

Itchen Valley Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly
21st April 2015, Itchen Valley & Avington Village Hall

Attending: - Cllr Flemons – Chairman Cllr Mrs Robinson – Planning Cllr Powe Cllr
Mrs Howells Cllr Riley Cllr Moffatt Cllr Appleby Cllr Labram Cllr Phillips

HCC – Cllr Jackie Porter

WCC – Cllr Kim Gottlieb - Apologies

9 members of the public.

The Vice Chairman Cllr Moffatt opened the meeting and introduced each councillor individually.

1. Apologies: - Cllr Gottlieb, Cllr Kennedy.

2. Report from the Last Annual Parish Assembly

Proposed “that the minutes be accepted” Cllr Flemons Seconded Mr Matthews and agreed

3. Cllr Flemons. (Full copies with these minutes.)

Issued had put her report in the newsletter and the Clerk read a précis.

a) Financial Accounts for 2014/15 DRAFT– Clerk

A copy of the financial accounts was passed to all attendees and the Clerk explained that we had increased the precept by a small amount. The £11K in the accounts was for the Lengthsman Scheme that we will hold to pay the Lengthsman so it is in and out. That we had spent quite a few thousand on play equipment both at Couch Green and The Old School Field hence the increase in expenditure.

There was a question on what Section 137 was used for.

4. HCC Report

B3047 – works has started by the Fish Farm to the verge but work has been stopped by the Hampshire & IOW Trust until further notice.

Street Lights we should press again HCC to get what we want in the way of lighting and not accept HCC cate blanch reply that it cannot be done.

Itchen Abbas – have been upgraded with Broadband but other works will not be commenced until 2016. Hopefully min 2015/16 roads in Easton will be resurfaced.

Lengthsman continue to be a good scheme and we need to constantly remind HCC so that funding continues.

Transport – some bus shelters have bike racks near the bus shelters there is one for use by bus users at this hall for instance.

Care in the Community – many thanks to “Cameo” for the Thursday event that was very much appreciated. To have a place where people can come together to appreciate food prepared with love is fantastic.

In June the County Councillor grants are again open to any organisations that have a need for £500 please apply.

5. Report by Mr Kim Gottlieb – WCC no report.

6. Questions & Discussions.

Q. Boomtown – there is a meeting where traffic will be discussed and Cllr Porter will not be able to attend. Cllr Moffatt will be in attendance, the issue of closing the A31 junction at Ladycraft on Monday only was discussed to allow local traffic to avoid the traffic was approved to be put forward.

Q. Can anything be done about the mobile telephone reception – Mr Ken Thomas.

A. Cllr Labram, Vodaphone have been active and will be installing 4 “booster boxes” we did suggest 10 locations but only 4 have been accepted. Three in Easton and one in Itchen Abbas. It was suggested that some providers have better coverage than others.

Q. Mr Howells – junior goal posts keep getting taken down can we do something about it.

A. The Clerk will seek advice about bolting them down.

Cllr Riley mentioned that we may have a Winchester Club wishing to use Couch Green but it would mean recommisioning the changing room, plus the problems with rabbits.

Q. Mrs Tottle asked if this would include local children.

A. Cllr Riley assured her that this is the case and local children of both sexes will be actively sought.

Cllr Moffatt thanked his fellow Councillors and made comment of the three that did not stand for re-election, Cllr Mrs Flemons, Cllr Mrs Robinson and Cllr Kennedy. Flowers were presented to Cllr Mrs Flemons and Cllr Mrs Robinson with best wishes for the future.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:40pm