

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

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

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks

14.137 Apologies: Cllr Howells and Cllr Kennedy

14.138 Public Participation & Declarations of Interest on issues on the agenda. We will be joined by Nina of SDNP re new bus shelter designs.

14.139 County Council Report – No report.

14.140 The minutes of the Meeting of October 2nd 2014

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman Cllr Flemons.

14.141 Matters Arising from the Minutes of September 4th 2014

Cllr Labram asked a question re item 14.129 We cannot use the General Powers of Competence because whilst the Clerk is qualified the council would need to have been “elected” but it has not. We would need a contested election and then at the first meeting after the election, elect to use the General Power of Competence. – Noted.

Re overgrown hedges/trees and bushes: contact Peter Eade for a HCC letter – Noted.

We have not re-instated the plaque for the walnut tree – Chairman will collect it and pass it to Cllr Phillips.

14.142 Finance & General Purposes Committee - no meeting

		£
300166	V Brooks Salary/Exp	298.50
300167	Inland Revenue/HMRC	69.80
300168	Vita Play Swings couch Green	2586.00
300169	Green Smile Ltd	278.63
300170	Martyr Worthy Parish Hall	14.00
300171	HALC Course	78.00
300172	Craig Morris (Lengthsman)	812.50
	£	
Carry Forward	26,729.72	
Income	18568.37	
Expenditure	22105.97	Balance £23,192.12

We have asked for the money from Section 106 for the Easton swings, bank Statement 024 agrees.

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

SDNP – Bus Shelters

Bus shelters SDNP – Nina Watson has attended with concept drawings for the proposed 6 new shelters. We noted that two are not shown in the correct position and this will be amended. Bus stop B will be at the end of Easton Lane and as requested will allow a sight line through the shelter on this road junction. Concept design for the other stops was shown. All the funding currently has been identified with the parish council funding £3000 and the rest drawn by underspends at SDNP. Each shelter will cost around £4 – 5K.

The concept is to allow local artisans using locally sources wood to design a bus shelter that will form part of the gateway to the National Park, a totally new idea in the National Park. We did discuss the permanency of the bus service but it was felt that Service 67 is likely remain, albeit with some cuts. School buses also use the stops.

The designs will be put in the Valley News when finalised.

14.142 Continued.

b) Reminder Budget Figures.

The Clerk asked that any additional schemes that require funding be notified as soon as possible as we need to have the precept set by December's meeting. Revenue costs will be increased by an inflationary amount.

c) Grant Applications.

Itchen Valley Churches – a grant of £900 was proposed and agreed.

CAB – a grant of £75.00 was proposed and agreed.

The Clerk read in full the criteria for grants for Cllr Labram. CAB will be asked for contact details to go into the village newsletter.

14.143 Planning Applications - nothing to note.

There will be a meeting in November we do note the swimming pool application at Abbey House we are told that it will not affect a Victorian wall.

14.144 Footpath Matters – Cllr Phillips.

No news yet re the un-adopted road. Owners of Lone Barn have been approached to cut back hedges and trees.

14.145 Parish Plan – Cllr Labram.

Vodafone – the application has been shortlisted with 8 possible sites and a letter of support from Steve Brine MP.

Superfast Broadband –Itchen Abbas will be covered but not Easton.

Speedwatch (Cllr Appleby)

After Council decided not to support this initiative he has gone back to volunteers to see if they will assist with funding – no report yet.

Emergency Plan

Cllr Appleby attended the Resilience meeting at Hampshire Fire and Rescue. I may be helpful to identify vulnerable people and possible helpers. Points will be circulated for further discussions.

M3 south of Junction 9 will be re-surfaced but there are no plans at present to take this up to the motorway Services, which would benefit local residents.

Film Nights – Cllr Labram had contacted a member of the steering group who will take this forward. The Clerk commented that they do this in Colden Common.

Cyclists – the cyclists that sped through the village should be asked to be more considerate – Cllr Flemons has written to HCC about this.

Children/Sports – Cllr Riley

Has approached Princes Mead school and FILO about youth football coaching at Couch Green or we may be able to use the school fields, as if we use our own facilities we will require toilets and wash facilities that are costly. We may be able to access funding from Sports England but we need more discussion on this. Tennis coaching may be available again at Princes Mead School next summer.

GP's outreach – Cllr Riley

Will meet with the practice manager at Alresford to discuss.

Parish Plan Steering Committee – there will be a meeting at the end of November. Council thanked Cllr Labram for his work so far.

14.146. Parish Transport – Bus Shelter Report – No report

Dealt with above.

14.147 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.

The 30mph sign has been replaced but the one at the end of Chilland Lane knocked down. The verge has been cut at Couch Green and Cllr Moffatt will arrange more cutting back.

Lamp posts have been replaced by HCC but we are getting complaints that it is too bright.

Drains have been cleared of tarmac.

14.148 Village Halls.

Easton Village Hall – is in discussion with the cricket club for additional storage for their mowers and rollers.

14.149 Web Site – Cllr Riley

We have the back copies of Valley News from June to date, earlier copies will be loaded soon.

14.150 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley.

Cllr Riley circulated Council a list of equipment that may be suitable for Couch Green local children will be canvassed to see which they prefer. We are still hopeful for a zip wire when the 106 Agreement has been paid.

14.151 Correspondence.

1. Highways Agency – River Itchen Drainage Maintenance – list available.
2. Letter re Broadband coverage – passed to Cllrs Labram & Flemons. 6/10
3. Email with address of trees obscuring the bus stop – letters written
4. Emails re Lengthsman contract between IVPC & HCC – sent and countersigned.
5. Email re Haylands Itchen Abbas application – circulated 18/10
6. Ditto emails between Charmin & Applicant
7. Emails Clerk/Cllrs Andrews & Powe re SDNP scheme.
8. Email Julian Higgins re lighting – which I find difficult as we have been dealing with accounts re Lengthsman for 18 months.
9. SDNP – parish meeting agenda for 12/11 we have booked a place.
10. Members briefing – Anti social behaviour Crime & policing Act 2014 – circulated to all on 18/10
11. Lighting again – apologising that our lighting accounts were calculated wrong – I have responded that I haven't had any yet!
12. Email Chairman re cyclists.
13. Email re cyclists again re National Cycle Network signage.
14. Local Plan – stage 2, full copy available – passed to Cllr Robinson

14.152 Councillors' Questions.

Cllr Moffatt – Boomtown had gone very well with few complaints, the gap closure does still concern residents but that is not within Boomtown's remit.

Cllr Robinson – There is a Q&A sessions with regard to Silver Hall tomorrow and Saturday, she will attend and urged other Councillors to do the same.

Cllr Phillips – Council's stance on fly posting - Clerk advised trying WCC enforcement team who will have it removed. 'Sold' notices should be removed after 14 days, again telephone enforcement team will remove if required.

Date of the next meeting: December 4th Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm