



c/o Mrs D Heppell: Email: clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2nd JULY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL

THOSE PRESENT: Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), G Silk and N Wortley

BY INVITATION: City Cllrs H Lumby and L Ruffell, and County Cllr R Huxstep

APOLOGIES: Cllrs C Waller, C Adams City Cllrs L Ruffell

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Heppell (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None present

Wmpc 1724 **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 1725 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Wmpc 1726 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 19th June 2019 were **approved**.

Wmpc 1727 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep's report which had been previously emailed was received and noted. He advised that the County Council needs to make £80 million in savings and that there is a survey on line. There are also details of the climate emergency meeting to be held in September.

Cllr Trenchard advised of issues of the zig zag and yellow lines by the church/school needing to repainting and problems with on street parking by the school. Cllr Huxstep **agreed** he would look into this matter.

Cllr Trenchard advised that the potholes had been repaired on Station Road.

Cllr Huxstep **agreed** that he would be willing to give a grant of £900 towards a defibrillator. The Clerk agreed she would advise the Village Hall Committee.

Wmpc 1728 CITY COUNCILLOR LUMBY

Cllr Lumby's report which had been previously emailed was received and noted. He advised of the residents survey results on air quality, public transport and were affordable housing. Cllr Ruffell advised of the change in policy on affordable housing from SDNP.

Wmpc 1729 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and was noted by the Parish Council. The Clerk advised grants to date are:

Grants available for this financial year are **£5,196.80**. Grants requests received and approved so far:

WM Village Shop for improvements to retail area.	£500.00
Sports Club Cricket Roller	£500.00
Ballet Club H Town	£70.00
WMPCC Railings Painted	£500.00
J Ulph Fireworks	£500.00
TOTAL	<u>£2,070.00</u>
Remaining 2018/19	<u>£3,126.80</u>

The Clerk advised that the Meon Valley Community Bus Association (MVCBA) Annual Public Meeting (APM). This will take place at Soberton Village Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 17th July 2019.

TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS

Wmpc 1730 PLANNING

Cllr Nicholson advised there had been a planning notification on Lynch Lane, but this was a pre-application proposal.

Wmpc 1731 COMMUNITY AND TRANSPORTATION

Cllr Wortley reported on the progress of the outdoor gym and it was requested that Cllrs Waller and Silk meet the suppliers on site for a quote and to add a climbing item.

It was **agreed** that the Listening Post would be held on 9th July 2019 from 11.00am to 1.00pm. It was agreed that First Aid training should be provided with CPR training when the defibrillator is installed at the village hall.

Wmpc 1732 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A grant of £250.00 was **agreed** for the West Meon Indoor Bowling Group.

Schedule of Payments

Date 2nd July 2019

Ch 300537 Authorn Tarmac car park	£3,072.00
Ch 300538 WCC dog bins	£130.00
Ch 300539 West Meon village hall Biffa bins	£82.68
Ch 300540 HALC membership	£315.00
Ch 300541 Petersfield Town Council training	£12.00
Ch 300542 D Heppell salary	

Ch 300543 Expenses Clerk	£42.92
Ch 300544 Hampshire Playing Fields Association	£40.00
Ch 300545 West Meon School Bell grant	£258.00
Ch 300546 Indoor bowls grant – H Town	£250.00

Wmpc 1733 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Outdoor Gym, defibrillator and training, yellow lines/West Meon school parking.

Wmpc 1734 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 3rd September, Tuesday 1st October, Monday 4th November, Tuesday 3rd December all in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.50 pm

Chair

Appendix A

Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for West Meon Parish Council

Local Authority Funding

Local authorities are calling for a “significant injection of funding” from the government, after a recent report showed that councils across the country could be facing a £51.8 billion funding black hole over the next six years. Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Southampton City Council (SCC) are asking for certainty over the funding they will receive from government in the future. This comes after a report published by the County Councils Network (CCN) revealed that only “bare minimum” services will be possible in the future unless extra funding is provided. CCN, which represents county and unitary authorities across the country, warned that in some cases even yearly council tax rises and making services more efficient will not be enough.

By April 2021 the county council will be facing a further anticipated budget shortfall of £80 million. This is due to ongoing reductions in government funding, combined with demographic and inflationary pressures. With less money available and growing demand for council services, especially statutory services, tough decisions will need to be made about what the county council can and cannot do in the future. It is required by law to deliver a balanced budget and therefore cannot plan to spend more than is available.

To this end a consultation opened on 5th June and will close on 17th July. The council is asking residents’ and stakeholders’ views on ways it could balance its budget in response to continuing pressure on local government funding and increasing demand for public services. Your feedback will help to inform the approach the county council takes to balance its budget up to 2021/22. These decisions could affect you for example, in terms of how much council tax you pay which council services you may receive in the future and how services are delivered. Please visit the Hampshire County Council’s website: www.hants.gov.uk/balancingthebudget to complete the survey or you can email insight@hants.gov.uk or call 0300 555 1375 and ask for an information pack. Also please ask your friends and neighbours to take part in the consultation.

Climate Emergency

On Monday, 17th June the council's cabinet declared a 'Climate Emergency' in line with the action taken by many other councils and organisations in the UK and globally and commits to develop an action plan to provide a meaningful and effective set of measures to ensure that Hampshire moves towards carbon neutrality and greater resilience to the effects of climate change.

Hampshire County Council helping communities bid for Armed Forces funding

Examples are a school club set up to support children who have a parent away on military service; a fitness programme to help pupils and the wider community lead a more active lifestyle; and a car garage supporting ex-forces veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder through training. These projects have all been made possible with support from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund and Hampshire County Council.

The County Council provides regular workshops for community organisations to help them in applying for Armed Forces Covenant funding. The £10m a year Covenant Fund aims to help integrate Armed Forces and civilian communities nationally, as well as to deliver valuable local community services. More workshops are scheduled for August, September and October, full details are on the Armed Forces pages The next deadline for applications is 9th September 2019, apply via the Covenant Fund website

'Outstanding' Children's Services

Ofsted have graded Hampshire County Council's Children's Service as outstanding in all areas. The service received the top score for overall effectiveness, the impact of leaders on social work practices, for children who need help and protection, and those in care and care leavers. The report found that social workers are highly skilled at building meaningful relationships with children. It also highlighted the council's political and corporate support as well as financial investment. Hampshire's response to vulnerable young people at risk of exploitation is described as highly effective. Only one other local authority in the country has the same grading.

Cllr Roger Huxstep

Member for Meon Valley Division 2nd July 2019

Appendix B

West Meon Parish Council Winchester City Councillor Report July 2019

1. Residents survey

MEL Research undertook a residents' survey for the City Council between January and March 2019. A door step survey was carried out which was representative by age, gender and rural/ urban classification. Interviews with 1,618 residents were spread across all 16 wards. The headline results set out below are core LGA (Local Government Association) questions for which Winchester City Council has comparable data. Satisfaction with local area 95% of residents were very (57%) or fairly (38%) satisfied with their local area as a place to live. The 2017/2018 LGA South East overall satisfaction indicator for this measure is 80%. The City Council is 15% points above the regional score. How the council runs things 79% of residents were very (22%) or fairly (57%) satisfied with the way the council ran things. 14% said they were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and 8% were dissatisfied The 2017/2018 LGA South East overall satisfaction indicator for this measure is 65%. The City Council is 14% points above the regional score. Value for money 65% of residents strongly agreed (14%) or tended to agree (51%) that the council provided value for money. 25% neither agreed nor disagreed and 11% disagreed. The 2017/2018 LGA south east overall agreement indicator for this measure is 47%. The City Council is 18% points above this regional score. The complete Residents' Survey report is available via this link to the Council's website and includes a summary infographic for each of the 16 council wards. That summary for the Upper Meon Ward (of which West Meon Parish forms part) is set out on the next page.

Of particular interest for the ward are the lists of matters most needing improvement; these are:

• public transport - 54% • affordable housing and renting options - 47% • activities for children and young people - 41% Also included in the report are the results of the Young Persons Survey which captured the views and opinions of 500 people aged 18 to 24 who live in the district. For further information please contact Simon Howson (email: showson@winchester.gov.uk).

2. Climate Change Emergency

Winchester City Council's cabinet has declared a climate change emergency, as follows:

Decision: That Cabinet

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';

2. Commit to an aim of making the activities of Winchester City Council carbon neutral by 2024, and the district of Winchester carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3 of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol). Publish a report within six months setting out the immediate actions the Council will take to address this emergency and a plan to measure annual district progress towards meeting the 2030 target.

3. Work with partners across the district to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans and drawing on local and global best practice.

4. Support the lobbying of Government in relation to the Climate Emergency and providing the additional powers and resources needed to meet the 2030 target.

Hampshire County Council has also recently declared a climate change emergency.

Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumby.