



# West Meon Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL, FOLLOWED BY A CONFIDENTIAL MEETING ON STAFFING ISSUES**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), C Adams & C Waller

**APOLOGIES:** R Gedye, M Edwards, G Silk & County/City Councillor H Lumby

**BY INVITATION:** City Councillor N Bolton (7.50pm)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Two members of the public

### Wmpc 2113 **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 2114 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were **approved**.

### Wmpc 2115 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair opened the meeting to the public and the co-option of a Councillor was raised. The Chair advised that the Clerk and Chair should be contacted outlining their interest in the Parish Council, and a meeting would be arranged by the Clerk with WMPC and prospective candidates.

### Wmpc 2116 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting, which was received.

The Clerk advised that a HMRC VAT Claim of £2,988.19 was received on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022, for 2021/22 up to end of the financial year on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

The Clerk confirmed that the War Memorial grant of £760.00 had been received on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022, and the Jubilee HCC grant payment of £500.00 had also been received on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

The Clerk had circulated details of the Lengthsman's visits to Councillors.

Details of current enforcement cases from Winchester City Council had been circulated to Councillors.

## To receive Working Group Reports:

### Wmpc 2117 **PLANNING**

Details of Village Design Statement progress and quotes for reproduction were deferred until the next meeting.

### Wmpc 2118 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

Cllr Waller reported that he and Cllr Edwards had carried out a walk around the WMPC assets and playgrounds on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, and their report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and was received. Cllr Waller reported that two fence panels require replacing at Meonwara, and he will instruct Dean Tutt to carry out the works, and that the gate to the toddler play area will be adjusted by Cllr Edwards.

Cllr Waller reported that a playground improvement scheme had been received from Lucy Stewart, which had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting, and consider equipment for disabled children. City Cllr Boulton advised that further grants may be available from the City and County Councils.

Cllr Waller reported that Cllr Edwards had confirmed that the draft WMPC lease agreements are almost complete and ready to be issued.

The Listening Post was discussed and it was agreed that this would be reconsidered at a later date.

Parish news items were discussed and it was **agreed** to update details of the Community Police Officer in the Parish News: PCSO Sarah McCulloch, CPP Champion, Meon Valley Police Station, Hoe Road, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, SO32 1DS [sarah.mcculloch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sarah.mcculloch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk).

### Wmpc 2119 **CITY COUNCILLOR BOLTON**

Cllr Bolton had provided a report for August/September which had been circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix B). Cllr Bolton advised that WCC have grants available and would listen to proposals. Cllr Waller had discussed with parishioners the need for replacement playground equipment.

Cllr Bolton reported on progress on the WCC Local Plan and the need to discuss issues with SDNP in regard to the proposed Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) sites.

Cllr Waller raised the issue of the loss of visitor parking at Long Priors as a result of the new development, and asked whether WCC could make two parking spaces available to the rear of the garages.

### Wmpc 2120 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

It was **agreed** that the Clerk and Chair would attend the meeting of the South Downs National Park Hampshire Parish Workshop on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at the Meon Hall, Meonstoke, from 6pm-8:30pm.

It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would attend the Winchester District Association of Local Councils Training on either Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham from 1pm-3pm or Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September in Droxford from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Cllr Nicholson had signed banking signatories for the removal of the current Clerk as signatory and added the new Clerk Mrs Jo Tester as a signatory, and Cllr Trenchard for internet banking. The Parish Council are awaiting the decision of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils' appointment of external auditors for the next financial year.

Schedule of Payments

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

South Coast Memorial Paid 12.7.22	£1,680.00
Hilliers strimming BACS 4.8.22	£40.00
1:1 Internet DD 5.8.22	£11.99
BACS HMRC BACS 26.8.22	£36.20
West Meon Parish News Grant BACS 26.8.22	£500.00
BACS D Heppell salary September 2022	
Expenses July to September 22 D Heppell	£47.70
BACS HMRC September 2022	£53.80

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

Wmpc 2121 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Co-option of Councillors, Lease Agreement, Parish News, VDS, Playground repairs and Improvements, Lengthsman, Xmas Lights, Grants.

Wmpc 2122 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 10<sup>th</sup> January & 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.45pm

Chair .....

## APPENDIX A Report by Cllr Waller/Edwards

### Village Assets Inspection September 2022

1. Small playground
2. Small football nets
3. The outdoor gym equipment
4. The area used by the school at the recreation ground.
5. Street lamps
6. Benches
7. Bushes, Holm oak and grass on the village green
8. Two phone boxes
9. West Meon tourist board
10. Parish Council notice board
11. Defibrillator
12. The Cross at village green
13. Three bus shelters
14. War Memorial.
15. Play trail at Meonwara
16. Recreation ground play equipment
17. Recreation ground and trees

### Report from walk around of WMPC assets 2022

1. Street lamp by the butchers' shop seems to be permanently on. Contact Highways to check timer
2. Privet hedge at Meonwara requires management. Put on list for October Lengthsman
3. Minor repair to small play area gate. Cllr Edwards to carry out
4. Remove all random vegetation on inside of small play area fence. Will Hillier to be asked to undertake
5. Boundary fence at Meonwara requires repairs. Dean Tutt has been asked to investigate and repair

All other assets in sound order

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Winchester City Councillors August/September Report**

#### **The Local Plan**

Last month we mentioned the Winchester City local plan developments attended by council members. More recently members have held discussions with officers about proposed Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) sites in preparation for wider public consultation. Details will be published for the Local Plan Advisory Group and the Cabinet meeting which will launch the next stage (the Regulation 18 stage) of the Local Plan in the Autumn.

These plans don't directly affect the SDNP and as such our ward. The SDNP local plan was only adopted in July 2019 and so any update to it is a number of years behind that of the City plan. However, we have already contacted the SDNP planning head to arrange a meeting with the relevant officers to discuss the timetable for updates and in particular any discussions around SHLAA sites.

We will update you on progress when we have more information to share.

#### **Speed limits**

I know only too well that many of our residents have expressed concerns about the speed of vehicles through many of our villages and in some cases, the lack of success in getting speed limits reduced.

Hampshire County Council have launched a policy review for 20 mph limits across the county. The purpose is to consider evidence from various sources, along with data related to highway usage, enforcement, road safety, previous 20 mph speed limit implementation and environmental impacts, and to inform the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee.

The findings from this questionnaire will help to inform any decision by the County Council about future 20mph speed limit policy. At this stage no new 20 mph speed limits are proposed to be implemented until the outcome of the review are known and subject to any changes to the policy approved.

It's not possible to say how this will impact future policy but I would encourage as many as possible to give their feedback particularly those residents in villages such as Kilmeston and Beauworth, for example, where we know speeding is a real problem and where currently the national speed limit applies. It can only help our case.

Here is the link <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/20mph-speed-limits-consultation>

#### **Southampton International Airport**

I have to thank the good people of Owslebury parish council for drawing this more to my attention and on further reading realise this is something that could easily affect the whole ward.

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has published its Airspace Modernisation Strategy.

This requires airports, such as Southampton International Airport (SIA), and 20 other airports in the UK, along with National Air Traffic Service (NATS), to look at redesigning airspace. The process for doing this, including stakeholder engagement and wider community consultation, is prescribed by the CAA in document CAP 1616.

Consultants for the airport have recently held stakeholder engagement meetings which have looked at Design Principles for the redesign of controlled airspace following which the airport has identified four redesign options. They stress that the next stage in the process (Stage 3) will involve detailed quantitative and qualitative analysis of how the options meet the Design Principles, one of which is to minimise adverse noise impacts, and full public consultation will be held allowing any interested parties to comment.

The City Council has been asked to provide feedback on the process so far but, at this point, stakeholders are not expected to comment on the impacts or merits of the options. That will come at a later stage of the redesign process. Officers are intending to arrange a briefing session for members whose wards are most directly affected by flights to and from SIA.

If you would like to learn more about this, or become a stakeholder in the engagement process, please contact [airspace.change@southamptonairport.com](mailto:airspace.change@southamptonairport.com)

Further information is available here <https://www.southamptonairport.com/about-us/airspace-change-programme>

### **Water for life – a Southern Water major infrastructure project**

Last week we had a members briefing regarding a major infrastructure project being undertaken by Southern Water to improve the resilience of water supplies in southern Hampshire.

The Hampshire water transfer and water recycling project involves plans to:

- Build a new water recycling plant south of Havant to turn treated wastewater into recycled water.
- Transfer this recycled water via a new underground pipeline to the reservoir.
- Build a new pipeline to transfer water from the reservoir in Havant to the Otterbourne Water Supply Works, where it will be treated further to become drinking water.

The Project makes use of the existing long sea outfall from Budds Farm to release the reject water stream, produced by the water recycling plant, safely out into the sea.

Water recycling plants use advanced treatment techniques to convert treated wastewater into highly purified water that can be used as a source for supply. The following link gives much more detail about the project and in particular more detail about the route of the new pipeline from Havant to Otterbourne.

[www.southernwater.co.uk/water-for-life-hampshire](http://www.southernwater.co.uk/water-for-life-hampshire)

There are two rounds of public consultation one that began on the 5<sup>th</sup> July ending 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022. This specifically looks at the preferred pipeline corridor, preferred zones for plant and proposed sites for Water Recycling Plant. Early 2023 the public consultation will open to consider the proposed pipeline route, proposed sites for plant and Water Recycling Plant likely environmental effects.

People can have their say at drop-in sessions held along the potential route of the pipeline, at one of a series of webinars or at:

<https://hampshirewtwrp.commonplace.is>

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