

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

Attending: Cllr Appleby Cllr Riley Cllr Labram Cllr Powe Cllr Phillips
 Cllr Langford Cllr Moffatt
 Clerk Vivienne A Brooks
 WCC – Cllr Gottlieb
 Mrs A Wheeler, Mr D Humphreys - Public

15.149 Apologies: Cllr's Denniss, Howells, Legat & HCC Porter

15.150 Public Participation & Declarations of Interest on issues on the agenda.
 Mrs Weeks wished to speak to Council with regard to the proposed extension of Princes Mead School that will adversely affect her property. The Clerk has a copy of her views that will pass to the planning committee who will be consider any applications that come forward.

Mr Humphrey remains confused as to why he was informed that the Trout Farm's new access was described as "temporary" but in fact was an application for a permanent access? The Council does not know the answer to that question the Clerks lists the applications as "new Access" not temporary in her records. Mr Humphrey also advised council that his family will be submitting an application in due course in the neighbouring field.

Chris Paterson – SDNP Item 9 Neighbourhood Development Plan.
 Handouts were provided and are appended to these minutes.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is the only one that carries any weight in planning, as it is prepared with both the SDNP & WCC joint Core Strategy adherence.

The quickest plan prepared in a simple format would be expected to take 12 months minimum it cannot be hurried as it has to go through various timed stages, which were each explained to council. It will also only affect the village that has a defined boundary Itchen Abbas.

However it would be able to set design criteria in the other villages of Avington, Easton and Martyr Worthy.

He thanked council for our consultation document and was pleased to see that we wished for additional housing many parishes are against all development. Councillors thanked Mr Paterson on his talk and wished him well with his impending baby that's due! He left the meeting.

Discussion

Who will do it? Do we want to do one?

Cllr Labram was in favour but Cllr Riley did not feel that it would give us much for the work load.

Council decided that each Councillor would approach a parish that has completed a plan and we will have a full agenda item in December to see what the consensus is.

15.151 HCC Report – Cllr Mrs Porter

Cllr porters report was circulated late but is appended to these minutes Cllr Gottlieb had nothing to add.

15.152 To Discuss the prospectus for the “devolution for people of Hampshire & Isle of Wight” and its impact on the Parish Council – Cllr Langford.

The basic drive is economic it would allow the parties in the bid to retain the Business Rate in Hampshire & remove the Rate Support Grant. Hampshire being as big as Wales would be only one of a few areas that in fact would make a profit, hence it is economically driven.

There is a need for 7,500 houses to be built each year for ten years to reach the allotment for Hampshire and infrastructure associated but already there is some infighting between the partner authorities.

Bottom line for the parish is that we may be offered additional powers should we wish to take them and have more control over pot holes, school maintenance, rights of way but there does not appear to be any new money proposed yet.

15.153 The minutes of the Meeting of October 1st 2015

The minutes were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

15.154 Matters Arising from the Minutes of October 1st 2015

New reports will be scanned in as part of the minutes.

15.155 Transparency Code for smaller authorities 2015 – implication on the Parish Council’s information required on the web site.

Report appended but notes that we will be over again the threshold for the smaller council’s in part due to the Lengthsman scheme funding that we hold for 9 other parishes. We note the details in the plan and these will be adopted as a minimum standard.

15.156 Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting of October 21st 2015

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

The Council proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Riley for her work on the consultation document.

15.157 Bus Shelters

a) Feedback

4 main complaints and one regarding the sight lines that the Clerk will bring to SDNP attention. Full report appended to these minutes.

b) Potential works and expenditure.

The Clerk read a letter in which she has suggested that works are done from the £3000 of funds that we still hold for the shelters. We do not own the shelters so we are still awaiting handover. A site meeting has been requested this matter is

left with The Clerk & Cllr Powe to complete. When SDNP Mt Heasman responds. The Clerk does not recommend taking any action to remove the bin shelter as it does not belong to the council. It is noted the bin has been in the same place for about 20 years. Cllr Appleby questioned whether sight lines were a real or psychological problem as having carried out several right turns at the end of Easton Lane onto the B3047 and given that vehicles were normally traveling at least at the speed limit of 40mph it was safer to look past the shelter on the south side. Trees and vegetation also did not help.

15.158. Planning Sub Committee – Minutes of 15th October 2015.

The minutes will move to the next full council.

15.159 Finance & General Purposes Committee

a) That the Accounts be paid as Listed.

300311	V A Brooks Salary/Exp	259.14
300312	Inland revenue	58.20
300313	Greensmile Ltd	222.90
300314	HCC/Lighting	169.15
300315	Marty Worthy Parish Hall	16.00
300316	Littleton & Harestock PC SLR Ins.	6.50
300317	Destroyed	
300318	M3 Signs Play areas	60.00
300319	Craig Morris Lengthsman	812.50

Income

VAT refunded £1206.05

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

b) Budget recommendations for 2016/17 Financial Year.

We are working on the budget and have had figures from Cllr Riley and Cllr Powe, we hope to have a budget circulated by the end of the month to be able to move forward to precept in December, The Clerk is attending a meeting on December 8th and it hoped that the Band D figures will be available at some point.

15.160 Parish Councillors – reports.

a) Footpath Matters – Cllr Phillips.

Report circulated previously appended to these minutes Cllr Phillips added that he has a meeting arranged with the Grange Estates next week about footpath issues.

b) Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby

Report circulated previously.

c) Village Hall representatives.

Cllr Langford report appended. Cllr Labram report appended.

d) Website – Cllr Riley

Report appended to these minutes.

e) **Open Spaces – Cllr Riley**

Open Spaces Report appended to these minutes.

We add that the recent vandalism to the nest swing has not left it unusable but it is further vandalised it will be removed an article will be put in the village magazine.

15.161. Correspondence.

1. Letter to HCC asking for £11,000 for the next Lengthsman year.
2. HCC/IVPC contract for next years' service – may I sign?
3. My letter to Nick Heasman SDNP re bus shelters handover copy to Cllr's Powe & Appleby.
4. Letters & Emails with regard to the Bus shelters/Chronicle article etc.
5. Planning enforcement open cases – Cllr Phillips
6. Email re dumping at Couch Green that would appear to be spare parts of a bus shelter – Cllr Riley?
7. Application for a Grant for Alresford Trust – agenda December.
8. Email David Humphrey re access to trout Farm
9. Emails re damaged memorial seat in Avington this is not on the Parish Council's list for insurance purposes.
10. WDALC – do we wish to vote or attend the AGM?
11. Vandalism photos of the new nest swing seat at Couch Green
12. Emails re the extraordinary meeting of the 21st October 2015.
13. Email about actions taken by HCC re the caravan parked on Easton Lane

15.162 Councillors Questions.

Cllr Appleby – Boomtown notices had been held by Andrew Kennedy and they are with him until needed.

Cllr Langford – bench at Avington he will ask if the landowners will replace it.

Cllr Powe – the notice board at the Crickets need s repairs can anyone assist.

Cllr Phillips BT box at Itchen Abbas needs repairs – the Clerk will write.

There being no further business the meeting Closed at 9:10pm

Date of the next meeting: December 3rd 2015 Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.