



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL

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

BY INVITATION: City Cllr L Ruffell

APOLOGIES: R Gedye, H Lumby

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mr Jones

Wmpc 2015 **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. Cllr Nicholson declared an interest in item Wmpc 2020(b).

Wmpc 2016 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th October 2021 were **approved**.

Wmpc 2017 **CITY COUNCILLOR L RUFFELL**

Cllr Ruffell had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix A). He advised he would check progress on the provision of double yellow lines by the butchers on the High Street.

Cllr Ruffell agreed to check progress on the provision of car parking spaces on land behind the garages at Long Priors. The Parish Council had received complaints about congestion and whether there could be dropped kerbs for residents' vehicles on Long Priors.

Wmpc 2018 **CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE**

WMPC was successful in applying to SDNP for CIL funding for a bus shelter and received £4,028.14.

The Citizens Advice have submitted of a grant request of £150.00.

A precept will be requested to be submitted in December and as agreed in the proposed budget there will be an increase of 3% from £34,234.00 to £35,261.00.

The half year auditor is due on 18th November 21 and the Clerk will request that the auditor checks WMPC finance regulations and arranges a risk assessment.

The Clerk circulated guidance for protocols for marking the death of a senior national figure and recommended guidance on this matter, as well providing information on purchasing 2 books of condolence.

WCC have confirmed they are considering WMPC's suggestion of the name Northfields for the Long Priors development.

Wmpc 2019 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 2020 **PLANNING**

Planning applications

- a) SDNP/21/03959/HOUS Brick Kiln Farm Lippen Lane West Meon GU321JR Proposal: Single storey extension, with glazed link 5.11.21. The Parish Council agreed to raise no objections.
- b) SDNP/21/04527/HOUS Peel House High Street West Meon GU321LN Proposal: Permission to add side wall and garage door to existing carport. Converting carport to garage 12.11.21. The Parish Council agreed to raise no objections in principle subject to a condition being attached to prevent the garage being converted to residential use.

Wmpc 2021 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

- a) Helen Ripper from the village has been communicating with Metis Homes about the use of lorries on Church Lane, following recent incidents, and offered to be a spokesperson liaising with Metis Homes about problems with traffic and construction works. The Clerk agreed to write to thank her for being a spokesperson.
- b) The Clerk **agreed** to check the start date for the re-building of the West Meon Hut bus shelter.

Wmpc 2022 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

- a) Metis Homes attended a pre-meeting with the Parish Council to discuss improvements to the village.
- b) It was **agreed** that there would be a meeting in the Thomas Lord pub prior to the next Parish Council to ascertain whether there are any volunteers to arrange celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The church fete is on Saturday 4th June.
- c) It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would monitor the finger post at Lippen Lane/Warnford as the bank is eroding.
- d) Cllr Edwards reported that he had been in contact with the solicitors about drafting a 10 year agreement with the Village Hall and Rifle Club.

- e) It was **agreed** that the Clerk would purchase a book of condolence with additional leaves as per the email circulated on this matter.
- f) A quote is awaited from Arborventure for work on the ash trees on the recreation area and a further quote will be sought depending on the costs.
- g) The clerk **agreed** to email the school about staking the trees on the area of land they lease from the Parish Council.
- h) It was **agreed** that Will Hillier would carry out strimming at the back of the village hall and car park, and treat the weeds.

Wmpc 2023 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

It was agreed that Cllr Adams would book the 6 village Christmas trees from Mr West and ask the Thomas Lord pub if they wish to order one from this supplier.

Schedule of payments

2nd November 2021

WCC Dog Bins	£130.00
BACS D Heppell salary	
Expenses D Heppell	£41.65
BACS HMRC	£31.80

Grants approved

The Citizens Advice grant request was unanimously agreed .	150.00
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It was resolved that the schedule of payments listed above be **approved**.

Wmpc 2024 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING**

Ditches, petanque, the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, lease agreement, ash trees on the recreation ground.

Wmpc 2025 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

pm

Meeting finished at 9.15

Chair

Appendix A

Winchester City Councillor Report October 2021

1. Winchester Discovery Centre

Work on a major refurbishment of Winchester Discovery Centre is due to start this month, leading to temporary service impacts, including an expected seven-week closure from January next year. The Grade II listed building is planned to re-open in spring 2022 with upgraded library facilities and improved gallery spaces, alongside enhancements to the café, toilets and lift. This follows a decision to develop a new cultural hub at the Discovery Centre through the creation of a partnership between Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Cultural Trust. Winchester Discovery Centre is home to Hampshire's busiest library and this refurbishment is a one-off investment from the County Council that has enabled the partnership with Hampshire Cultural Trust. The majority of the £715,000 funding is from the County Council with a contribution from Hampshire Cultural Trust, and £85,000 from Arts Council England. The building's day-to-day running costs will transfer to Hampshire Cultural Trust in spring 2022, enabling the County Council to make medium to long term efficiencies whilst retaining the library space at this site.

2. Proposals for River Park Leisure Centre

The River Park Leisure Centre in central Winchester closed earlier this year following the opening of the new sports and leisure centre at Bar End. Winchester City Council is in discussions with Southampton University for it to take on part of the site and redevelop this for educational purposes.

3. M27 works

Residents should be aware that extensive closures will take place on the M27 this month, as Highways England begin surfacing of lanes two and three between junction 9 and 11. The closures will take place between the hours of 9.00pm and 6.00am the following morning. As is always the case, dates are subject to change due to operational requirements or adverse weather conditions. Road users are advised to plan journeys in advance and keep up to date by visiting the Traffic England website: www.trafficengland.com or by following their Twitter feed: @HighwaysSEAST.

4. Boost your immunity this winter

Residents should be aware of the NHS call for everyone to 'Boost your immunity this winter' by getting the COVID-19 booster and 'flu vaccine. With COVID-19 infection rates continuing to rise across the county, eligible residents are being urged to get their booster and 'flu jabs as soon as possible. Free flu jabs are available to adults over 50, anyone with a long-term health condition, healthcare workers and carers, most children aged 2-16 years and pregnant women. A free COVID-19 booster is available to adults over 50, carers and health and social care workers, anyone living and working in care homes, people with certain health conditions and people who live with someone who is immunocompromised. Residents eligible for the COVID-19 booster will be contacted by the NHS – if anyone has not been contacted within a week of reaching six months since their second jab they can call 119 or book online via the NHS National Booking Service. Those who are eligible for a free 'flu vaccine can book an appointment through their GP surgery or local pharmacy. It is not too late to book a first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination: anyone aged 16+ can book the vaccine through the National Booking System on the NHS website, go to a walk-in clinic or contact their GP surgery.

Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumb

Appendix B

Hampshire County Councillor Report November 2021

1. County Council's first Climate Change Annual Report published

As COP-26 conference begins in Glasgow, Hampshire County Council has issued a detailed overview of its work towards tackling climate change, covering the 12 month period since the launch of its Climate Change Strategy. This first Climate Change Annual Progress Report 2020 – 2021 sets out the significant progress that is being made across the county to reduce carbon emissions and ensure that Hampshire is prepared for the impacts of climate change. The work is focused on key areas like reducing emissions from transport, making homes more energy efficient, generating local renewable energy and protecting and enhancing our natural environment. The report makes it clear that Hampshire's residents and communities have a vital role in reducing emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change in their own homes and through lifestyle choices. Multiple projects have therefore been set up to support communities to be active at a local level.

Among the projects featured is The Greening Campaign which has provided support and advice to 40 Hampshire communities, despite COVID-19, to work through a step-by-step process of reducing their carbon footprint. The first steps include taking very simple actions at a household level, such as reducing how much energy and water they use and to be more energy efficient. At another level the focus is on actions to generate more local renewable energy. Together with iChoosr, in March 2021, the County Council launched the first Solar Together Campaign in Hampshire – a scheme that offers high-quality solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and battery storage to help residents generate their own green energy maximising on bulk buying power to offer competitive prices for the purchase of panels. The County Council is also working with Community Energy South to build a network of community energy projects around the county.

Additionally, in supporting households to reduce transport emissions, the County Council secured Government funding for the installation of 50 on-street residential electric vehicle charge points (in Winchester and Eastleigh) and there are plans to extend this wider.

The Annual Report also highlights the critical role the natural environment plays in helping alleviate the impacts of climate change and how investing in initiatives like tree planting (over 1,250 trees during the past 12 months) and the Parish Pollinator Project to make improvements to pollinator habitats in Hampshire's towns and villages, are essential.

In a separate initiative, Hampshire County Council is offering grants to make community buildings more energy efficient as part of its commitment to combatting climate change. Measures that could be funded include solar panels, LED lighting, window replacements or insulation for buildings such as village halls and community centres. Applications are welcome from parish or town councils as well as community groups in unparished areas of Hampshire. For more information, visit: hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/parish-town-council-investment-fund.

2. Boost your immunity this winter

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3. Support for Hampshire's children

Hampshire's eligible vulnerable children received food vouchers this October half term, thanks to further funding provided to the County Council by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). £591,810 of funding was granted by Hampshire County Council to schools, colleges and early years' settings for the purchase of one £15 voucher per child for the one week October half term holiday. Hampshire County Council is also encouraging parents and carers whose children are or may be eligible for benefits related free school meals to sign-up for free holiday and food scheme spaces over the Christmas and Easter holidays. More than 10,000 Hampshire children benefited from free places during this year's summer holiday. Parents and carers can sign up for free school meals using the Hampshire Online FSM Application (cloudforedu.org.uk) and find out what activities are offer in their area by searching the Family Information and Services Hub.

4. Bus Service Improvement Plan

Hampshire County Council has reached the next important milestone in meeting the ambitions of the Government's 'Bus Back Better' strategy – aimed at driving significant improvements in local bus services (outside of London) - with the approval of its proposed Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). This sets out the vision and the proposed steps that would be taken to achieve higher standards in bus travel in Hampshire. Hampshire's BSIP aims to be a catalyst for substantially increasing bus use across the whole of the county by creating the conditions that will both attract investment for bus services and infrastructure, as well as grow the number of passengers. A consultation exercise on the proposed BSIP will now be undertaken.

Cllr Hugh Lumby
Hampshire County Councillor, Meon Valley Division