



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs C Waller (Chairman), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), T Over, A Trenchard and N Wortley.

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep, City Cllrs L Ruffell and Cllr L Lumby.

APOLOGIES: G Silk, P Brannon, C Adams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Heppell (Clerk).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0 members of the public.

Wmpc 1638 **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 1639 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6th November 2018 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1640 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Wmpc 1641 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep's report which had been previously emailed was received and noted. Cllr Huxstep reported that restaurants and takeaways are being urged to check that they are meeting legal requirements when declaring and labelling allergens. Hampshire Trading Standards Service have been carrying out inspections around the County to see how adequately information is provided and many businesses did not have a system in place. Businesses are being urged to come to Trading Standards for advice if they are unsure how to meet industry regulations.

Hampshire County Council has launched a new app which allows residents to access support information around-the-clock. It is called the 'Connect to Support Hampshire' app and gives users the ability to manage their own care and support needs, as well as have numbers for county-run services. A sister website has also been developed for those who wish to access the information via a computer. The app contains a directory of local services, activities, charities and helplines to support individuals with specific needs.

More than £13 million has been awarded to councils in Hampshire in a bid to keep motorists moving. The cash, from the Department for Transport, will be used to improve roads, filling potholes

and other highways repairs and improvements. Broken down, £11.89 million has been given to Hampshire County Council, £755,000 to Southampton City Council, and £634,000 to Portsmouth City Council.

Hampshire County Council are warning shoppers to be wary of fake and dangerous goods when Christmas shopping. Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards service have issued the warning, regarding anything from combustible Christmas lights to unsafe toys.

£0.5 million is to be spent helping local town and parish councils get projects off the ground. Financed by Hampshire County Council and the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, the Parish and Town Council Investment Fund will be available for the county's smaller authorities to apply for. They will be allowed to use the money to: enhance existing or provide new infrastructure which supports their communities, such as community centres; make their areas more resilient, which includes tackling social isolation; and fund training to support local residents to deliver services in the area, such as maintaining rights of way (RoW). This was noted by the Parish Council and **Cllr Over agreed** to contact Martin Cowell regarding RoW grants.

Cllr Waller advised that there was a recent fire in West Meon and the fire brigade had problems locating the fire hydrants. Cllr Waller now has a map which **Cllr Wortley agreed** to adapt to put on the Parish Council website

The Chairman complained about the local household waste depot charging for small pieces of laminate and Cllr Huxstep advised about the charging system.

The date of the upcoming Communities Against Noise (CANS) meeting was noted by the Parish Council, Cllr Huxstep will be attending.

Wmpc 1642 **CITY COUNCILLOR RUFFELL**

Cllr Ruffell's report which had been previously emailed was received and noted. Cllr Ruffell reported that Winchester City Council had been investigating the issue of land ownership at Heddon View by the garages and the associated road. He advised that 12 metres of the area is in poor repair with potholes and a further 4 metres is in a poor state, and Winchester City Council will be looking into these repairs.

Cllr Ruffell reported that there is one affordable 2 bedroom property available at Long Priors being offered to local people.

The Parish Council requested an update from Cllr Ruffell on the dormouse tunnel at Storeys Meadow which is collapsing.

Wmpc 1643 **CITY COUNCILLOR LUMBY**

Cllr Lumby advised that there has been deliberate vandalising of swings in the area and that the Parish Council should be aware of this matter. He also reported that there is an app to report fly tipping which is under 'Your Winchester'.

Wmpc 1644 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and was noted by the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported the following from the SDNP Planning Workshop course, that SDNP has had some design comments back on the VDS but further views are awaited.

Cllr Humby, Hampshire County Council Chair of Highways, spoke at length to West Meon Cllrs about traffic and motorbikes in West Meon and that he is chairing the meeting with CANS on 6th December.

SDNP wish to know about existing and proposed community assets and footpath leaflets.

SDNP advised that sustainable community grants are available and options were discussed about cleaning up the river.

Playsafe Playgrounds have visited the playground to quote for wet pour.

Zurich Insurance's extra payment of £60.00 for Christmas Fair has been paid.

Laptop quotes have been circulated within the agreed budget and it was **agreed** that the Clerk would look at the sales.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1645 **PLANNING**

1. Planning Applications

a) SDNP/18/05460/TPO Brockwood End Riversdown Road West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1JS. T1 Oak. Tip prune Southern side of canopy by 3m to re-balance crown following SSE. Reduction of tree to North side. Finished width of 9m diameter 4.5m radius. Good tree management to restore amenity value. It was **agreed** to raise **NO OBJECTIONS**.

b).SDNP/18/05471/TPO Pursers House Woodlands Bramdean. SO24 0HP Proposed shed, summer house, Retrospective. It was **agreed** to raise **NO OBJECTIONS**.

c) SDNP/18/06109/HOUS Little Heddon Farm, Marlands Lane, West Meon GU32 1JY Single storey extension. It was **agreed** to raise **NO OBJECTIONS**.

2) Village Design Statement update. Cllr Waller advised that there is a backlog at SDNP and comments are awaited.

Wmpc 1646 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Last year's precept was £30,360, with a CTS Grant of £1,919 making a total of £32,269. As Winchester City Council has advised there is no CTS grant available for the precept, an increase of 3% to £33,237.07 was unanimously **agreed**.

It was **agreed** to consider new projects at the next meeting.

It was unanimously **agreed** to update internet banking for Councillors and the Clerk, and to add the Clerk as a signatory to the Unity Bank account and for Cllrs Over, Nicholson and the Clerk to do internet banking.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Over would complete and return the NALC small councils questionnaire. Cllr Over agreed to check the Nest Pension payments as there is a shortfall in payments.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would order a bench from Broxap costing £424+VAT.

Schedule of Payments

Date 4th December 2018

Ch 300486 T Hickmore Benches	£291.00
Ch 300487 WCC	£130.00
Ch 300488 Rifle Club grant	£257.50
Ch 300489 Zurich Insurance	£1,253.95
Ch 300490 D Heppell salary	
Ch 300491 Expenses Clerk	£30.65
Ch 300492 WM Village hall	£48.00
Ch 300493 C Waller reimbursement	£621.00
Ch 300494 JN Fairey Meon Valley Trees	£58.80
Ch 300495 HMRC	£3.12

Wmpc 1647 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

The Chairman reported that there had been issues with crows or badgers destroying the cricket pitch. Parish Council were very pleased with the recent work carried out by the Lengthsman scheme.

Cllr Nicholson reported progress on the Christmas Fayre to be held on 8th December in the High Street from 3:30pm to 6:30pm, advising that a risk assessment had been carried out as well as road closures. It was agreed that details of the last bus should be put on the website.

It was agreed that the Clerk would order a grit bin to be sited by the entrance to the Village Hall.

Wmpc 1648 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Christmas Fair, Milestones, Village Design Statement, Telephone Kiosk and Working groups, parish projects.

Wmpc 1649 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 8th January, 5th February, 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July 2019, all in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9.15 pm

Chairman