nearing completion and we do not proposed to do a neighbourhood plan in the foreseeable future.

We do not feel that it is our duty or wish to discourage residential house extensions, the appropriateness of which could only be subjective rather than a planning consideration. The Council does not seek to pass its planning opinions to another authority in the planning procedure other than through the Parish Clerk.

After consideration, we would prefer to pursue 'Uninhabitable Housing' problems rather than Unfinished houses, as it would probably be more achievable.

Transport – Cllr Powe as portfolio holder will pursue these issues.

Highways – Cllr Appleby as portfolio holder will look at these issues.

Communications – Cllrs Flemons and Labram are exploring these issues with Nick Hollman who is a professional in this field and living in the Parish.

Flooding – Mr Tony Gaster will deal with the issues he raised on his own behalf. Council thanked Cllr Labram for his work on this paper.

14.106 HCC– Cllr Mrs Porter

Full report held with these minutes.

The recycling survey has been completed but any further comments can be passed to Cllr Mrs Porter.

A33 junction realignment – papers were sent – these will be looked at again and new plans circulated..

Michael Court has been moved to WCC, which is a pity as he was a good officer.

Cllr Riley bought up a problem with white lining in Martyr Worthy. The contractor has been notified.

14.113. Parish Transport – Bus Shelter Report – Cllr Powe.

Cllr Powe passed round two designs and Council commented that they would like them to be fully weatherproof and no wickerwork. Cllrs Powe & Flemons will meet with the architect next week to further this scheme.

14.114 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.

There were a few problems with white lining being missed off but overall the re-surfacing has been really well received.

SDNP have not made a design statement for smooth surfaces so we could not try to get a quieter surface, or one more suitable for cyclists.

Speedwatch: we have three volunteers but whilst it would attract £1000 funding, a further £1,500.00 would have to come from this council. Council felt that the majority of people that would be caught would be local and £1,500.00 to catch out your neighbours may not be a good idea. This scheme did not find favour with a majority of Councillors.

Itchen Abbas & Avington road side haunching had been damaged by heavy farm vehicles breaking up the edge of the road.

Concern was also mentioned that overhanging trees along some lanes were causing deliveries to be made difficult. The Chairman will remind residents that they are responsible for their own trees becoming a nuisance.

14.115 Voting Arrangements – Parish Boundary review – WCC Consultations.

Council discussed Abbots Worthy and Winnall and decided that all the boundaries were fine as they are and that we are satisfied with voting arrangements as they stand currently.

14.116 Village Halls.

Nothing to report.

14.117 Web Site – Cllr Riley

Martyr Worthy Parish Hall and Itchen Valley News have community pages. Back issues of the Valley News will be stored when received. The Parish Plan is on the site.

14.118 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley.

Couch Green cradle swings have been damaged /rotted and require replacing. We do have funds available so we do not need to tender as we had done at Easton two months ago.

The damage may have been caused by strimmers, allowing in moisture to rot out the wood.

Vita Play Ltd to replace like for like £2155.00 plus VAT. This was agreed.

Goal posts are also rotting and have a small hole – Cllr Moffatt will ask a resident he knows to weld a repair. This was agreed.

Filo – Cllr Riley will collect the back fees and request that they are more diligent in clearing the rubbish from site.

Oak trees – Cllr Riley will see if there is any comeback re the trees that died and quotes will be sought for replacements.

New swings were installed in Easton on 16th August.

14.119 Correspondence.

1. Countrywatch 11/7
2. BoomTown – Local Residents Newsletter July 2014 – emailed 17/7
3. Rural services Network – 28/7/2014
4. Action Hampshire Update August 2014
5. BBC 2 re pest programme
6. Rural Services Network – 11/8
7. BoomTown Hotline numbers emailed to all.
8. Countrywatch 4/7
9. Southern Water Q&A with regard to metering – emailed 19/8
10. Rural service Network – 27/8
11. Email Chris Peterson with regard to a SDNP planning meeting for Hampshire on 12th Nov – I have booked a place for Cllr Robinson.
12. Community resilience Event poster - 3rd October 2014.
13. Email Cllr Phillips reporting Craig having undertaken two days work for the council.
14. Parish Plan report – Cllr Labram

15. Email to Cllr Mrs Porter (HCC) asking if she can assist with a pole for the SLR in Itchen Abbas.
16. Email there is a broken swing at Couch Green – emailed Cllrs and sought a cost for a replacement.
17. Email response that I have booked a place at the SDNP meeting mentioned above.
18. Email from Cllr Kennedy re open spaces budget.
19. Email from Cllr Kennedy with regard to a damaged swing at Easton – thanks to Cllr Kennedy for attending.
20. Section 106 balances we have requested the funds for the swings at Easton.
21. WCC – review of polling Districts – Agenda item – passed to Cllr Robinson.
22. Email from the Clerk at Littleton re the zip wire.
23. Email from Cllr Porter with a list of speeds in Avington.
24. Emails between Clerk & Councillors regarding the football posts and cradle swings at Couch Green.
25. Confirmation of the swings going into Easton – Vita Play Ltd.
26. Copy letter to Sarah Sansome asking for release of the £706.83 Section 106 funds.
27. Report from Cllr Labram on Easton Cricket Field – noted.

14.120 Councillors Questions.

Cllr Kennedy F&GP to move to 17th – agreed.

Cllr Riley – parking at Station Close is getting bad, leaving nowhere to turn unless you drive into Baxter Close – Cllr Mrs Porter advised contacting Neville Crisp on 848484 for assistance.

Cllr Moffatt – asked why it was reported that Mr Tottle had represented the Council at BoomTown? He did not represent the Council, it was misreported.

Date of the next meeting: October 2nd 2014 at IA&A Village Hall.

The meeting close at 9:30pm