



# West Meon Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), C Adams, R Gedye & G Silk.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs M Edwards & C Waller, and County/City Councillor H Lumby

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** One

### Wmpc 2094 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda.

### Wmpc 2095 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were **approved**.

### Wmpc 2096 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public, but there were no issues arising.

### Wmpc 2097 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk advised that a CIL Payment has been received from SDNP of £17,197.60.

A planning application SDNP/22/02511/HOUS has been received for 3 Floud Cottages Church Lane West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JD. Proposal: Two storey side/rear extension, single storey rear extension and detached single storey garage.

The Defibrillator has been registered with Circuit instead of the ambulance service, details have been emailed to Councillors.

Co-option notices were displayed on the WMPC website on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June for 14 working days, to allow co-option at the 4<sup>th</sup> July meeting.

Hampshire draft Catchment Management Plans has now gone live on the Hampshire County Council consultation website, on the flood and water management webpage <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/catchment-management-plans>. The Catchment Management Plans will be open for consultation until 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. It was agreed that Cllr Gedye would comment on this paper.

## To receive Working Group Reports:

### Wmpc 2098 **PLANNING**

- a) SDNP/22/01869/FUL Westbury House Nursing Home West Meon Road East Meon Petersfield Hampshire. Demolition of the existing care home and replacement with new multigenerational family dwelling and associated ancillary accommodation and landscaping. The Parish Council ratified the following comments to SDNP:

There are significant traffic implications for West Meon Parish, particularly during the construction period. Access to the site is restricted and there are pinch points at Cobden's and Brook Lodge, and the traffic would affect the vulnerable bus service. It is requested that a traffic management plan is submitted by the developers to SDNP, to overcome traffic disruption issues during the construction phase of the development.

- b) SDNP/22/00627/HOUS 2 Floud Cottages Church Lane West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JD Proposal: Two storey side/rear extension. The Parish Council **agreed** to raise no objections.
- c) SDNP/22/02511/HOUS 3 Floud Cottages Church Lane West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JD Proposal: Two storey side/rear extension, single storey rear extension and detached single storey garage. The Parish Council **agreed** to raise no objections.
- d) SDNP/22/02055/HOUS Westbury Manor East End West Meon Hampshire GU32 1ND Proposal: Demolition of the existing single storey rear extensions and their replacement with part two-storey and part single-storey rear extensions together with associated internal and external alterations to the floor plans and elevations. Comments still to be agreed.

### Wmpc 2099 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

The Chairman advised that the Jubilee Celebrations were successful with a good turnout, cream teas, music and a hog roast. She gave special thanks to Cllr Nicholson and Mr Nicholson for their hard work in organising the event. The Chairman advised that she had received favourable comments and thanks from parishioners for the new Windsor bench.

WCC Playground Inspection findings were deferred.

There were no further updates on WMPC lease agreements.

The Chairman and Cllr Waller will be attending the Military Parade on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Cllr Adams is coordinating items for the Parish News, to include the cleaning of the cross and war memorial, co-option.

The Chairman reported that Snows Motor Group wants to film car reviews in and around West Meon and providing this is on public land, WMPC raises no concerns, but they need to contact HCC if filming at the Meon Valley Trail.

### Wmpc 2100 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Chairman advised that the VDS is in its later stages and that the cost of printing would be £2,500. It was agreed that a further quote should be sought.

Schedule of Payments

Payments 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Arbor Venture	£2,940.00
BACS D Heppell salary	
Expenses/reimbursements D Heppell	£46.68
BACS HMRC	£31.80
Jubilee Grant Reimbursement Butchers	£500.00

It was resolved that the schedule of payments listed above be **approved**.

Wmpc 2101 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Lease agreement, Parish News, end of year audit, VDS, HCC flood defences, playground update and report.

Wmpc 2102 **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>h</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 10<sup>th</sup> January & 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.20 pm

Chair .....

# APPENDIX A

## Hampshire County Councillor report

June 2022

### 1. New leadership team at Hampshire County Council

Following the retirement of Keith Mans, Councillor Rob Humby has been elected as the new leader of Hampshire County Council with Councillor Rob Chad as his deputy. Rob has been the Hampshire County Councillor for Bishops Waltham since 2013 and the County Council's Deputy Leader since May 2019.

This has led to a reshuffle of the HCC cabinet, which is now as follows:

Policy, Resources & Economic Development	Rob Humby
Children's Services	Roz Chadd
Highways Operations	Nick Adams-King
Climate Change & Sustainability	Jan Warwick
Transport & Environment (waste/recycling)	Edward Heron
Commercial Strategy, Estates & Property	Steve Forster
Performance, HR, Inclusion & Diversity	Kirsty North
Recreation, Heritage & Rural Affairs	Russell Oppenheimer
Adult Services & Public Health	Liz Fairhurst

The new leader says that he is passionate about doing the best for the people, businesses and places that make Hampshire a great county. Following his election, he said:

*"My vision for Hampshire is to maintain our county as a successful, prosperous, and attractive place to live, work, study, play and visit - balancing economic success with care for the environment for the benefit of generations to come. I believe that a strong economy is essential to support excellent public services, provide high quality and inclusive employment and business opportunities, and to bringing prosperity to all of Hampshire's communities."*

### 2. Homes for Ukraine update

The County Council continues to work with key local partners to enable the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.

The latest available figures for visas issued are that as of 30 May 2022, 60,977 visas have been issued for England. 2,314 have been issued for Hampshire (from the 2,492 applications received) and 1,431 guests have arrived.

One recent initiative is that free bus pass travel within the wider Hampshire area will be available for Ukrainian refugees arriving in the county. Arrangements are being finalised with the county's three major bus operators - Stagecoach, First Bus and Bluestar – with the scheme due to launch shortly.

A reminder that communities can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to help Ukrainian families arriving - details are at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants>

### **3. Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

Celebrations have occurred across the county in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, from communities to care homes and including the lighting of beacons at the start of the four day holiday.

In related news, Hampshire's Record Office in Winchester is one of six landmark sites across the UK that have been awarded listed status by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to commemorate Her Majesty's 70-year reign. The award-winning building, designed by the County Council, was opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1993.

### **4. Grants available to help communities in need**

Local groups are being urged to apply for grants that will help them support those in most need in their communities. £300,000 is being made available for projects that will help those facing food and fuel poverty, particularly in rural areas, up to September 2022.

The latest community grants are funded by the £7.12million Household Support Fund, provided to Local Authorities by the Department for Work and Pensions to support vulnerable households, especially with the cost of food and energy bills.

The deadline for applying for a community grant is 29 July 2022. Organisations wishing to find out more should go to the [connect4communities website](#) for the full guidance and application form.

### **5. £0.25 million investment fund for community energy projects**

An investment fund, to support community run renewable energy projects in Hampshire, is to be established by Hampshire County Council. The 'Revolving Community Energy Fund' will invest up to £25,000 for any individual community project being launched in Hampshire as part of the Community Energy Pathways project.

The aim of the fund is to stimulate significant community investment in renewable energy across Hampshire. Investment in a share offer will enable a community to operate a renewable energy scheme and earn income. Once a scheme is operational, it should then attract additional shareholders and/or secure borrowing against the assets of the existing scheme, enabling it to be extended to a wider community base. For more information, email [climatechange@hants.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@hants.gov.uk)

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## **APPENDIX B**

Winchester City Councillor Report June 2022

New Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet

A new cabinet was announced by the new Liberal Democrat leader Martin Todd with the areas of responsibility listed below:

Cabinet

Leader and cabinet member for Asset Management Martin Todd (St Paul)

Deputy Leader and cabinet member for Community and Housing Paula Ferguson (St Bartholomew)

Cabinet member for Climate Emergency Kelsie Learney (St Barnabas)

Cabinet member for Finance and Housing Margot Power (Alresford & Itchen Valley)

Cabinet member for Place and The Local Plan Jackie Porter (The Worthys)

Cabinet member for Service Quality Russell Gordon-Smith (Alresford & Itchen Valley)

Cabinet member for Business and Culture Lucille Thompson (St Paul)

Likewise a new shadow cabinet was announced by the Conservative leader Caroline Horrill. Below are the shadow areas of responsibility which are slightly differently named as some shadow cabinet councillors have overlapping areas of responsibility and expertise.

Shadow Cabinet

Housing and Assets Caroline Horrill

Business, Policy and Culture Caroline Brook

Climate Emergency & Environment Frank Pearson

Finance & Value Stephen Godfrey

Place and Local Plan Mike Reed

Communities, Health and Sport Sue Cook

Communications Michael Kurn

Fibre Broadband

Good quality internet access is vital to our rural communities and businesses and remains a big issue in many of our villages across the ward. Last month Flick Drummond MP organised a meeting with Building Digital UK (BDUK), the delivery agency of the DCMS, Hampshire County Council and BT Openreach Ltd. Regrettably Openreach did not show on the day, much to everyone's disappointment.

However, we did get important updates from BDUK and HCC.

It would appear that the Gigabit voucher scheme, to bring broadband to more remote communities such as ours, has been put on hold while a procurement process is undertaken with other local providers in addition to Openreach. Depending on the outcome of the process, which was supposed to conclude in May, the voucher scheme may well be reinstated if it is felt it will expedite delivery.

I have been pressing for an update on this to no avail as yet but will continue to press for progress and keep you updated.

## Boomtown

The management team of Boomtown held a residents meeting at Cheriton village hall last month to answer any concerns from locals. Surprisingly a number of people that turned up were more concerned about what had happened to their free tickets.

A couple of residents of Alresford Road Winchester by Quarry Road expressed concern about their residents parking bays being suspended. However, the management team denied they were applying to have them suspended.

Some parishes have expressed concern about the contingency plans in the event of short notice cancellation as happened last year. It resulted in a large number of homeless revellers wandering the neighbourhood looking for places to relieve themselves. The team assured me they were better organised to push messages out to all ticket holders in future to avoid, as much as possible, people turning up to a cancelled event.

On the whole the attendees raised no objection to the event taking place even after the management team expressed their ambition to grow the festival year on year by 1000 people. I guess that would be until someone says 'enough!'

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