

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 13 February 2017
at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton**

Present: Mr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mr D Fountain, Mrs A Neilson, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs H Saunders, Mr J Mead, Mr R Warren, and Mr C Tee (Clerk)

Also: Cllr A Weir (WCC) WO1 (RSM) J McGrory and one member of the public

16- **Apologies for Absence**

154 Cllr P Bailey (HCC), Cllr K Learney and Cllr C Horrill (WCC), Mr G Sallis and PCSO Bidle sent their apologies.

16- **Declarations of Interest**

155 Mr Biddlecombe lives near to Paddock View, to be mentioned later. Mr Warren mentioned that he lives in Bramshaw Close for which he had just received a planning application for a property in that street.

16- **Minutes of the meeting held 9 January 2017**

156 The minutes of the meeting of 9 January were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Mead and seconded by Mr Fountain that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 9 January 2017 be approved.**

16- **Matters Arising:** Mr Fountain reported the continuing problem with
157 illegally parked vehicles on double yellow lines at the bottom of Bradley Road near the playground. WO1(RSM) McGrory agreed to chase up Worthy Down to find out who in the military owned these vehicles and take appropriate action.

16- **Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down**

158 WO1(RSM) McGrory has agreed to host a visit to the barracks by seven Parish Councillors to tour the barrack facilities on 15 February for councillors to better understand what facilities are contained there in view of the recent announcement by MoD to release the barracks from their control on 2021. He also stated that he had been informed that there would not be any movement out of the barracks before 2021 as the place they are to move to, Pirbright, has to have a lot of work done on it to accommodate these extra personnel there. He finally mentioned that he has told his training staff to inform him so that he can pass on to the Parish Council details of any proposed military exercises to be held near the edge of Recreation Ground. In that way the public can be warned of such instances and be prepared for the noise.

16- **Public Participation**

159 No matters were raised.

16- **Police Report**

160 PCSO Bidle produced the following report: **This report details incidents from 09/01/2017 – 12/02/2017. Anti-Social Behaviour:** Incident reported 20/01/2017 Priors Dean Road, Tesco requested removal of customer causing issues. **Burglary in a dwelling:** No

reports of burglary in dwellings Littleton or Harestock. **Non-Dwelling Burglary:** No reports. **Criminal Damage:** Criminal damage reported between 26/01/2017 and 28/01/2017, Upton Grey Close damage reported: scratches to a vehicle. **Drugs:** No reports relating to drugs in Littleton or Harestock. **Theft from motor vehicle:** No theft from motor vehicles reported. **Theft of pedal cycle:** No reports of theft of bicycles. **Theft of vehicle:** No reports of theft of vehicle. If you have any information relating to the incidents above, please call us on 101. Alternatively if you have any information you wish to pass to us then again call us on 101, email on address below or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Also in the wider area recently we have had a few reports of burglary, they have entered via insecure windows and doors. If everyone could please bear this in mind and make sure properties are secure. Mr Fountain did also mention that there have been several instances of tools being thieved from tradesmen's vans parked in the Weeke area recently; he just mentioned it as of course Weeke is adjacent to Harestock.

Planning

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161 The planning schedule for January was circulated and discussed. Cllr Learney attended a meeting with WCC Planning to discuss why a dormer window refused in a planning application was actually allowed in the end to be installed in a property in Harestock; she has yet to report back on the outcome of that meeting.

Barton Farm Development

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162 Mrs Saunders reported that the next Barton Farm Forum meeting is to take place on 1 March which she will attend. A meeting is also being arranged at the Parish Council's request with CALA to discuss a long list of issues relating to traffic control and pedestrian safety which are perceived to be resulting from this large development in the area. There is no date for this meeting yet, but Mrs Saunders will be attending it to voice the Parish Council's concerns on these matters. She also mentioned that the new nature reserve on the far side of the railway line there has now been fenced off and the tree work has been undertaken at the southern end of Andover Road, causing much traffic chaos in the process. Mrs Burgess voiced her concern about the creation of three large water retaining areas on the north side of the development not far from the low point of land at Headbourne Worthy which is prone to flooding.

Littleton & Harestock Show

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163 Mr Warren reported that he had suggested to the Show Society that the proceeds of the next show that are to come to the Parish Council be used to provide new benches in recreation or playgrounds and this had not been met with much enthusiasm. Mrs Saunders once again mentioned the possibility of approaching local junior schools for children to be given the opportunity to design posters about keeping playgrounds clean and tidy which might then be converted into signs. Warren would take this idea back to the show society for them to consider further.

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County Councillor's Report

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Cllr Bailey was not able to attend but reported the following: **Flood meeting:** I do have a small amount of County Councillor Grant funding available. So I wondered if the Parish Council would like to put in a request for some funding to assist in funding for flood orientated costs. These could be for a variety things including updating residents with information or paying for small capital costs or minor preventative measures. I am aware from the meeting that other Parishes have increased their precepts to cover some flood costs. But clearly increasing the precept for the whole of the Parish when the risks are to a small part of Littleton is probably not fair. Therefore, I suggest if the Parish Council wants they can put in a request for up to £800 for Flood associated costs for Littleton, and also put in a separate request for £800 for Harestock orientated capital costs. This must be for capital costs and not revenue costs, and can be for a wide range of initiatives, i.e. play equipment etc. The application must be in by the 28th Feb 2017, but the process is relatively straightforward, and the funds can be paid over to the Parish Council for spend at a later date. So, if you are in agreement if you can get the Parish Clerk to email me with a brief outline, I can then forward him the appropriate link for the online application. (Note: This was agreed) **Future grass cuts(!):** There is a plan to put in place a HCC 'SmartMap' solution. I have been chasing this up, and it is due to be available internally in the County Council later this year. The aim is to have a public version out in the future – but no timescales yet. The idea is that if you have any questions about who is responsible for cutting what area it should be a lot easier to establish who is responsible as you can 'hover' your mouse over the parcel of land and get information. This would have any contractor information and when cuts will be scheduled. **Regarding the cutting contract:** Hampshire County Council is renegotiating with all the Hampshire boroughs and Districts to set up a new agency management arrangements for urban grass cutting and shrub clearance. These have to be in place by April 2017.

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District Councillors' Report

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Cllr Weir reported that she has spoken the new leader of WCC, Cllr C Horrill and Cllr Weir understands that the new leader is taking a fresh look at the way that WCC undertakes its business, which Cllr Weir feels is an encouraging sign. Cllr Weir also mentioned a forthcoming community planning weekend being organized by WCC for all local residents and the general public to get involved on 24/25 March in Winchester; there is website set up for it as follows: www.centralwinchesterregen.co.uk. She then reported that she had recently attended a WCC traffic and transport committee meeting at which a number of concerns had been raised regarding the new parking restrictions imposed in the Weeke/Teg Down area which are not working as well as had been hoped. She finally mentioned that she had tried to obtain usage data in respect of the number 3 night bus service to support her request for financial support from the Parish Council. She had not been able to get anything other than there had been steady usage over the last three years, as this usage information is commercially sensitive. A discussion ensued about whether to support this service or not and it was agreed by the Parish Council

that it would contribute £500 per annum in financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19 towards the cost of this service.

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Sub-Committees and Other Reports

a) Finance: The latest payments list for January was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Fountain and seconded by Mr Biddlecombe and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £9,020.21 on the January payments schedule should be paid.**

b) Environment: Mr Biddlecombe stated that finally he could report that the Paddock View sewerage system replacement saga is now just about concluded, with just some minor tidying up work to be undertaken. Mr Cunningham then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Biddlecombe for his 4 and half years of efforts to have the sewerage system at Paddock View rectified with a new one; this was agreed. Mr Biddlecombe then reported that he had attended a meeting in HCC on 24 January to discuss the HCC flooding mitigation study work for outer (north) Winchester. This had resulted in a draft feasibility study report which had now been passed to him and would be passed to other parish councillors. It runs to 37 pages and embraces the whole of Littleton, Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy in one overall study which, it is believed, could possibly meet central government cost benefit analysis requirements to qualify for some central government funding. Mr Biddlecombe indeed understands that this study puts the Winchester area ahead of seven other identified areas needing flood mitigation work in Hampshire as Littleton & Harestock, along with its other local affected parish neighbours, have been constantly pressing HCC for answers on what has been going on this work. As a result of the feasibility study work, it has now been agreed by HCC that they will fund a full flood report to the tune of £35,000 which will then be sent off to central government for their consideration for funding the flood mitigation work suggested. There is at present no timeline for the production of this full report by HCC, but pressure will continue to be exerted on HCC to do this as soon as possible.

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c) Playgrounds: Mrs Neilson and Mrs Saunders reported that the specialist rhino-mulch has now been put down under the last two play items at Littleton playground and they had undertaken another look at both playground sites to see what, if anything else, might need doing at them to keep them up to a good standard. They suggested that the other older rubber matting needed anti-moss spraying and the benches would benefit from being given a jet spray clean as well. The rocking horse at Littleton also probably need replacing and concern was also voiced about difficulty for both children and adults in getting to

the top of the grass mound to get on the slide at Littleton. These issues would be addressed in the spring before the busier summer period. Discussion then took place on possible wording for new signs to be produced for the recreation and playgrounds which would be finalised between the Chairman and Parish Clerk subsequent to this meeting.

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d) Millennium Memorial Hall: At the latest meeting on 23 January, Mr Fountain resigned and needs replacement. It is hoped to name a successor at the next Parish Council meeting in time for the next memorial hall meeting.

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e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground: Mr Biddlecombe thought it would be worthwhile looking into creating an information board outlining the recent military history of Flowerdown as there are a number of rectangular pieces of large half buried concrete now within the boundaries of Littleton recreation ground which had once provided the anchors for stabilising wires of the tall thin metal posts of the former MoD signals station. This idea was enthusiastically backed and so he agreed he would look into how much it would cost to commission such an item. Mr Mead also agreed to look into who had produced similar signs at the NATS Nature Reserve in Swanwick near to where he works.

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f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering: Mr Biddlecombe reported that HCC Highways have agreed the new signs and road markings that are to be put in place by the end of March in Littleton.

g) Pond/island opposite: HCC Highways are going to drain the pond in the near future as part of their preventative maintenance work and have placed signs up notifying the public of the intended Main Road closure for this work sometime over the coming months (no specific dates have been given). Planting on the island opposite is also intended to take place in the spring; new plants have been ordered now the Parish Council has paid for a five year licence to plant there from HCC.

16- **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**

167 Nil apart from Mr Fountain offering his apologies for the next meeting.

16- **Date of Next Meeting**

168 Monday 13 March 2017 in the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock at 7.00pm.