



West Meon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL.

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr C Waller (Chairman), C Johnson (Vice Chair), J Nicholson, P Brannon (until 8:45pm) and T Prowse.

BY INVITATION: County Cllr R Huxstep and City Cllr L Ruffell (both until 7:50pm)

APOLOGIES: C Adams, T Over, A Trenchard and G Silk

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Heppell (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. No members of the public.

Wmpc 1516 **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. None were declared.

Wmpc 1517 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 5th December 2017 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1518 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Wmpc 1519 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR R HUXSTEP**

Cllr R Huxstep reported that Hampshire County Council (HCC) have provided its first electric vehicles for staff, to help cut fuel and energy costs, which will cost 97 per cent less to 'fuel' than equivalent diesel vehicles, and is reviewing which other vehicles could be replaced with electric, which could save £210,000 every year. HCC has already saved nearly £30 million in energy costs over the past seven years after cutting its carbon emissions by 38 per cent since 2010. HCC has now set a more ambitious target to cut carbon emissions from 40 per cent to 50 per cent by 2025.

2018/2019 Budget Proposals. Cllr Huxstep advised that Cllr Roy Perry has stated what budget proposals he will be presenting to the Parliamentary Under Secretary. His report advises that entry fees could be introduced at recycling centres, and the over 65s could be charged £10 for a five-year bus pass. The charge could raise £500,000 for community transport, while £4m could be raised by piloting a pay-as-you-go scheme at Hampshire Waste Recycling Centres, generating enough income to safeguard the future of the centres. Some residents fear it will put off residents from visiting the waste sites, and lead to more fly tipping. Cllr Perry says residents have told the Council they would be willing to support raising existing charges or introducing new charges to help cover the costs of running some local services.

Cllr Prowse reported that he had received complaints about the No 67 bus not stopping to let school children off at request bus stops in West Meon, resulting in children having to walk on the a considerable distance. Cllr Huxstep agreed he would look into this matter.

Cllr Huxstep advised his grants are still available and the Chairman **agreed** he would provide quotes for the refurbishing the West Meon phone box, to apply for a grant.

Wmpc 1520 **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk advised that the precept had been applied for to Winchester City Council (WCC) and advised that Hampshire Association of Local Councils had been contacted regarding data protection, and that they are updating their information and it will be circulated as soon as it is available.

Wmpc 1521 **CITY COUNCILLOR L RUFFELL**

Cllr L Ruffell reported recent updated advice that converting office space to residential use in Winchester will now require planning permission. He also advised that Winchester's residents have raised £24,000 to keep Air Ambulance flying and by using council clothing recycling points.

WCC have now doubled their target for Council house new builds to 600 homes. Information on the draft junction improvements at Junction 9 of the M3 are to be released in February 2018 and they will include a northbound bridge and a southbound tunnel. The works will take approximately two and a half years to complete.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council would like to mark Armistice Day with both the WW1 and WW2 by updating the West Meon booklet on soldiers who lost their lives in WW2. Cllr Ruffell **agreed** to check what grants are available.

Cllr Ruffell **agreed** that he would ask Planning Services to look at the Planning document prepared by WMPC. The Chairman advised that progress is being made with CCTV and signage is being prepared regarding dog fouling for the recreation area.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1522 **PLANNING**

i) SDNP/17/06376/LIS Post Office, West Meon Village Shop, High Street, West Meon, Petersfield Hampshire GU321LJ. Theft of lead from the flat roof to the front of the shop, for the second time in a few years, needs replacement. Proposal is to use lead lookalike system with rounded raised battens -Sarnafil or equivalent.

The Parish Council **agreed** to raise **NO OBJECTIONS** subject to Conservation grade materials being used.

ii) SDNP/17/06414/FUL Meon Hut Service Station, Alton Road, West Meon, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 1JX. InstaVolt are proposing to install two rapid electric vehicle charging station within the grounds of West Meon Service Station. Existing spaces will become two EV charging bays, along with associated equipment.

The Parish Council **agreed** to raise **NO OBJECTIONS**.

iii). SDNP/17/05931/HOUS. Storeys Barn, Alton Road, West Meon, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1LQ. Replacement single storey garden studio.

The Parish Council **agreed** to raise **NO OBJECTIONS** subject to a condition that the studio only be used ancillary to the main house and shall not be sold or let separately from the main house for a residential/business use.

iv) SDNP/17/06097/FUL Brentwood, Petersfield Road, West Meon, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1JS. Demolition of the existing equestrian ménage, stable block and workshop. The removal of a static caravan and 2 x containers. Sub-division of the planning unit to create a new planning unit. Redevelopment to provide the erection of a detached chalet bungalow with integral garage and the creation of a driveway off the existing to include associated landscaping.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would raise **OBJECTIONS** on the following points:

a) Planning Policy objections on the grounds that there is no over-riding justification for a new dwelling in this countryside location. The proposal will adversely harm the rural character and appearance of the area and Public Footpaths 10 and 17.

b) The proposal is contrary to the West Meon Village Design Statement in that the size and design of the building and its materials are inappropriate to its countryside location.

c) It is noted that item 5 of the supporting planning statement dated 20th November 2017 is still missing off the website so the Parish Council are unable to comment on the applicant's grounds for the justification of a dwelling.

d) Attention is drawn to the recent refusal SDNP/16/05787/FUL Land between Alton Road and Marlands Lane, West Meon, Hampshire. Erection of 3 dwellings, access and highway works, parking, turning space, landscaping and private amenity space and the reasons for refusal; for unjustified development in the countryside, where the Parish Council supports these reasons for refusal.

v) Two meetings have been held regarding the VDS with a team of 5 volunteers and the Chairman, Duncan Stewart, Daniel Cudsworth, Cameron Fisher and Paul Anderson. It was **agreed** that September 2018 would be the time to produce the document after public consultation at a summer exhibition at the Annual Parish meeting. The Chairman will look into the history, photographs will be prepared by Duncan Stewart, Angie Trenchard and Cameron Fisher. Overall costs are expected to be less than the previous document, with a more mobile friendly data version. Cllr Brannon **agreed** he would provide a flowchart of the VDS project.

Wmpc 1523 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.**

Schedule of Payments **agreed**

Date 9^h January 2018

Ch 300408	Homestart	£250.00
Ch 300409	Meon Valley services	£66.00
Ch 300410	WCC Dog Bins	£130.00
Ch 300411	D Heppell	
Ch 300412	Expenses Clerk	£40 .06

It was agreed that budget would be prepared for the next meeting.

Wmpc 1524 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Prowse advised that the Lengthsman is due in a couple of weeks, and it was **agreed** that they should be reminded to remove debris by the Cross and cut back vegetation, also that the drains need clearing in this area.

Wmpc 1525 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

Cllr Johnson advised that she had attended the Shop Management Committee and it was noted that turnover is increasing and they advised they would like to provide a directional sign to the shop.

It was noted that the fireworks event had been a great success in the village. The Xmas Fair had been well received, and it is proposed to hold the next one on the first Saturday in December 2018.

Cllr Waller advised that the trees that required cutting back on the recreation area had been done and one tree had been removed.

Items were discussed for the Parish News, and it was **agreed** that Cllr Nicholson would prepare the report, to include news on the VDS.

Wmpc 1526 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING**

VDS, Planning Policy Document, Finance budget, Annual Parish Meeting, Grants.

Wmpc 1527 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 7th February, Tuesday 6th March and Tuesday 3rd April, and the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 17th May 2018 all in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.55 pm

Chairman