



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 10th MAY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: None

BY INVITATION: County Cllr H Lumby (until 8.00pm).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One

Wmpc 2080 **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON 2022/23**

It was proposed by Cllr Waller and seconded by Cllr Edwards that Cllr Trenchard be the Chairperson for 2022/23. This was unanimously **agreed**.

Wmpc 2081 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON 2022/23**

It was proposed by Cllr Trenchard and seconded by Cllr Silk that Cllr Nicholson be the Vice Chairperson for 2022/23. This was unanimously **agreed**.

Wmpc 2082 **APPROVAL OF STANDING ORDERS FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The WMPc Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were **approved**.

Wmpc 2083 **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 2084 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 12th April 2022 were **approved**.

Wmpc 2085 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public and a representative of the sports club spoke on the sports club boules project and terms of the lease. Cllr Edwards gave an update from the Parish Council solicitors on the lease agreements, and referred back to the Parish Council decision at the meeting (Wmpc 2076) regarding contributions for the maintenance of the car park, where it was previously agreed that:

The Parish Council pays 50%, village hall 25%, sports club 20% and rifle club 5% for the maintenance of the car park, and tenants must maintain and repair their properties and pay their own insurance.

Following advice from the Parish Council solicitors, it was unanimously **agreed** to proceed with the renewal of the existing lease agreement with the sports club, and then to amend the lease agreement, subject to the boules court receiving favourable planning permission for the courts to include a 1.2 metre high picket fence around the boules court.

Wmpc 2086 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR LUMBY**

Cllr Lumby had provided both HCC and WCC reports, which had been circulated prior to the meeting (Appendices A & B).

Cllr Lumby reported on HCC grants for the Jubilee celebrations, and welcomes applications.

He also reported on Neil Bolton, who has been elected as a councillor at WCC, covering the West Meon area.

The Parish Council reported issues of wheelie bins obstructing the traffic on Church Road, and finger posts by the allotments.

Wmpc 2087 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk advised that Arbor Venture are carrying out the scheduled tree work on the recreation ground on 16th & 17th May, from approximately 9am.

The Clerk advised that WCC's playground report and internal audit report had been received, both of which were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Wmpc 2088 **WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS 2022-23**

Finance & Administration

- Finance – Cllrs Nicholson, Adams
- Budget/Future Expenditure/Grants – Cllr Nicholson
- Clerk HR - Cllr Trenchard

Planning

- Planning Applications - Cllrs Waller, Trenchard
- Strategic Planning/SDNP – Cllr Silk
- VDS Enhancement - Cllrs Trenchard, Waller

Highways and Transport

- Cllrs Waller/Edwards

Environment

- Recreation Ground – Cllrs Waller, Edwards
- Rights of Way/Footpaths – Cllrs Silk, Edwards
- Meon Valley Trail – Cllrs Silk, Gedye
- River Flooding – Cllrs Waller, Silk, Gedye

Community

- Local Authority Housing – Cllr Adams
- Disabled and Elderly – Cllr Adams
- Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Gedye

Communications

- Parish News – Cllrs Nicholson, Adams
- Website – Cllrs Adams, Nicholson
- Walks Leaflets – Cllr Adams
- We are West Meon Facebook – Cllr Trenchard

Appointment to Outside Bodies

- Village Hall Committee – Cllr Adams
- West Meon & Warnford Sports Club – Cllrs Waller, Edwards
- Rifle Club – Cllr Edwards
- Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) – Cllr Trenchard

Community Liaison Representatives

- Touchet Trust – Cllr Edwards
- Footpaths and Rights of Way – Simon Telford
- Village Shop Committee – Cllr Trenchard
- Bob Russell Trust – Cllrs Trenchard, Waller
- Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Gedye
- Hampshire Passenger Transport Forum- No nominations.

To receive Working Group Reports:

Wmpc 2089 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Wmpc 2089(i) It was resolved that the Accounting Governance Statement Section 1 for the year ending 31st of March 2022 be **approved** and duly signed by the Chairman and RFO.

Wmpc 2089(ii) It was resolved that the Annual Governance Accounting Statement Section 2 of 31st March 2022, on page 5 of the Annual Return, be **approved** and duly was signed by the Chairman and RFO.

Wmpc 2089(iii) To note the Annual Internal Audit Report contained in the AGAR.

Wmpc 2089(iv) It was resolved that the Accounting Statements 2021/22 be **approved** and duly signed by the RFO and Chairman.

Wmpc 2089(v) A grant request was received from Homestart for £250.00 and this was **unanimously approved** by the Parish Council.

A further grant request was received from M Edwards for the Jubilee celebrations and £500.00 was **unanimously approved** by the Parish Council.

Wmpc 2089(vi) Schedule of Payments

Payments 10th May 2022

HCC lighting	£506.32
WM Sports club room hire	£20.00
APM WM Sports club room hire/refreshments	£121.50
Village Hall Invoice	£22.00
Fair account	£125.00
WCC Play Inspection	£93.00
WCC Dog bins	£130.00

HALC Fees	£321.45
BACS D Heppell salary	
Expenses D Heppell	£28.90
BACS HMRC	£31.80

Grant Requests approved

Platinum Jubilee School Gift children	£500.00
Homestart	£250.00

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

Wmpc 2090 **PLANNING**

Westbury House planning application 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 has been submitted to SDNP. The Parish Council agreed to raise the following concerns to SDNP and copy them to the Chair of East Meon Parish Council:

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.

Wmpc 2091 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

A request for a function around the Cross on Jubilee Weekend has been submitted to the Parish Council. It was agreed that this would set a precedent and was not acceptable, due to the nature of the listed Cross and associated public risks.

The Jubilee celebrations risk assessment was received.

It was **agreed** to request that Arbor Venture contact SDNP regarding possible damage to the wall around the cross.

Cllr Adams requested items for the Parish News, which will include: cleaning of the cross, and the Military Parade going through West Meon on 25th June 22. Councillors Trenchard and Waller are to attend.

Wmpc 2092 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Lease agreement, Platinum Jubilee risk assessment, trees on the recreation ground, Parish News, end of year audit, dog monitoring on the recreation ground, military parade 25th June 2022.

Wmpc 2093 **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 14th June and 5th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.55 pm

Chair

APPENDIX A

Hampshire County Councillor Report May 2022

1. 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 focus remains on conducting necessary safeguarding and wellbeing checks via home visits, distribution of financial support, in collaboration with public sector partners, and ensuring key information is shared with guests and sponsors efficiently. The latest available figures for visas issued are that as of 3 May 2022, 45,126 visas have been issued for England, of which 1,685 are for Hampshire. In addition to the other support available, an initial fund of £100,000 has been made available for local community and voluntary organisations working to help Ukrainian families to apply for financial support through the Leader's Community Grants - details are at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants> Applications will be considered from parish and town councils and local branches of national charities (where the support being provided is delivered specifically in Hampshire) and may be for any amount up to £5,000. Applications will be assessed to ensure that the proposals are appropriate, that necessary levels of safeguarding are in place and that the activity does not unnecessarily duplicate support which is already provided through other channels. Further details are available by following the link above or by contacting cbsgrants@hants.gov.uk. Useful information for anyone welcoming Ukrainian guests can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>. Hampshire County Council has a helpful webpage at www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine which is being regularly updated. This includes a new Welcome Guide webpage <https://www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine/guests/welcome-guide>

2. County councillor grant scheme

The opening date for the County Councillor grant scheme for 2022/2023 has been brought forward and is now open for applications from Monday 9th May. This is to facilitate any grant applications associated with the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

3. Fostering Hampshire Children nominated for award

Hampshire County Council's 'Fostering Hampshire Children' team has been nominated for a Purpose Award for its winter 2021 'You Can Foster' campaign – which achieved a 300% increase in enquiries about fostering in Hampshire. This will see the County Council compete with BT, Dove, Vodafone and others to have its campaign named the Best Public Awareness Cause Campaign in the 'Brand Led' category. The Purpose Awards recognise campaigns that use creative ideas to successfully highlight positive causes. Details of the campaign can be seen at <https://www.purposeawards.co.uk/finalists/you-can-foster-winter-2021-d0003>

4. Streetlighting in Hampshire

Hampshire has 133,952 streetlights which are maintained by a company called Enerveo pursuant to Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract which commenced in 2010 and lasts for 25 years. The control network for the streetlights is very flexible, allowing the County Council to dim and "part-night" streetlights to reduce our energy consumption and carbon emissions and respond to a variety of requests. Energy usage has reduced by 66% since the contract began, primarily through LED replacements, dimming and part-night lighting. At the same time, the number of reported faults has fallen to two thirds what it was in 2009. Most faults are detected automatically by the system, but you can also report faults online at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/streetlight>

5. Consultation on Hampshire's new Local Transport Plan

The County Council is asking for views on a draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4) that aims to support the county's economic prosperity, decarbonise the transport system, and help people in Hampshire live healthy lives. The LTP4 will define the future of travel and transport in Hampshire to 2050. If adopted, it would guide the County Council's transport and travel infrastructure planning and design in favour of improving travel choices for people by transforming and widening the appeal of walking, cycling and use of public

transport. The plan proposes transformational changes which: • shift away from planning for vehicles, towards planning for people and places • reduce reliance on private car travel • support economic development and regeneration • meet national priorities to decarbonise the transport system • promote active lifestyles The consultation runs until 26 June 2022 and people can take part at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/localtransportplan> Subject to the results of the consultation the new Local Transport Plan is expected to be adopted by early 2023.

Councillor Hugh Lumby Meon Valley Division
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APPENDIX B

Winchester City Councillor Report May 2022

1. Homes for Ukraine update

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2. Elections

The local elections took place on 5th May. Due to the purdah rules, no major decisions were permitted to be made by Winchester City Council during the election campaign, so this report is by necessity rather short. Following the elections, the Liberal Democrats remain in control of the council, with the make up of the council comprising 27 Liberal Democrats, 15 Conservatives, 2 independents and one Green Party councillor. Locally, Neil Bolton was elected to replace Laurence Ruffell who has retired from the council.

Hugh Lumby Neil Bolton