

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
September 3rd 2015

Attending: Cllr Appleby Cllr Riley Cllr Labram Cllr Powe Cllr Phillips
 Cllr Langford Cllr Denniss Cllr Howells

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks

WCC – Cllr Gottlieb

15.120 Apologies: Cllr Moffatt & HCC – Cllr Porter

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

15.122 HCC Report – Cllr Mrs Porter was circulated
WCC report – Cllr Gottlieb

Boomtown went off quietly with fewer complaints though there were some complaints with regard to the tidying up process taking longer this year.

SDNP – have identified that 8 houses are to be built in Itchen Abbas but Cllr Gottlieb was unable to tell us where, enquiries will be made direct to SDNP.

Hazeldene Car Park – or rather the lack of it, it has been stopped, but an additional 3 spaces will be provided.

Boundary changes – there will be a May election and we will be returning 3 ward councillors after being merged with Alresford.

Devolution – Hampshire are actively pushing this and a bid is due in this week, we await the results with interest.

River Park – the sports centre is moving to Bar End the preferred sport for residents this side of the motorway.

Silver Hill trundles on, it's not sorted yet.

Cllr Riley commented on two issues on Cllr porters report – ragwort pulling and Watercress Way. Cllr Phillips commented if they stopped putting ragwort in the wildflower mix they are chucking all over the place people would not have to pull it up.

15.123 The minutes of the Meeting of July 2nd 2015

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

15.124 Matters Arising from the Minutes of July 2nd 2015

Cllr Phillips still needs the key to the Couch Green Pavilion.

Plymouth Brethren are still saving for their building they done landscaping works.

Drain clearing requirements can be reported on the Hampshire County Council website. Some of the new machines are too large to negotiate the local lanes.

15.125 Planning – 25th August 2015

It was agreed to accept the recommendations contained within the committee minutes. The meeting scheduled for September 17th will be on the strategic requirements of the council bearing in mind the SDNP wish to have more houses at Itchen Abbas. Plus the planning terms of reference. Cllr Denniss will also join the Planning Committee, the next agenda will be open to all councillors to attend.

The Clerk has written to Julie Pinnock to see if we can arrange a training session or if any courses are planned.

We have travellers at the end of Easton Lane – this will be reported to the Enforcement team.

The Clerk confirmed that the situation regarding the temporary entrance to the trout farm off the B3047 had been reported to the Enforcement team

SDNP – meeting on September 9th will be attended by Cllr Riley & Cllr Phillips.

15.126 Finance & General Purposes Committee – Meeting on 25th August 2015

It was agreed to accept the recommendations contained within the committee minutes. Cllr Langford will join the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

a) Accounts Paid as listed.

300241	Greensmile (2 months grass cutting)	445.80
300242	Craig Morris (August)	812.50
300243	Vision ict Ltd (Website)	285.60
300244	V A Brooks Salary/Exp August	261.82
300245	Inland Revenue	58.20

The accounts will be agreed and the cheques signed.

b) Budget clarification.

We need to decide how we are going to spend the discretionary amounts on the budget plus the amounts shown to be spent will reduce by £6120 due to the Section 106 money from Rectory Lane being removed.

It has not been possible to decipher the entire budget so we have concentrated on the Open Space's element. We add to the wish list the long list of minor repairs generated by the recent RoSPA safety report undertaken by Nicks Adams.

The Clerk is instructed to get some new signage, quotations for a post and rail fence with stock fencing for the Couch Green Play Area, order the new nest swing and get Vita Play to quote for all the minor repairs.

Zip Wire may be possible with SDNP funding, it will however cost about £9,000. Cllr Powe was not in favour of spending £9000 on one piece of equipment for a small minority of users this was noted with some sympathy.

15.127 Footpath Matters –Cllr Phillips.

A resident has complained about footpath 11 and there is very little to do about it, it was removed to its current location behind the hedge and HCC accept no responsibility for its upkeep. Cllr Phillips will seek quotations for the works bearing in mind that there is still an amount in the budget for these works

Craig Morris completed works as directed on footpaths 36,37, 28 & 30 and around the bus shelters and by Easton Church.

Please note that there is not a formal footpath around the lake at Avington part of it is by grace and favour of the landowner.

15.128. Parish Transport – Bus Shelter Report –Cllr Powe

We have the name of the contractors Dylan Walker Artisans of Wood and a date of the 5th of October for works to commence. Three shelters at Easton Lane, Rectory Lane and Couch Green being the first ones done.

Any delay on this time line will be notified to Cllr Appleby as Cllr Powe will be on holiday.

15.129 Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby.

Not much to report there are still some pot holes causing problems these will be added to Cllr Porters lists. The road in Easton from the Cricketers to the Chestnut Horse , needs resurfacing as well.

15.130 Speeding Cyclist Through the Village.

We have been in contact with other parishes and we will try to get WCC to host a forum with local cycling groups to further the more courteous use of rural parish lanes by the clubs.

15.131 Village Halls.

Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall – No contact from the committee to Cllr Langford.

Martyr Worthy – There is a meeting to discuss the Christmas fare and anyone wanting a table please contact the committee.

Easton Village Hall – the fare raised over £6000 and it usually split three ways the local church, the Easton Cricket Club and Easton Village Hall.

Vodafone have completed the mobile booster boxes that are fully operational.

15.132 Web Site – Cllr Riley

May Cllr Riley have a digital picture of each Councillor and a list of Councillors interest please. Plus the Clerk & Cllr Appleby will be instructed on how to upload items to the web site.

15.133 Open Spaces – Cllr Riley.

- a) Filo has still not paid as report previously and what further action is required. Notification to the new hirers and the league will be made. They still owe £230 and we have requested the key be returned.

15.134 Approval of the Terms of Reference of the Old School Field sub-committee.

The amended terms were circulated the Clerk asked that with a minimum quorum of two one must be a Councillor this was agreed and Cllr Appleby signed the document. Proposed Cllr Riley Seconded Cllr Phillips and agreed.

The recent minutes contained a request for dog bins and prices will be confirmed and the ongoing cost of emptying the bins added to the next budget.

15.135. Correspondence.

1. Round robin was sent via HALC to gain support for a Forum regarding cycling through the villages. 1^a response St Mary Bourne PC.
2. Letter written re trees etc. Blocking footpaths to Mr & Mrs Bunny & Grange Estates – Cllr Phillips did they do any works?
3. Email to Clerk apologising that the new codes for the hall should have been circulated to her and they were not.
4. Peter Eade email from last month re road signs and the Trout Farm – any progress.
5. FILO – any further works for the Clerk – small claims?
6. E mail to Clerk re footpath 17 the Bunny's land that needs clearing back – Cllr Phillips advises no works have been undertaken.
7. Email – Cycling Draft Strategy – Cllr Labram.
8. Email – Cllr Labram re cycling see above.
9. Parish Lengthsman Scheme – asking if we would be prepared to contribute to the scheme I filled in the questionnaire.
10. SSE still chasing a reading for the Couch Green pavilion.
11. Email 2, support for item 1 above from Hartley Wes pall PC.
12. Email photo re damage to nest swing.
13. Email correspondence re the Easton Lane bus shelter and SDNP etc.
14. letter re Pest Control via Came & co – they do rabbits.
15. Older Persons Wellbeing – hitting the cold spots Briefing Event 29/9/2015 – 9:30am to 12:30 pm Discovery Centre
16. Question re SDNP planning who is the consultee the Clerk, Chair of Planning or Cllr Riley?

17. Email updates Vodaphone – Cllr Labram
18. Email Cllr Riley CiL in regard to contributions.

15.136 Councillors Questions.

Cllr Howells – complaints have been received about the length of the grass cutting left at Couch Green Clerk will contact the contractor.

Cllr Riley –sign for top soil appeared at Easton Lane, this is not illegal but it may herald some engineering operations that need planning permission, Cllr Moffatt will be contacted to see if he knows what is happening.

Couch Green tree looks dead the Clerk suggested it's the wrong tree in the wrong place it will not be replaced.

Station Close the new signs are in place.

Rural policing email circulated today looks serious – many councillors have not seen it but we will ask Cllr Moffatt if he can liaise on this issue.

Agenda's – will be altered to be more reflective of what we need – the Clerk requested 14 days' notice of the items – this was agreed.

There being no further business the meeting Closed at 9:18pm

Date of the next meeting: 17th September – Planning IA&AVH, Full Council October 1st 2015 Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hal all meetings commencing at 7pm.