

**ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014**

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

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks  
 HCC – Cllr Mrs Porter

**14.121 Apologies:**      Cllr Robinson, Powe and Moffatt. Cllr Gottlieb - WCC

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

**14.123 County Council Report – Cllr Mrs Porter**

Boomtown – gave £2 per ticket price to local charities. Cllr Mrs Porter was involved in an application that was awarded £3000. (Full report emailed and kept with these minutes).

**14.124 The minutes of the Meeting of September 4<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Amend to read '6 volunteers' on Speedwatch item, not 3.  
 The amended were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

**14.125 Matters Arising from the Minutes of September 4<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**14.126 Finance & General Purposes Committee 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

It was agreed to accept the recommendations contained within the committee minutes. It was agreed that the 3 extra cuts that we need from Green Smile Ltd this year, to be split over the remaining payments.

**b) That the Accounts be paid as Listed.**

		£
300156	Vision ICT (website)	285.60
300157	McPherson Trust (Section 137)	85.02
300158	Diguru – PPlan printing (part-payment)	88.00 (released F&GP)
300159	V Brooks	262.60
300160	Inland Revenue	58.20
300161	BDO (Audit)	276.00
300162	Green Smile	167.18
300163	IA&AV Hall – Hall hire	15.00
300164	C Morris	812.50

Income: WCC half Precept	£8,849.99	
Carry Forward	26,729.72	
Income	18568.37	
Expenditure	17968.53	Balance £27,329.56

We have requested money from Section 106 for the Easton swings, however they have changed their system so we need an order number which (after chasing) we still haven't received. We will need to install new swings at Couch Green as Sutcliffe have confirmed that the swings installed are not theirs, so the Clerk will re-order.

The report issues earlier were discussed with regard to under-spending on budget headings. Cllr Riley will bring forward a plan for additional play equipment to Full Council in November.

There will not be a meeting of F&GP in October but will all portfolio holders please bring their budget requirements to the committee in November to allow us to begin the 2015/16 budget decisions at December's full council – this was agreed.

**14.127 Planning Applications - nothing to note.**

There will be a meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, we note the Barings appeal but we will not comment as we did not object to this application in the first instance.

**14.128 Footpath Matters – Cllr Phillips.**

There has been a meeting with Elliot Rowe and a problem appears to be hindering progress. The land that the County owns at Avington Park is poorly maintained and the owner of the adjoining Park wishes the area to be either cleaned up or possibly handed over to her to maintain and graze cattle on. Whilst members of the council would support such a move the Parish Council has no wish to become involved in something that is not in their power to influence, or to have to maintain the land on the County Council's behalf. However, we will revisit this scheme when more information is to hand.

The Ox Drove. if this area is cleaned and cleared it may need a gate or barrier to prohibit unauthorised vehicle access.

Footpath 26 was suggested for the installation of a gate. However the County Council have rejected this so we will ask for a warning sign on its junction with the road to allow time for dogs and children to be controlled. However on asking, the Clerk was informed that there has never been an accident at that point – yet.

Lengthsman is due to visit on November 10<sup>th</sup> he will be asked to tidy up the war memorial in Avington, velar the ivy for the fir trees around Couch Green Recreation Area, clear the weeds from the path and in front of the pavilion on the same site. The Clerk would like additional items for the lengthsman by the end of October please.

**14.129 Parish Plan – report circulated by Cllr Labram previously.**

Full report with these minutes.

Cllr Labram had suggested in the minutes that the council agree to underwrite £150 per annum to support the electricity bill for 5 (possible) new booster boxes for Vodaphone. The Clerk and Chairman of Finance were unsure of the legality of this approach and will consult with the Hampshire Association of Local Councils for advice before placing this on a future agenda. It was noted that only residents using Vodafone would benefit from this.

Cllr Riley will try and assist with the item on GP surgeries and also on the issue of youth football bearing in mind the requirement for toilet facilities for young children. It may be possible to ask FILO to assist, or to host such a scheme at Prince Mead School.

**14.130. Parish Transport – Bus Shelter Report – No report**

We note that planning permission for the new bus shelters will not be required.

**14.131 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.**

We have the 30mph sign re-instated!

The drains that were covered with tarmac have been cleared with the exception of one.

(Outside Waterwynch)

Speedcheck, whilst council does not wish to support this scheme, not only for financial reasons but we do not encourage neighbours “spying” on each other. The members of the group may be prepared to self-fund.

**14.132 Village Halls.**

Martyr Worthy Parish Hall – has had the Astroturf installed and a paint job on the porch and is looking very smart.

**14.133 Web Site – Cllr Riley**

We are still waiting for back issues of the news to be supplied.

**14.134 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley.**

Couch Green cradle swings will be re-ordered.

The rabbits are still a problem and we will investigate long netting.

Verges outside of Couch Green on both sides do need another cut.

Oak Trees: we need two replacements and the Council **propose that we purchase two from Mr P Jeffs installed at a cost not to exceed £200**” proposed Cllr Riley Seconded Cllr Kennedy and agreed.

**14.135 Correspondence.**

1. Easton Village Hall – booking form – rejected by booking Clerk – instructions?
2. Emails K Brown – WCC re Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal – copied to Cllr Flemons.
3. Cancellation of swing for Couch Green to Vitaplay.
4. Copy Email from resident re the polling station review.
5. Email – Cllr Andrews as per F&GP and forecast for tonight’s meeting.
6. BDO LLP report from Audit – copies for all Councillors – noted and circulated
7. In Unity – issue from our bankers for information
8. Parish Council Recruitment project 2015 – would any Councillor like copies?
9. Notice of completion of audit
10. Boomtown residents meeting – Chestnut Horse 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – copied to all Councillors.

**14.136 Councillors’ Questions.**

**Cllr Riley** – residents at Station Close are concerned with regard to a dumped vehicle part – please advise them to inform WCC.

**Cllr Appleby** – will be attending the emergency planning meeting – Noted.

Cllr Phillips – the walnut tree had a plaque? Any idea where it went – Mr V Tottle saved it and it will be returned.

Complaints that the bus from Winchester refuses to stop as it is unable to see the stop due to an encroaching hedge. The Clerk will forward a standard letter if she could be informed of the residence in question.

**Date of the next meeting: November 6<sup>th</sup> Martyr Worthy Parish Hall.**

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm