

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

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

Clerk Vivienne A Brooks

HCC – Cllr J Porter

15.163 Apologies: Cllr's Howells & Moffatt, WCC – Cllr Gottleib

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

15.165 HCC Report – Cllr Mrs Porter
 Cllr Porters report was circulated and Council was able to ask questions.
 Discussion took place on the possible impact of high speed freight and the possible disruption on the train lines.
 Cllr Riley asked if Cllr Porter had any additional input into Item 166 on the agenda.
 Cllr Porter commented on the issue of the Worthy Lane/Andover Road junction. She also reported that the cycle way under the M3 will remain open.

15.166 Winchester District Plan Part 2, 2015 – to discuss the implications and a response from the Parish Council.
 Cllr Riley – The plan covers the area in the Parish north of the Disused railway under policy MTR4.
 Issues discussed were development – only exception sites were to be considered, or agricultural reuse of redundant buildings.
 The reduction in parking in Winchester on our residents wishing to shop or use Leisure facilities.
 The possible impact on the parish of the development in Kingsworthy in particular in Lovedon Lane.
 Andover Road/Worthy Lane junction needing improvement.
 Cllr Riley was asked to circulate a possible response with a date for comments.

15.167 The minutes of the Meeting Of November 5th 2015
 Amend Mrs Weeks to Mrs Wheeler.
 Amend the minutes as agreed regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan

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

15.168 Matters Arising from the Minutes of November 5th 2015
 Bench – Avington Park – is not on land owned by Sarah Bullen and this item will pass to a future meeting. The offer to residents to be allowed to site a memorial bench here is suggested.

Devolution – a further newsletter was issued and we may be asked to take greater powers. The Clerk informed Council that they were just too small some of the larger Council may be able to undertake road maintenance budgets etc. But with no grounds staff or other requirements we would be unable to accept additional powers.

Transparency – we will apply for grants on the issue that whilst we hold greater sums than a small council, and the Clerk feels still that it is based on turn over not precept, we can argue the point that £8000 is not our money but is in fact, us acting as paymaster for 8 other parishes.

15.169 To discuss WCC approach to the sale of Housing stock and the sale of Council Houses.

In the new manifesto from Central Government people living in housing association homes will be granted the right to buy, this will be facilitated by making councils sell higher priced council housing stock. Winchester City Council's stock is all considered to be higher priced.

WCC object to this directive and this council will write to Cllr Gottlieb offering our support to WCC decision to object to the directive.

Currently this will not affect HARA stock, but this may become involved in future legislation. Cllr Labram abstained from the vote.

15.170. Neighbourhood Development Plan – any updates on investigations.

Two Councillors had spoken to council's that are undertaking the plans. Cllr Denniss had attended a planning course recently and it may be possible to contact a planning group to assist. The advice from the course was that we should try to do a plan and a general feeling that this may empower councils more than they appear to be at the moment.

This will be on a future agenda for further discussion. However will need an amount in the budget for any works to facilitate this decision.

15.171 Bus Shelters

a) Clerks report and any financial implications to agree the council's instructions to complete this scheme.

SDNP have agreed that we can retain the £3000 that we hold towards the shelters and use the sum to complete the floors. This will be quite a simple job and we have taken advice from HCC transport Inspector who has recommended their own suppliers to complete the works to the required standard.

The Clerk has contacted the suppliers they have done a site visit and we are awaiting a cost. If the amount is within the £3000 that we have in the budget the order for the works will be given. If it is above £3000 the Clerk will bring the quotes back to Full Council. This was agreed

15.172. Planning Sub-committee – Meeting October 19th 2015

We were not quorate.

We need additional members on the committee to ensure that we do complete works on time. Cllr Langford may be able to attend planning. Cllr Powe has agreed to be added to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Next meeting 17th December the Clerk, Cllr Denniss & Cllr Appleby will be unable to attend.

W24175/01 Fairfield House, Rectory lane, Itchen Abbas

New detached 5 bedroom house with basement and ancillary accommodation and landscaping. This council does not object however should an additional planning application be made for lighting to the tennis courts then this council will strongly object.

SDNP 15/05536/FUL

Itchen Bridge, Church lane, Martyr Worthy

Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with a new residential property

No comments.

15.173 Finance & General Purposes Committee**a) That the Accounts be paid as Listed.**

300320	SSE Electric		48.08
300321	HALC Training		42.00
300322	Came & Co (Bus shelters)		38.89
300323	Greensmile Ltd (Grass cutting)		222.90
300324	Inland Revenue Tax		58.20
300325	V Brooks Salary/Expenses		265.80
300326	Craig Morris		812.50
Balances	Cfwd	24,694.27	
Income		25,954.67	
Expenses	18,310.24	Cash I hand	£32,338.70

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

We have two applications for Grants that will pass to the next Full Council Meeting in January.

15.174 To set the 2016/17 Precept amount required

Cllr Labram had circulated a budget and the council discussed the issues. Cllr Riley wishes to spend on fencing around the play area at Couch Green and this will impact on the carry forward figure. The City Council are unable to give us the Band D equivalents until the end of December so we can only work with last year's figures. They do confirm that a grant will be offered but we do not know the amount. Some alterations were made to the budget that will be reissued.

Proposed "That the precept be set at £25,300 plus the WCC grant." Proposed Cllr Dennis Seconded Cllr Langford and agreed

Cllr Riley left the meeting.

15.175 Parish Councillors – reports.**a) Footpath Matters – Cllr Phillips.**

Report circulated previously appended to these minutes Cllr Phillips added that there is some problem with the ownership of footpath 33 Little Hayes – but currently it is clear and the path is open.

b) Highway Matters – Cllr Appleby

Report circulated previously.

c) Village Hall representatives.

Cllr Langford report appended. Cllr Labram nothing from Easton

d) Website – Cllr Riley

Report appended to these minutes.

e) Open Spaces – Cllr Riley

Open Spaces Report appended to these minutes.

a) **To review the work plan associated with the annual inspection and quotes for remedial work including fencing for the Play Area at Couch Green – pass to the next Full Council Meeting in January.**

b) **Open Spaces – to discuss the plan to develop an open Spaces Strategy paper issued. – pass to the next Full Council Meeting in January.**

15.176 HCC library Consultation, to discuss and formulate a response.

A response will be circulated by Cllr Appleby for comments and a cut-off date added for Councillor replies.

15.177. Correspondence.

1. Emails re Bus stop – HCC Zak La Gumina – Passenger Transport Inspector re lack of floors
2. Email circulated Cllr Riley re vandalism at Couch Green – nest swing
3. Email response to Clerks request to get Band D's in time to budget
4. Emails to Clerk/Copied Cllr Powe re Bus shelters, culminating with an onsite meeting with Artizans of Wood with Cllr Powe & Clerk.
5. Letter to HCC asking for 2016/17 funding for Lengthsman, culminating in a new purchase order for £11,000 invoice sent to Peter Eade, Contract sent to Craig Morris.
6. Emails between Clerk/Cllr Riley/Cllr Phillips re Heather Glen application resubmission.
7. Email to Cllr Phillips from Cllr Riley (copy to Clerk) re Lengthsman works in play areas.
8. Email Cllr Riley – circulated re Highways dimming scheme.
9. Email Cllr Labram re Cllr Riley's email regarding Highways dimming scheme.
10. Email to Nick Heasman re moving the bin surround at Easton Lane Bus Stop – Artizans of wood removed and stored foc.
11. Email Clerk – Cllr Labram re the £3000 that we require for the bus shelter floors.
12. Email Clerk Cllr Labram re the possible need for an internal Audit re bus shelter floors.
13. Email Cllr Powe to Zak La Gumina re bus shelter floors recommending a contractor who has viewed the shelters and the Clerk is awaiting a cost.
14. HALC – NALC levy information.
15. Email – Mark Rose –SDNP giving us permission to use the £3000 promised to SDNP to finish the bus shelters with concrete floors.

16. Letter of introduction from Nigel Jefferies Landscapes.
17. Email to HCC to ask WCC to remove the bin at Easton further back 9from Cllr Powe)
18. Email Cllr Powe to Zak La Gumina advising him the progress on floors and the bin, asking for a recommendation for their contractors to do the floors, Clerk contacted three sites were viewed see Item 13 applies.
19. Letter to HCC that went with Invoice asking assurance that this was the full £11,000 as our scheme runs later and this funding was for the last financial year.
20. Working together: - Transport & Environment Parish Event 11th November circulated 20/11
21. Email Peter Eade asking for another invoice with a new purchase order number – reissued 1/12
22. HALC – Christmas letter circulated 2/12
23. SDNP some highlights – October 2015, didn't mention bus shelters!
24. Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Hampshire Draft recommendations – on all notice boards – full copies available if required – copied all Cllrs 19/11

15.178 Councillors Questions.

Cllr Phillips – WCC again has issued parking plans for Hazeldene Gardens and have again not notified the Parish Council

There being no further business the meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Date of the next meeting: January 7th 2016 at Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.

Planning – December 17th Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.