

ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
(Serving the villages of: Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)
Minutes of the Meeting
October 1st 2015

Attending: Cllr Appleby Cllr Riley Cllr Labram Cllr Powe Cllr Phillips
 Cllr Langford Cllr Howells
 Clerk Vivienne A Brooks
 HCC – Cllr Porter

15.137 Apologies: Cllr's Powe, Moffatt, Denniss & WCC -Cllr Gottlieb

15.138 Public Participation & Declarations of Interest on issues on the agenda.
 Mr Smith & Mr Unsworth were in attendance, they hope to be able to operate a garage with full MOT capabilities from the units behind the IA&AVH and wished to gauge Council's response? Questions were asked and concerns voiced. Council would not wish to comment until a formal application has been received but they thanked the two gentlemen for attending and wished them good luck in their venture.

15.139 HCC Report – Cllr Mrs Porter
WCC report – Cllr Gottlieb – was circulated previously
 Cllr Porter informed council of the problems with the proposed Trauma Unit that is unlikely to proceed due to lack of funding, this has been reported in the Hampshire Chronicle.

A recent members briefing has brought to the table more cuts to services and of special interest cuts to children's services that Cllr porter briefly outlined. Of special note is that potholes now have to be 40ml deep to be able to be filled which is quite deep for cyclists in particular.

£12.9 million has been placed in the budget for our Country Parks to enhance, in particular parking areas to encourage more visitors. In brief improvements to the loo, view and brew!

There is to be a consultation on the 29th October in the Worthy's re a new clinical service to cover the Worthy and Valley similar to that in Badger Farm.

The Council thanked Cllr Porter for her report.

15.140 To Discuss the submitted proposals by Hampshire & Isle of Wight for Devolved powers from central Government.
 A discussion was held which considered the recent publication of the application for devolved powers for Hampshire & Isle of Wight.

It is hoped that children's education, health and housing would prove positive advantages for the new authority. A Mayor was not suggested by the County Council but was included in the submission document

Concerns were also voiced for the fines being imposed on the hospitals for bed blocking. But with cuts to services alternative care arrangements as yet cannot be met to move these patients on.

15.141 The minutes of the Meeting of September 3rd 2015

Amend to add under 15.122 the issue of the cycle route.

Amend under 15.133 “£9000 on any one piece of equipment”.

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

15.142 Matters Arising from the Minutes of July 2nd 2015

The enforcement Officer telephoned Cllr Labram to identify the position of the Canavan parking. The Clerk is instructed to write for an update.

15.143 Co-option of Councillors.

Mr Jonathan Phillip Legat was duly co-opted onto the council and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Proposed Cllr Appleby. Seconded Cllr Riley and agreed.

15.144 Planning Committee of September 17th 2015.

It was agreed to accept the recommendations contained within the amended minutes.

- a) **To formally adopt the Terms of reference as updated and circulated.**
Many thanks to Cllrs Labram & Riley for their assistance

The Chairman moved to suspend standing orders.

- b) **Recommendations on responses from the Planning Committee re the SDNP Strategic Plan.**

The report had been circulated by Councillors earlier. Hard copied were made available.

Cllr Langford Proposed “That there is an increase of housing in the parish”
Amended to read “That there is an increase of 1 house per year in the parish”

Cllr Langford subsequently withdrew his initial and amended Proposal.

Cllr Riley proposed “That there is an increase of two houses per year in the parish to include all mixes of housing not just affordable to meet local needs as stated in the Parish Plan” proposed Cllr Riley Seconded Cllr Phillips

Votes for 3 against 4 and lost. Council made no further recommendations against the 8 houses proposed in the Plan recognising however that part of the Parish is within the SDNP part under the Winchester Local Plan and that the plot recommended will not become available for this implementation.

Proposal “ we leave the settlement boundaries as stated in the SDNP document “
Proposed Cllr Appleby Seconded Cllr Labram and carried unanimously.

The Councillors involved in the report are requested to liaise with Cllr Riley and bearing in mind the proposals redraft the reports. We will hold an Extraordinary Full Council Meeting on the 21st October 2015 to decide the final draft that The Clerk will send to SDNP to meet the 28th October deadline.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting under Standing Orders.

- c) **Does this council wish to explore a Neighbourhood Plan? What information is required to assist with this decision?**

The main implication that we need to address is the cost and timescale it will not be able to prepare a plan to meet the SDNP deadline for inclusion in this plan. Chis Paterson -SDNP will be attending Full Council on the 5th of November to give further clarification. We should note that we will have to observe both the WCC&SDNP local plans.

15.145 Finance & General Purposes Committee

- a) **That the Accounts be Paid as Listed.**

Cheque books reissued after chq 300245

300301	Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall	21.00
300302	Vita Play Ltd	1194.00
300303	HCC (lighting)	693.95
300304	WCC Play Ground Checks	72.00
300305	Green Smiles Ltd	222.90
300306	V A Brooks Salary/Lengthsman/Exp	642.55
300307	Inland Rev	128.30
300308	Guy Ralph Footpaths	240.00
300309	Southern Water	5.57
300310	Craig Morris (Lengthsman)	812.50

Income half Precept £11,988.58

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

- b) **Budget updates, and arrangements to set the Parish Precept.**

Cllr Labram informed Council that he wishes to have their budget requirements before the November meeting of the Council. We will have to precept by January 1st and we also may need to include £10-15,000 for a Neighbourhood Plan.

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.

15.146 Parish Councillors – reports.

- a) **Footpath Matters – Cllr Phillips.**
Report circulated previously copies available from the Clerk.
Add that Elliot Rowe -HCC he seemed disappointed that this council would not adopt the land at Avington Park that is currently being grazed.
- b) **Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby**
Report circulated previously copies available from the Clerk
- c) **Village Hall representatives.**
Cllr Langford had circulated his report previously copies available from the Clerk
Cllr Howells reported that Martyr Worthy Parish Hall have a Christmas Fair
booked the entrance fee will be £2.
- d) **Website – Cllr Riley**
Report circulated previously copies available from the Clerk
- e) **Open Spaces – Cllr Riley**
Report circulated previously copies available from the Clerk.

15.147 . Correspondence.

- 1. Email from Cllr Powe contact details for Artisan Builder
- 2. Email Cllr Riley re South Downs Local Plan – link supplied.
- 3. Email Cllr Labram to Sara Davies re cycling
- 4. Letter to Enforcement re caravan parked near Easton Lane
- 5. Letter Unity Bank re re-issue of cheque books see note above.
- 6. Copy booking form for The Planning Framework for Cllr Denniss.
- 7. Email from Chris Paterson who can attend our next meeting re Neighbourhood Plan
- 8. Email re remaining 106 Funds copied to Cllr Riley
- 9. Letter to M3Signs for costs for signs.
- 10. Email (circulated previously) re The Future of Local Planning
- 11. Email report Cllr Gottlieb.
- 12. WinACC re Climate Change can I sign a petition to press the Prime Minister to continue with his support for a binding global carbon reduction agreement in Paris this November – no permission given to sign this petition.

15.148

Councillors Questions.Cllr Appleby – Extraordinary Meeting for 21st October venue to be informed

There being no further business the meeting Closed at 9:30pm

Date of the next meeting: 21st October, 5th November Martyr Worthy Parish Hall 7; 00pm start.

Footpath report for IV PC 1st October 2015.

Footpath 11 has been cleared, by Guy Ralf. invoice Handed to Clerck.

Waiting response from Baring estate regarding clearing small tree's which keep

Blocking foot path 33 from Rectory Lane to Little haze Lane. This has been an ongoing for some time.

Still no reply from HCC Regarding BOAT from Veterinary centre thro to itchen wood.

I am still way marking paths were necessary.

A personal thanks for getting paths cleared in EASTON by Bob Whitear.

Mick Phillips

Highways Report for October 1st. 2015 Parish Council Meeting.

Pot hole filling has been carried out in a number of places notably in Easton. There is still a stretch of road there which needs to be resurfaced or surface dressed. There are a number of pot holes on the road through Avington which need filling. Covers over the drains the north side of the B3047 in Martyr Worthy are still awaited.

Itchen Valley Parish Council: Councillor Report

Portfolio Lead report on: Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall

Date report created: 26th September 2015

Date of Council Meeting: 1st October 2015

Location: Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall

Type of Report: For information

Produced by: Councillor Christopher Langford

The following items to report:

1. There was a management committee meeting on the 15th September
2. There is a new Website <http://www.iaavillagehall.co.uk/index.htm>
3. Jenny Sloan is the new manager and there is a bedding in process with perhaps a split in roles between caretaker and cleaner.
4. The Committee are organising a "Band Night" for 7:30PM on the 10th October 2015 to raise funds for the hall. Tickets £15:00 on sale from Rosie Salmon/Vernon Tottle

Itchen Valley Parish Council: Councillor Report

Portfolio Lead report on: The Parish Councils Web Site

Date report created: 22 September 2015

Date of Council Meeting: 1 October 2015

Location: Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall

Type of Report: For information

Produced by: Councillor Yvette Riley

The following updates have been made to the web site in September:

- Details of the SDNP Local Plan Consultation were added to the site under "Breaking News".
- Councillor's declarations of Pecuniary Interest have been uploaded to the Councillor section of the web site.
- A new facility has been added for the newly formed Old School Field Sub Committee minutes and agendas.
- The approved Terms of Reference for the Old School Field have been uploaded.
- Councillor's Dennis & Langford's contact details have been added to the web site.
- Chairman's monthly report has been uploaded
- The minutes of full Council meeting dated the 2nd July 2015 have been uploaded.
- The Planning subcommittee minutes held on the 25th August have been uploaded.
- The minutes of the Old School Field Sub Committee held on the 3rd July 2015 have been uploaded

Still outstanding:

- Dates for in house training for the Chairman and Clerk to upload their relevant documents.
- Councillor Langford's photograph to be uploaded once received.
- Confirmation of Committees that Councillor Dennis and Councillor Langford will attend.
- Dates and Times of 2016 Council and Sub Committee meeting to be uploaded (Planned for Dec 2015)

Future Agenda Item: Full Council need to discuss the implications of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities 2015 which include Parish Councils and its implication for information needed on the web site. The full code can be found at the following web site

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/388541/Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/388541/Transparency_Code_for_Smaller_Authorities.pdf)

For Further information on this report please contact: Councillor Yvette Riley on the following email yvetteriley@btinternet.com

Itchen Valley Parish Council: Councillor Report

Portfolio Lead report on: Open Spaces

Date report created: 24 September 2015

Date of Council Meeting: 1 October 2015

Location: Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall

Type of Report: For information

Produced by: Councillor Yvette Riley

The following actions have been taken in September:

Couch Green:

- The replacement Nest Swing has been installed
- SSE given my contact details for future electricity meter readings.
- Planning Sub Committee agreed to the removal of saplings on the eastern boundary of the KGV playing field.
- Grass cutting contractor was contacted re comments on the quality of the last cut, proposed that cuts aren't increased due to the pitch not being used for competitive football this season.

Old School Field Easton:

- Minutes of the Subcommittee meeting held on the 3rd July circulated to Sub Committee with updated Terms of Reference approved at September Council meeting.

Still outstanding:

Couch Green:

- Annual Health and Safety Inspection actions still to be costed/actioned
- Quotes for Fencing to be sought
- Replacement locks to changing room doors
- FILO warning to be given.

Old School Field Easton:

- Annual Health and Safety Inspection actions still to be costed/actioned
- Establishment of a "Friends of Old School Field" group

Future Agenda Item: A strategy for the development of the play areas to be drawn up and submitted to council at its December meeting. This will enable us to submit this to the SDNP and WCC for their Infrastructure Development Plans, which in turn will enable us to seek central CIL funding for Schemes.

For Further information on this report please contact: Councillor Yvette Riley on the following email yvetteriley@btinternet.com

Councillor Henry Labram

Reports for Full Council meeting 1st October 2015

Agenda item 9b)

At the September Full Council meeting there was discussion and clarification on the way forward of some of the principal items of discretionary expenditure in the budget for the current year, in particular this related to the Open Spaces elements. Much of the rest of the budget is either of a fixed nature, or the amounts are relatively small.

At the meeting on 1st October, there will be a short discussion about:

A) the budgeting process, which is now close, for the next financial year 2016/2017:

- during October - Actions for all Councillors:
 - update current year's budget;
 - propose budget items for next year.
- November meeting: draft figures to be reviewed by Council.
- December meeting: Council approval of the final budget submission.

B) setting the Parish Precept.

Agenda item 10c)

The Easton Fete, held last Bank Holiday Monday, raised in the order of £7,000-£7,500. As usual, this will be split 3 ways between the Church, The Easton Village Hall and the Easton & Martyr Worthy Cricket Club.

Agenda item 12

Poplar Trees in Easton.

For information.

I attended a meeting on 24th September hosted by Mr and Mrs Collis and a representative of the Wildlife Trust to discuss the felling of the line of hybrid Poplar trees stretching almost from Easton Lane, close to the river, to the houses at the corner of Avington Park Lane north-side at the eastern end of the village. This would take place in the Autumn of 2016.

The intention of the Collis, and other adjacent landowners, is to fell the trees, which are not native, and replace them either by natural regeneration or active planting of native plant and tree species. The Collis intend to extend

the natural scrub/trees into the lower part of their field which is close to the river.

Because of the volume of wood, albeit a relatively low value type, the action would require a Forestry Commission licence. Otherwise it was not thought there would be objections from planning authorities.

We were told that, being a non-native species, these trees, planted in the 60's, made a low contribution to the bio-diversity of the area (wildlife, insects etc). Native species of tree and scrub had a very much greater contribution.

My understanding was that this action, if it goes ahead, would have a strongly favourable impact on the natural environment. Some however were concerned that the view and appearance of the landscape would change, and it would take some years for the new growth to show. There was also discussion about the negative effect it might have on shielding the village from motorway noise or winds.

Let me know if you wish to have more information.

(Note, there was a fair amount of, what i would call, technical discussion in this meeting concerning bio-diversity, regulations relating to SSIs (areas of special scientific interest) etc for which I am not qualified to give a professional view).

25-09-2015