



Finance & General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held electronically on Thursday 17th December 2020 at 7.30pm.

Members Attending:

Cllr Riley (chair), Cllr Appleby, Cllr Langford, Cllr Percy, Cllr Rosewell, Cllr Moffatt

Note: As the Clerk was on leave Cllr Appleby agreed to take the minutes

20.051 Apologies Received from:

Cllr Andrews, Cllr Legat, Cllr Stirrup, Cllr Jeffes & Clerk/RFO Michelle Leadbitter-Allen

20.052 Approve the minutes from 19th November 2020:

The [Minutes of the 19th November 2020](#) were approved by all as a correct record of events. Minutes to be signed in retrospect.

Matters arising:

i.) Cow Down.

Cllr Appleby reported that there had been no reply to the letter sent by email to the River/Landowners on 19th Nov 2020. He had heard unofficially that the Owners were in discussion with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Action: Cllr Appleby to send request to Owners for a reply.

ii.) SLR Sign.

To increase the number of sites for the SLR a Positional Survey would need to be carried out by HCC.

A quote for a more modern sign has been obtained. Depending upon extra items this would be circa £3000 whereas the present shared sign costs approximately £600p.a.

Members agreed to continue with the present shared sign.

The post for the sign in Itchen Abbas still requires stabilising.

Action: Cllr Appleby to attend to it asap.

iii.) Road Width Restriction Signs

It was agreed that new road width restriction signs in Easton and Avington were necessary although there was some uncertainty regarding the best position for the Avington sign.

Action: HCC to be informed.



20.053 **Bills to Pay:**

The [Bills to Pay](#) were circulated to the councillors before the meeting. Cllr Moffat and Cllr Appleby agreed to review the Bills to Pay and if considered satisfactory to send authorization to Cllr Riley for payment.

20.054 **F&GP Workplan December**

With the exception of the Lengthsman letter and definitive set off instructions to Associate Parishes (see item 6 below) there were no other items requiring attention in December on the [Workplan](#).

20.055 **A31 Operation Transmission Update**

Preparation work at night had started on the A31. HCC's answers to the list of questions compiled by Cllr.Riley have been linked to our Facebook page and Website.

Cllrs Porter (HCC), Power (WCC) and Appleby had all written about the operation in their reports for Itchen Valley News (IVN), which is intended to be distributed before Christmas. It was thought that residents on the A31 did not receive IVN as there was no volunteer distributor.

Action: Cllr Moffatt will investigate this and see if a volunteer can be found.

Cllr Appleby has sent a letter to Tim Lawton (HCC officer in charge of Operation Transmission) requesting monitoring of traffic levels and speed on the B3047 as well as Police checking and enforcement of speed limits. A reply noting the request had been received.

20.056 **Lengthsman: Review of Draft Letter & Redefined Instructions to Associate Parishes & the Lengthsman**

Copies of the draft letter and redefined instructions had been circulated to Cllrs Moffatt, Riley and Langford (also cc to the Clerk).

Action: Cllr Moffatt will review the letter and instructions and when agreed both will be sent to the Associate Councils and the Lengthsman.

Cllr Appleby reported that he had made another proposal to resolve the dispute between Headbourne Worthy PC (HWPC) and the Lengthsman. This had been sent had been sent to the lengthsman for approval. However, it had been discovered from the minutes of HBWPC's November FCM as shown on their website, that they had decided to join a different cluster of parishes.

It was noted that they had failed to inform IVPC and the Lengthsman of this fact.

Action: Cllr Appleby to inform them that it is in the best interest of all parties that



they are leaving the Uplands Cluster and that the portion of funds for them to employ a lengthsman for 2021 will be passed on appropriately.

20.057 **Footpaths & Cycleways**

There was considerable discussion regarding registration of lost footpaths and byways. The Ramblers Association have been working on this for the whole country and have produced maps showing lost paths which have potential to be registered. The map covering Itchen Valley shows several lost paths.

Action: Cllr. Riley will circulate this map.

Cllr. Rosewell brought to the meetings attention two paths that were highways. One from Chillandham Lane to Northington Road and the other from Lone Farm (Itchen Abbas) to Itchen Wood. The former was passable for walkers, but the latter had become almost impassable.

Clearing these is the responsibility of HCC Highways. As both are of low priority it is unlikely that any work to clear them will be carried out by HCC. It was also noted that clearing could only be done by hand. (For further action see item 9 below.)

20.058 **Couch Green Barrier Update**

Two quotations have been received for this work, a third is awaited.

Action: Clerk to case the third contractor who has been asked to quote for this work.

20.059 **Items for consideration for next meeting**

Cllr Jeffes is to be asked to form a Footpath Working Group which will look at the issues raised in item 7 above and report back. This Group will comprise of both Parish Council members and Valley residents. It was proposed to ask one Itchen Abbas resident who it is believed would be very interested in joining the Group. The aim as previously agreed will be to get as many paths linked to provide a number of circuits for walkers and cyclists and equestrians where appropriate.

20.060 **Date and Time of following meeting:**

Date: Thursday 21st January 2020 at 7.45/8.00 pm until 9.00 pm.

Location: Electronic – public welcome, contact clerk for entry.

The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.



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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/20

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
106		£1,600.00		17/12/20	RP Gardening - Lengthsman: IVPC, Micheldever, Wonston, NATC, Kingsworthy, HWPC, Ropley, Bighton	
107		£398.03		17/12/20	Greensmile - Grounds Maintenance - November	
108		£24.00	1030	17/12/20	EKS Accounting - Payroll - November 20	
109		£800.00	1220	17/12/20	Worthys Youth Football Club - Boomtown Grant Award for contribution of roll on goal purchase for CG	
111		£238.00	1340	17/12/20	Kiss Tree Management Limited - Site Visit and Replanting Advice, methodology at CG	
112		£172.69	1135	17/12/20	HCC Energy Management - Street Lighting	
Sub Total		<u>£3,232.72</u>				
		<u>£1,160.34</u>			Confidential	
Total		<u>£4,393.06</u>				

Signature _____ Signature _____
 Date _____

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