



# West Meon Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL**

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

**BY INVITATION:** City and County Cllr H Lumby (from 7.45pm until 9.00pm).

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Adams, G Silk, and City Cllr L Ruffell.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Messrs Walker, Morris, Bray (until 8.15pm).

### Wmpc 2026 **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 2027 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 were **approved**.

### Wmpc 2028 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair brought this item forward and the meeting was opened to the public. One member of the public brought to the attention of the Parish Council issues with the cherry trees on Doctors Lane dropping leaves, and stones harming farm animals. The trees are owned by WCC and this was reported to Cllr Lumby, who agreed to raise it with WCC.

Progress with the boules court was reported by Mr Morris and Mr Walker, circulated information from his planning consultants that planning permission would be required for the works. The proposed lease agreement and licence were discussed by the Parish Council, and they agreed that in principle a 10 year agreement would be sought, but that they would need to take advice from their solicitors first.

The Parish Council suggested that a 0.9 metre picket fence enclosing the boules court would be appropriate, and that consultation will be required with the village and all nearby residents. Mr Walker advised that drawings would be prepared, then a public consultation would take place to consult neighbours.

The Parish Council advised that a draft heads of agreement would be required with the Sports Club and the land put back to its original use when not used for boules.

The Parish Council **agreed** by 4 votes for and one abstention that the Parish Council would support the proposal with a 10 year renewal lease, similar to West Meon Sports Club, which would

roll over and have a peppercorn ground rent which would be reviewed, subject to the Parish Council seeking legal advice on the lease agreement. It was agreed that the rent would be calculated pro rata on the boules area, which Cllr Edwards **agreed** to measure and to work out appropriate charges.

#### Wmpc 2029 **CITY & COUNTY COUNCILLOR LUMBY**

Cllr Lumby had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix A). He advised that two sets of speed cameras are being discussed, and that the scrutiny committee are getting views on 20 mph speed limits.

Cllr Lumby advised that the Beech tree was removed on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, and that the associated ditch is to be inspected by HCC. He has also reported the need for white lines by the butchers shop to HCC Highways, and it is on their list to review.

Cllr Edwards advised that WCC are required to trim the trees and hedges at Meonwara. Cllr Lumby reported that WCC have concluded parking at the rear of the garages at Long Priors would not be possible due to the position of underground tanks.

The Parish Council reported issues with bins being left on Church Lane, and associated accidents resulting from bins being on the road.

#### Wmpc 2030 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that the half year audit has been passed by the internal auditor on his visit on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and that the risk assessment is due to be assessed by the internal auditor on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 from 10:00am until 12.00 noon at the village hall. He will also look at issues of lease agreements and financial risks.

The WCC play area inspections have been booked for January 2022 for the recreation ground and Meonwara.

The protocol for marking the death of a senior national figure has been circulated.

#### **TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS**

#### Wmpc 2031 **PLANNING**

Metis Homes' planning and progress report was received and it was agreed that Metis Homes should be invited to the March 2022 meeting. Cllr Nicholson reported issues with a large puddle on Long Priors which she contacted the Metis foreman about.

#### Wmpc 2032 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

- a) The Parish Council agreed to support the HCC 20mph hour scheme.
- b) The Parish Council agreed that a note should be put in the Parish News advising that no notices should be put in the bus shelter.

#### Wmpc 2033 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

- a) Following the meeting in the Thomas Lord pub on 6<sup>th</sup> December it was agreed that for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June there will be a picnic, hog roast and music to celebrate on the recreation ground.

- b) It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to the Village Hall, Sports Club and Rifle Club advising that the leases could start to be drawn up.
- c) It was **agreed** that a further quote would be sought for work on the ash trees on the recreation area from Mr Hillier.

Wmpc 2034 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

It was unanimously agreed to approve the Protocol for marking the death of a senior national figure.

It was unanimously agreed to approve the Insurance quote renewal of £1,259.23.

It was agreed that the VDS subcommittee would insert illustrations into the Village Design Statement.

**Schedule of payments**

**Payments 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

J West Xmas trees	£120.00
Fair Account Audit	£440.00
BACS D Heppell salary	
Expenses D Heppell	£59.64
BACS HMRC	£31.80
Insurance AJ Gallagher	£1,259.23

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

Wmpc 2035 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING**

Ditches, boules, lease agreement, ash trees on the recreation ground.

Wmpc 2036 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9.35

pm

Chair .....

# Appendix A Winchester City Councillor Report

## December 2021

### 1. Roads and speeding

Hampshire County Council have announced a review of the evidence for 20-mph zones in residential areas and this will be undertaken by the Environment, Transport and Economy Select Committee in early 2022. Hampshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner will be invited to take part.

Following a meeting between the Police and Crime Commissioner and Hampshire County Council, the police are developing proposals for limited sections of average speed cameras on the A272 and the A32. HCC will work with them to implement this and is examining complementary signing to encourage considerate riding.

Statistics have been published by Hampshire Highways for September this year. In that month 301 emergencies were attended, 59,055 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced and 13,797 gullies and other drainage cleared. In addition, 9,912 square metres of footway were repaired or resurfaced and around 8,420 potholes were fixed.

### 2. Covid-19 guidance

At the time of writing, three cases of the new Omicron Covid variant have been confirmed in the Basingstoke district, including at a local school. It is expected that the number of cases across Hampshire will increase.

Simon Bryant, Hampshire County Council's Director of Public Health has reiterated that the council will encourage the public to adopt safe behaviours to prevent further spread. His advice is to "get vaccinated – first dose, second dose, booster. Wear a face covering on public transport, in shops and crowded places. If you have symptoms, then isolate immediately and get a PCR test. "Ahead of social events, take a lateral flow test, meet outdoors if possible, or if indoors, open a window to let in fresh air. All of these individual actions can make a difference to help slow the spread of infection and help keep each other safe in the run-up to Christmas."

### 3. Winchester Movement Strategy

Residents, commuters and businesses are being asked what they think about 10 proposed transport and travel schemes that have been developed as part of the Winchester Movement Strategy, as well as comment on the emerging Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. The proposals include a new park and ride site for the north side of the city, improvements to public spaces and for pedestrians, bus priority measures, high quality cycle routes into and across the city centre and reduced city centre parking. Whilst not directly impacting the rural areas outside the city, it will affect those visiting.

An online survey opened on Monday 6 December 2021 and people have until

just before midnight on Friday 11 February 2022 to complete the questionnaire, which can be found on Hampshire County Council's pages: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/winchester-movement-strategy>.

Those who do not have access to the internet can request a paper copy of the survey by calling 0300 555 1388.

The Winchester Movement Strategy (WMS) is the agreed transport strategy for the city of Winchester. It sets out a shared vision for the future of travel in the city and the long-term priorities for travel and transport improvements over the next 20-30 years, including a reduction in city centre traffic. As well as asking for views on the 10 priority proposals during December 2021 and January 2022, the County Council is also seeking feedback on a LCWIP for the Winchester urban area which has been developed as a part of the Movement Strategy. An LCWIP covering the remainder of Winchester District is going to be developed during 2022. The results from these feedback surveys will be analysed and the findings set out in a report expected to be published during spring 2022. For more information about the Winchester Movement Strategy visit:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/strategies/transportstrategies>.

#### 4. WCC Local Plan update

Winchester City Council is in the course of preparing its new Local Plan. This doesn't cover the parts of the District within the South Downs National Park. However, parts of the Upper Meon Valley ward are within or adjoin affected areas.

As part of this process, the 2021 SHELAA and the 'Register of Green Sites' are due to be considered at Cabinet on Wednesday 8 December. The SHELAA is the Strategic Housing Economic Land Availability Assessment. It and the Register include sites that the council has been advised by developers and landowners could be potentially available for development. This information will inform how the council shapes the development strategy in the new Local Plan. It is important to note that the inclusion of a site does not mean that the council would necessarily seek to allocate the land for development or grant planning permission for its development. In order to assist with navigation of the SHELAA,

which is a lengthy document, a table listing settlements against page numbers on the cabinet agenda has been included on page 43 of the supplementary agenda item

<https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=2883&Ver=4>

And finally, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from us both.

Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumby

## **Appendix B Hampshire County Councillor report November 2021**

### **1. Covid-19 guidance**

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2. Child school/nursery attendance guidance separately, new advice was published last month to help parents and carers decide whether to send their child to school or nursery if they are feeling unwell. Produced by Hampshire County Council in collaboration with the NHS and local authority partners, the resource provides quick access to information that will help someone identify a possible health condition from a range of symptoms and whether the child should remain at home. The new easy-to-follow guidance lists a range of common childhood illnesses and conditions from conjunctivitis to head lice, as well as symptoms such as a high temperature and a sore throat and what these might mean. It includes details about actions to take and when a child should return to education after being treated. The information is provided on the [Should your child go to school/nursery today? Web page](#); it is a general guide and has been checked by health professionals. However, if someone is unsure about a child's wellbeing they should contact their GP, call the NHS helpline on 111 or visit their nearest pharmacy.

### **3. Waste reduction**

Community Waste Reduction Grants of up to £5000 are available for community organisations. Grant funding is available to community groups, small businesses, new waste prevention, reuse or repair project to the local area. The fund that has supported more than 60 projects across Hampshire since 2017. Among the exciting projects are repair cafes, cookery and upcycling classes in schools, reusable nappy libraries, swap events and many more that have contributed to helping people to reuse more and reduce household waste in Hampshire. Potential applicants are asked to discuss their ideas with the Waste Prevention Team before applying - contact the

team at [waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk](mailto:waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk) to arrange an informal discussion. The deadline for applications is 5pm Friday 18 February 2022.

#### 4. Fair Funding

County Council Leader, Councillor Keith Mans has written to Hampshire's MPs to seek their support for a more equitable funding solution. Rural councils like Hampshire have historically received lower funding from central Government than the metropolitan authorities. Although major funding reform at the current time is difficult, a change is needed in the short term otherwise those authorities at the bottom end of the funding tables will continue to be hit the hardest as we recover from the pandemic. A temporary solution might be to introduce a 'floor' into the methodology, so all authorities receive a minimum level of core spending power. This could be done as part of the provisional local government settlement and would cost around £300m nationally – to help benefit approximately 26 lowest funded councils – including Hampshire. In the meantime, Hampshire County Council has now approved the financial strategy needed to help meet a budget shortfall of at least £80 million by April 2023.

#### 5. 20 is Plenty

Hampshire County Council have announced a review of the evidence for 20-mph zones in residential areas and this will be undertaken by the Environment, Transport and Economy Select Committee in early 2022. Hampshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner will be invited to take part.

#### 6. Additional climate change support

Hampshire County Council has welcomed news of a successful bid for over £205,000 from the Government's Community Renewal Fund, which will enable the authority to expand its work with communities to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change. I reported on the current work being undertaken by the council last month.

Separately, a Hampshire County Council scheme, which enables young people to hire mopeds at an affordable rate so that they can get to work or vocational training, is going green with the addition of five electric mopeds to its fleet of conventionally powered bikes. The electric mopeds are now available to hirers through Wheels to Work - a scheme which helps young people aged 16 to 25 years old in some rural areas of Hampshire by loaning them their own form of transport, especially in areas where public transport options may be limited.

#### 7. Highways maintenance update

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Councillor Hugh Lumby, Meon Valley Division