



# West Meon Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2018 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Cllr C Waller (Chairman), Cllrs A Trenchard, J Nicholson.

**BY INVITATION:** County Cllr R Huxstep

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Adams, P Brannon, T Over, G Silk and City Cllr L Ruffell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs D Heppell (Clerk).

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** 1 member of the public.

### Wmpc 1590 **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 1591 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were **approved**.

### Wmpc 1592 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public and the matter of the co-option of a Councillor was **agreed** to be voted on below.

### Wmpc 1593 **CO- OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

It was unanimously **agreed** that Mr Neil Wortley be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. The Chairman congratulated him and welcomed him to the Parish Council. Mr Wortley agreed to complete the declaration of office documentation.

### Wmpc 1594 **STANDING ORDERS**

It was agreed to defer the standing orders until the next meeting.

### Wmpc 1595 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and was noted by the Parish Council. The report advised that the external audit paperwork had been sent to Littlejohn the external auditors and all details are on WMPc website.

The Clerk had received and circulated details to Members of a grant request from P Wilcox for £500 towards the strimming of the Church Path.

The ICO Data Protection registration had been confirmed and that it will be taken out on 13/7/18. WMPC had received £5 discount for arranging a direct debit yearly payment.

Annual Parish Meeting minutes were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and they were deferred until more Councillors were present.

The Clerk reported that a grant request of £150 has now been received for Liss Brass Band for last Christmas 2017.

A HCC grant approval has been received for £500, and the relevant paperwork returned to WCC.

## Wmpc 1596 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Cllr Huxstep congratulated Cllr Waller and Nicholson on being elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the Parish Council.

Cllr Huxstep advised that Hampshire County Council (HCC) will need to save another £80 million by 2021, a year before a £140 million budget gap was due to be bridged

HCC are encouraging residents to do 'Daily Exercise' and build ten minutes of brisk walking into their day and download the 'Active 10' app to support them. Recent research shows that just 10 minutes a day of brisk walking counts as a form of intense physical activity and can make a huge difference to your health.

**Passenger Transport Forum and Public Consultation.** The Council held a Winchester Passenger Transport Forum on Thursday, 21st June 2018. The consultation was launched by the Council on Monday 11th June. The forum focused on the consultation which also featured street lighting and concessionary travel. The consultation closes at midnight on 5th August 2018. The questionnaire being used during the consultation process can either be completed online or is available;

website: [www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting](http://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting), along with other supporting information.

**Pothole Repairs.** Two new flamethrower-wielding pothole busters nicknamed "Dragon Patchers", are to take to the county's highways. The machines can repair up to 150 holes per day and will be deployed to find and fix road damage as part of a new highways strategy. It is claimed the patcher is five times faster than traditional methods, saves money and, because it is operated from the vehicle's cabin, is also safer.

Cllr Waller advised that the Parish Council are preparing an updated WW1 booklet for the Centenary and asked if HCC would be able to provide a grant to support this. Cllr Huxstep advised that the Parish Council would need to complete an application which he would be able to support.

Cllr Trenchard asked about the reduction of the No 67 bus service which would affect school children. Cllr Huxstep advised that he would report back on this matter.

Cllr Waller advised of the continuing flooding at Cross Cottage and that the Parish Council would like to see an increase in the width of the footpath at Hall Place. Also a request has been made to HCC asking that by the last house on the A32 (Sheep Bridge) towards West Meon through to the railway line a footpath is provided. Cllr Huxstep noted these matters.

Cllr Huxstep was invited to attend the official opening of the Tourist Information Kiosk and cut the ribbon which will take place on a weekday and he will be advised of the date.

## **TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS**

Wmpc 1597 **PLANNING**

It was noted that the VDS will be submitted to SDNP by October 2018.

There were no planning applications for comment.

Wmpc 1598 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholson, seconded by Cllr Trenchard and unanimously **agreed** that the grant application made for £140.00 by Mrs H Town for the 'Fit for Life Group' be unanimously **approved**.

Cllr Waller advised that strimming is required in the churchyard and a grant has been circulated .It was unanimously **agreed** that the Parish Council would support this and **approve** the grant.

The £150 grant for Liss Brass Band made by WMPCC was **agreed** and **approved**.

The budget circulated by Cllr Nicholson was **agreed** and approved.

**Schedule of Payments agreed.**

**Date 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

Ch 300457 Liss Brass Band	£150.00
Ch 300458 D Heppell salary	
Ch 300459 D Heppell	£27.40
Ch 300460 WMPCC Grant P Wilcox church path	£500.00
Ch 300461 Hazel Town Grant Fit for Life	£140.00

Wmpc 1599 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

The Milestones were deferred until the next meeting.

Wmpc 1600 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting minutes, Milestones, Village Design Statement, Lighting at the former Red Lion, Green initiatives, Benches, Standing Orders, Lengthsman, Strimming in the Churchyard, Footpath by Storeys Meadow quote for the barrier and rail, Councillor Training.

Wmpc 1601 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.10 pm

Chairman .....

## Staff Matters