

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
February 5th 2015

Attending: Cllr Moffatt – Vice Chairman Cllr Riley Cllr Appleby
 Cllr Howells Cllr Powe Cllr Labram Cllr Phillips Cllr Robinson

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks

HCC– Cllr Mrs Porter after item 15:23

15.17 Apologies: Cllrs Flemons & Kennedy

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

15.20 The minutes of the Meeting of January 8th 2015

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman Cllr Moffatt.

15.21 Matters Arising from the Minutes of December 4th 2014

The oak tree has still not been planted – Cllr Riley will chase.

We did agree to replace a seat at Couch Green - agreed

15.22 Finance & General Purposes Committee – No meeting.

a) That the Accounts be paid as Listed.

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300190 Green Smiles Ltd	278.63
300191 M.W Parish Hall	14.00
300192 WCC – safety checks	72.00
300193 IA&A Village Hall	18.50
300194 Craig Morris (Lengthsman)	812.50
300195 Inland Revenue	58.20
300196 V A Brooks salary/exp	257.20
300197 G Gray – hedge cutting	151.00

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed. The Clerk asked permission to add Cllr Labram & Cllr Appleby to the cheque signatories this was agreed.

15.23 Planning Applications

The planning meeting was cancelled so we still have to have one in March to agree a way forward. There were no contentious applications to note.

15.19 County Council Report – Cllr Mrs Porter.

3 main issues, Countryside Access plan is on the web site and Councillors are asked to go on line and comment before the 31st of March.

The City Council has changed its number to 0300 555 1375 this is the central number.

The proposed budget cuts that would have limited short breaks have been avoided by finding funding from the Business Rates.

Broadband – 95% of the country will be on super-fast broadband but the odd 5% will affect rural parishes. The fight is still on for our rural parish. Cllr Labram commented that the deadline for us to go on line is now 2015 – 2019 it was 2015 – 2017. Vodaphone has 4G and if any parishioners are changing providers they are the ones to go for. We have had a second visit by engineers and 4 sites were identified as possible sites for a booster box. Martyr Worthy has no sites identified. Though Cllr Labram will contact them again if a Martyr Worthy site becomes available and meets the criteria.

Hospital – reorganisation exhibition closes today there is still a way to go before we have the scheme finalised and we are not sure what the effect will be on RHCH Winchester.

B3047 – Fish Farm does council wish there to be a maintained verge outside of the entrance to the Bus stop in one direction and the Elms in the Other – Council do wish this to be implemented and think that it is a good idea. It will be cut twice a year but we would have to fund additional cuts - Noted

15.24 Footpath Matters –Cllr Phillips.

After an email from Cllr Robinson the finger post will be replaced.

Lone Barn – the residents are happy to have the tree removed but they would want it replaced with a height barrier, the Clerk will contact WCC to see if this could be implemented. We will also contact Peter Eade at HCC re other works to clear this un-adopted road.

Itchen Way will be resigned by the Eastleigh Ramblers shortly.

15.25 Parish Plan – Cllr Labram.

We had covered broad band in Item 5.19. The 4 sites are Easton Village Hall, The Chestnut Horse, The Plough and The Cricketers. Contracts are out for consideration and signing. – Council thanked Cllr Labram for his hard work.

15.26. Parish Transport – Bus Shelter Report –Cllr Powe

The plans have been agreed and the funding will be called for before the 15th March 2015. We do need a public exhibition and this will be arranged in due course possibly on the notice boards. It has taken a while but we are hopeful that this will now move forward, in mid spring.

15.27 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.

The verges still continue to be eroded and we note that BT has dug up the new road surface when they realised that the duct under the road was damaged. The patch repair is of poor quality. The site of the repair is to the east of the Newlyns driveway. Cllr Porter suggested that we contact Ray Gardener to complain.

A comment was made that the flashing SLR was not working for a couple of days this was possibly due to a battery needing replacing.

15.28 Village Halls.

Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall - the plan to provide an overspill car park was supported by the PCC however it now has to pass the Faculty rules and we will wait for their decision. Cllr Ported advised that after February 28th funding applications will have to wait until 1st June. They would like their play area inspected this year.

Martyr Worthy – can Cllr Riley assist with the web site – Cllr Riley had advised that she was unable to assist further than making the page free on our site.

Easton Village Hall – no report.

15.29 Web Site – Cllr Riley

We will make an adjustment to our site to make the community pages easily accessed from the front page.

15.30 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley.

The new trampoline should be fitted on Wednesday they should be onsite from 8:30am and the site will be agreed.

The Clerk is to get two new Dog Fouling Signs at a cost of £30 plus VAT each plus borrow the stencil from Kingsworthy PC if they agree.

Cllr Riley will chase the football team for payment.

The Macpherson sub-committee needs to meet with the addition of Cllr Kennedy – this will be arranged before the end of March 2015.

15.31 Correspondence.

1. HALC – Social isolation pilot scheme – policy document
2. SDNP – some highlights of SDNP work – December 2014
3. Lengthsman deployment sheet 2015 – copy to Cllr Phillips – done.
4. NALC – information sheet Jan 2015 on elections does anyone want a copy?
5. Unity Bank – change of signatory sheet can we add Cllr Labram & Cllr Appleby – agreed see above.

15.32 Councillors Questions.

Cllr Howells – commented that she found the Winnall Roundabout confusing. Cllr Porter commented that the Highways Agency had been contacted to get extra signage from the A34

Cllr Labram – asked a question with regard to the election process and the Clerk commented that she will hold all forms in due course.

Cllr Phillips – The hedge has still not been cut by the bus stop and could the Clerk get the hedge cut by WCC in front of the Council housing at 3 – 4 Station Approach.

Cllr Riley – Station Close/Baxter Close there is a postal problem that mail is not reaching the right houses, so new signage has been suggested to alleviate this problem.

Again the same area the turning circle needs painting -advised to talk to Neville Crisp at HCC.

Cllr Robinson – Station Road parking by Apetito is becoming a problem and we need some yellow lines installed – again advise Mr Crisp

Cllr Moffatt – Litter pick can we agree a date – 14th March 2015 at 10am start. Cllr Riley will also contact Princes Mead about their frontage.

Date of the next meeting: March 5th at Martyr Worthy Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm