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MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL ON 8th DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM (DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC)

THOSE PARTICIPATING: Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), C Adams, C Waller, M Edwards and R Gedye (until 8:50pm).

BY INVITATION: H Lumby until 8:00pm

APOLOGIES: J Nicholson (Vice Chair), Cllrs G Silk and L Ruffell, County Cllr R Huxstep

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

Wmpc 1881 **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 1882 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Wmpc 1883 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Online Parish Council Meeting on 10th November 2020 were **agreed**, signed and **approved**.

Wmpc 1884 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Hampshire County Cllr Huxstep's report was received. See Appendix A.

Wmpc 1885 **CITY COUNCILLOR LUMBY**

The City Councillor's report previously circulated was received. See Appendix B.

Wmpc 1886 **CLERK'S REPORT**

- Half Year audit complete and approved by the internal auditor.
- Insurance update: the Parish Council are dealing with the claimant's insurance company direct, regarding damage to the bus shelter.
- Quotes for renewal of insurance are being sought from Came and Co, who advise Cyber insurance also required.

- Arbour Adventure have visited Holm Oak and done a half day report advising 30% to 50% crown reduction required to keep the tree healthy, and are able to submit a TPO application.
- **Beech tree** sited by the railway bank field requires urgent work to make it safe.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1887 **PLANNING**

- i) SDNP/20/050306/FUL Loomies Alton Road West Meon GU32 1JX Proposal Retrospective application for Loomies Shop on the Loomies Moto Cafe site.
1. The Parish Council agreed to **RAISE OBJECTIONS** to the retrospective application, as the containers are considered inappropriate buildings to be sited in such a prominent location outside the settlement policy boundary (SPB) and within the countryside and the South Downs National Park boundary. The introduction of a shop use within the countryside will intensify the use of the site which is contrary to adopted policies SD1, SD4, SD5, SD6, SD7, SD25 and SD38.
 2. If the Council are minded to grant permission for this use only a temporary permission should be granted which is linked to the main café on the site, to prevent further extension into the countryside and outside the SPB.

NB. It is noted that a container for an office use is shown on the plans but the Parish Council have not been notified of any planning application for this use.

Wmpc 1888 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

It was **agreed** the AGM would be on Wednesday 27th January 2021.

The precept for 2021/2022 was **agreed** to be increased by 3% to £35,261.00.

Cllr Waller reported that he had arranged for the West Meon Remembers booklet to be printed.

Cllr Waller reported that he had submitted a grant to the War Memorial Trust for cleaning the memorial, and two quotes would be sourced.

The insurance require two quotes for repairs to the Flint wall and these will be sought.

It was **agreed** the Parish Council would start the co-option process in January 2021.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would continue to claim for the bus shelter with LV and keep Zurich insurance. It was agreed that the solar lights recommended by Cllr Gedye would be purchased.

Payments 8th December 2020

Wicksteed parts	£427.06
Fair Account Internal Auditors	£365.00
Cllr Waller Booklets and lights, batteries	£164.49
J West Christmas trees	£120.00
BACS D Heppell salary December	
BACS Expenses	£21.70
HMRC	£40.20

It was unanimously **agreed** to approve the schedule of payments.

Wmpc 1889 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

Highway improvements were agreed to include white lines by the shop and repainting lines for the disabled space on the High Street.

Highway issues raised with WCC include repositioning of the sign by Church Lane not on the Flint wall.

Other issues raised were potholes on Lippen Lane and parking outside the school on Church Lane.

Quotes are awaited for the resurfacing of the village hall section of the car park.

Wmpc 1890 **COMMUNITY, RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Gedye reported that the Neighbourhood Watch poster is ready to be displayed on the noticeboard.

It was agreed that further action would be carried out on rook damage to the surface of the Recreation Area using established country practices.

Cllr Waller advised that the Lengthsman is due in January and to contact him if there are any issues.

Any Parish News items to be reported to Cllr Adams.

The Christmas lights and Christmas trees have been put up.

Wmpc 1891 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

AGM, Village Hall Car Park, Bus shelter, trees, Parish News.

Wmpc 1892 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 12th January 2021, Tuesday 2nd February 2021, Tuesday 2nd March 2021, Tuesday 13th April 2021, Tuesday 4th May 2021, Tuesday 1st June 2021, Tuesday 6th July 2021. All online meetings until further notice.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Chair

Appendix A

Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for:

We are now in day 6 of Hampshire's Tier 2 regime. The excitement of effective vaccines continues as preparations are being made for vaccination centres being set-up across the county. To see the up-to-date data for the pandemic in Hampshire please visit www.hants.gov.uk/coronavirus where you will also see the array of links as shown below:

Advice and support for Hampshire residents and businesses during the coronavirus

Current tier in Hampshire: Tier 2 (High)

Hampshire County Council continues to work closely with partners in Public Health England, local government, the NHS and others to ensure we are well prepared to respond to further outbreaks of coronavirus to protect the public's health.

Advice for residents General advice for Hampshire residents including tier guidance from 2 December Test and Trace guidance Understanding support bubbles Staying well at home – advice for older people

Welfare support

Hampshire's response to the coronavirus Hampshire COVID-19 data Planning for a local outbreak Directions issued by Hampshire County Council under Health Protection Regulations

Message from the Leader of Hampshire County Council

Advice for businesses and other settings Care homes and other care settings Keep Hampshire Safe - information for businesses

Schools and early years settings

Additionally you may like to go to: <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/public-health/jsna-covid19/Winchester-C19-District-Report.pdf> which documents the situation in the Winchester District.

There is a special helpline for Hampshire's most vulnerable residents, set up as part of a collaboration between local councils across the county and the voluntary and community sector. Anyone in need of help can call 0333 370 4000 seven days a week, from 9am-5pm.

Getting home safely for the holidays - travel guidance as students return home from university

Hampshire County Council has issued advice for students, parents and commuters as the student travel window opens from 3rd to 9th December

As students journey home over the coming week, residents are being encouraged to limit travel on public transport at busy times – particularly on the main transport routes - and continue following the current Tier 2 guidelines for Hampshire, to make sure everyone gets home safely for the holidays.

Councillor Keith Mans, Leader of Hampshire County Council and Chair of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board said: "Throughout early December, thousands of young people will be making their way back for the holidays. Trains and buses will be much busier during this time which increases the risk of spreading coronavirus. Therefore, I urge all passengers to follow the rules carefully, as doing so will help us control the spread of the virus and keep each other safe."

If students are travelling home, they should follow the safer travel guidance for passengers.

Students - and all public transport users - must not travel if: • They have symptoms • They have tested positive • They have been told to self-isolate. Students are also being advised to book ahead wherever possible.

As well as following specific advice from universities and transport companies, travellers should also remember to: • wash or sanitise hands frequently • wear a face covering unless exempt • make space by keeping a two metre distance from other passengers where feasible • wherever possible, avoid busiest routes as well as busy times like rush hour • download the NHS COVID-19 app before you travel, if possible, and check in where you see the official NHS COVID-19 QR code posters

Councillor Mans added: “It has been a challenging time for university students, so an eagerness to reunite with families is quite understandable. But before they head off, students and their parents should make themselves aware of the safety guidance if they’re planning to use public transport. By being extra safe and working together, we can help protect our loved ones this winter.”

Parents are encouraged to read the guidance on Student movement and plans for the end of term, which is available by searching for ‘Higher education’ on the [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) webpages.

Hampshire’s helping hand for vulnerable children and young people this Christmas

Hampshire County Council will implement a food voucher scheme to support vulnerable children, young people and their families during the school Christmas holiday and February 2021 half term week.

The initiative, which will be delivered in partnership with the county’s education providers, aims to help those facing hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic and is being funded from the £2.89 million Winter Grant Scheme, awarded to the Authority by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), as part of a planned programme of supportive measures over winter.

Councillor Patricia Stallard, the County Council’s Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services and Young People said: “By introducing a food voucher scheme, we aim to ensure that no Hampshire child goes hungry over the Christmas and New Year holidays. The vouchers will be available to: * All families whose children are eligible for free school meals * Children being supported by a social worker * Children receiving early help services from the County Council’s Family Support Service * 2-4 year olds accessing childcare and eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium, or * 16-18 year olds who were previously eligible for free school meals. “I am also pleased that we have sufficient funding to provide vouchers to our care leavers and young carers.” Nurseries, pre-schools, childminders, schools and colleges will be the distributors of the vouchers. Each household will receive a voucher per child worth £15 per week which can be used at a range of supermarkets. The scheme will help feed over 34,000 children in Hampshire. Additionally, the County Council is providing schools and colleges with a discretionary grant fund. These grants will help support families who may not be immediately eligible for the voucher scheme but find themselves struggling financially; for example, where a parent has lost their job due to COVID-19. Schools can use these grants to help families with food and other essential items, such as energy cards/tokens to pay fuel bills. Councillor Patricia Stallard added: “I would like to thank all our education providers for helping us to reach those in need of this support. They know their children, young people and families best so are far better placed to distribute the vouchers. With their assistance, we can help to ensure that vulnerable children don’t go without necessities like food and heating over the winter.”

Families who may be facing financial difficulties this Christmas are encouraged to speak to their early years or childcare provider, school or college in the strictest of confidence.

Cllr Roger Huxstep Member for Meon Valley Division

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Appendix B

December 2020 Report

Winchester City Council has installed the first of 33 electric vehicle charging points in the district.

The news comes as the council continues to move ahead with its ambitious target of being a carbon neutral district by 2030.

The first charging point, installed at Denmead, is a result of the plans laid out by the city council's 'Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy' which has identified several car parks across the district to have charging points installed, including; Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Harestock and Wickham.

The council aims to complete the installation of the remaining points by Christmas, despite the impact of the tighter restrictions in response to COVID-19. Further work is being undertaken to roll out more charge points in future parking facilities and to serve residential areas which don't have access to private off-road parking. An additional 'rapid charge' point will be installed close to Winchester Railway Station, due for completion in early 2021.

The roll-out will be complemented by a pilot of on street charge point scheme that will be managed by Hampshire County Council.

Winchester City Council transfers to cashless parking with RingGo

Winchester City Council has moved to a cheaper, COVID-19 Secure, telephone parking operator throughout the district, which will begin from 23 November 2020.

Motorists will now be able to pay for their parking through the [RingGo](#) parking app, enabling them to do so without the need to touch a keypad at charging points. There is no additional charge to use the RingGo service therefore paying by cash or phone costs the same.

Motorists who haven't yet registered with RingGo, simply need to provide a few details to use the new service. This can be done either by downloading the free RingGo app from the [App Store](#) . Alternatively, they can visit [RingGo.co.uk](#) online and register via the website or calling 01962 650600 at the time they wish to park.

Winchester's priority is to provide residents and visitors with the option for a quick, safe and completely contactless payment via the RingGo app or a quick phone call – and it won't cost anything extra.”

First virtual public consultation sees strong local engagement around Central Winchester plans

Winchester City Council held its first ever online public consultation session this week, with local residents and businesses attending the 90 minute session on the draft development proposals for the Central Winchester Regeneration area.

Questions to the team covered a wide range of topics, including how the scheme might be delivered, how long it might take and the possible impact on the road network. An interactive element to the session showed over half of those participants who answered the questions were most excited about creative and cultural spaces included in the draft proposals and over 70% said they felt excited, interested or optimistic about the plans.

This was the first of four public sessions that will be taking place as part of the consultation on the Central Winchester Regeneration proposals. Proposals to develop the site, which incorporates Winchester Bus Station, Kings Walk, the old Friarsgate Medical Centre and Coitbury House, include creating a vibrant mixed-use development with high quality new homes, flexible workspaces, a thriving night-time economy and beautiful public spaces.

“Being part of the first ever online public consultation session hosted by the council was a landmark occasion to keep listening and involve as many residents and businesses as possible as we move forward with exciting plans for development. We have received feedback from people of all ages and backgrounds, helping ensure we get a fair representation of local views.

Cllr Hugh Lumby Cllr Laurence Ruffell