

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 12 June 2017
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock.**

Present: Mr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mrs J Burgess, Mr J Biddlecombe, Ms K Learney, Mr D Fountain, Mr J Mead, Mr R Warren, Mrs A Neilson, Mr G Sallis and Mr C Tee (Clerk)

Also: Cllrs S Godfrey & A Weir (WCC)

**17-
030** Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Horrill (WCC) & Warwick (HCC), Mrs H Saunders and PCSO Bidle sent their apologies.

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031** Declarations of Interest

Mr Biddlecombe stated he lives next to Paddock View which is to be mentioned again.

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032** Minutes of the meeting held 8 May 2017

The minutes of the meeting of 8 May were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Biddlecombe and seconded by Mr Fountain that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 8 May 2017 be approved.**

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033** Matters Arising

Mr Cunningham mentioned that nothing has yet been heard from WCC in regard to the community governance review that has been requested to be undertaken by them in this calendar year. This would be chased. CT

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034** Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down

WO1 (RSM) McGrory was not able to be present and nothing was raised.

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035** Public Participation

None

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036** Police Report

PCSO Bidle was unable to attend but produced the following report. This report details incidents from 07/05/2017 – 12/06/2017. Anti-Social Behaviour: 28/05/2017, reports of 3 males looking into cars and harassing people for money at Harestock shops outside Tesco & The March Hare Public House. Police attended and moved them on. Burglary in a dwelling: None reported. Non-Dwelling Burglary: 31/05/2017, report of Non-Dwelling Burglary – Tesco, unknown male reached behind a till and stole cigarettes: investigation underway. Criminal Damage: No reports. Drugs: No reports. Theft from motor vehicle: No reports. Theft of pedal cycle: No reports. Theft of vehicle: No reports. Also, in the wider area recently, we have had a few reports of burglaries, the miscreants have entered via insecure windows and doors. If everyone could please bear this in mind and make sure properties are secure. If you have any information relating to any of the other incidents mentioned above, please call the Police 101. Alternatively if you have any information

you wish to pass on then again call on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Planning

17-037

The planning schedule for May was circulated. Mr Warren then mentioned that a brand new planning application in respect of 105 Harestock Road had just been notified by WCC and needed to be responded to by 30 June. The plans were thus discussed and it was unanimously agreed to object to the proposal as it was not deemed appropriate for Harestock in its current form.

Barton Farm Development

17-038

Mrs Neilson reported that nothing had been heard about any meeting to discuss transport and traffic issues related to the development, but she was concerned to hear that many new residents there are already applying to have their garages turned into living accommodation: this is apparently permitted.

Littleton & Harestock Show

17-039

Mr Warren reported that the Show programme is currently being printed for delivery next month locally. Mrs Saunders has agreed to contact local schools about the poster competition which is now included as part of the programme of activities for the Show. The next Show Society meeting is tomorrow which Mr Warren will attend.

County Councillor's Report

17-040

Cllr Warwick reported the following by email, as she wasn't able to be present: **HCC Financial Strategy:** HCC Cabinet will consider the end of year financial report on 19 June. As part of an established two-year budget planning strategy the County Council is facing its biggest financial challenge yet – with a further budget gap of £140 million to close by 2019/20. Planning has been taking place to identify some of the steps required: securing savings early; reinvesting in new, more efficient ways of working and making prudent use of reserves to meet gaps in funding. To date, HCC has reduced spending by £340 million, since 2008 when national austerity began. HCC finances remain under immense pressure as demand continues to grow for County Council services – particularly social care for the increasing numbers of older and more vulnerable adults and children. The central Government revenue support grant funding to Hampshire will cease in 2019/20. As a result, the administration will make some tough decisions in order to sustain vital public services and will be seeking residents' views in the coming weeks. **City of Winchester Transport Study:** Many of you will have noticed the traffic monitoring equipment on all roads to and from Winchester. We are collecting data to inform the Traffic and Transport Strategy for the future of the City. This is an important collaboration jointly funded by the City and County Council and will provide essential information as the City Council commissions major developments (e.g. Central Winchester, Station Approach and Bar End Leisure Park). Further information and public consultation will follow over the coming months. **Flooding mitigation:** Cllr Cunningham and I

attended a helpful meeting chaired by HCC's Simon Cramp, the Environmental Initiatives Manager, on future flood prevention across Littleton, the Worthys and surrounding area including the Sir John Moore barracks site. Several potential alleviation options and more general supportive and clearance measures have been identified including the installation of a "Littleton pipe". We emphasised the importance of undertaking work across the area as a whole. Further work will be done to cost and define these options in advance of a public consultation and display of information. **Operation Resilience (OR):** As part of the programme of works being undertaken by Operation Resilience, carriageway structural edge repairs will take place in Littleton Lane from Stockbridge Rd to Main Rd. Work is due to start from 21st June for 6 days with limited access for residents and businesses. Signs should now be posted and residents will have been advised. For further information please contact the OR Team on 01962 813063 or email operation.resilience@hants.gov.uk

District Councillors' Report

17-041

Cllr Godfrey reported that this evening the first meeting of WCC's leisure centre cabinet sub-committee was taking place. On 4 July the public feedback was due to be released in regard to the consultation on the regeneration of central Winchester. WCC is also in the process of selecting an architect/design team for the intended Station Approach redevelopment. There is also the renovation of the bus station and Friarsgate area to be undertaken. Mr Cunningham wondered whether WCC had considered offering any concessions to retailers in central Winchester as there are more and more vacant premises appearing in the city centre. Cllr Godfrey responded that an independent survey of Winchester city centre had shown that it was below the national average for vacant premises. Cllr Weir stated that a Community Speedwatch scheme was now up and running in Weeke, being based from the local community centre there and hoped that volunteers from Harestock could be recruited to undergo training and so help extend and run the scheme there as well. Details of the scheme would be forwarded for the Parish Council to advertise for recruits from the local community (training and equipment would be provided). Cllr Learney then reported that WCC have put up the notices along Andover Road to stop parking on the verge there and only permit restricted time parking in marked areas. Following a recent consultation in Weeke, it is possible that there might be a permit only parking scheme introduced in Weeke. Concern was then voiced by Mr Fountain about the lack of parking permitted at Henry Beaufort School at the recent Parliamentary Election, as the school had recently become the designated Polling Station for Harestock. A complaint would be made to WCC about this and propose that alternative site be used if possible.

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Sub-Committees and Other Reports

- a) **Finance:** The latest payments list for May was presented for consideration and, after some discussion, was accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Fountain and seconded by Mr Biddlecombe and RESOLVED –**

That payments totalling £8,604.21 on the May payments schedule should be paid.

- b) Environment:** Mr Cunningham reported that the grass along Andover Road North adjacent to the Harestock Road junction has now been cut. Mr Biddlecombe reported that once again there are very unpleasant smells emanating from the brand newly installed sewerage plant at Paddock View which he has asked the landowners, Hyde Housing, to investigate. He will report back on this when he knows more.
- c) Playgrounds:** Mrs Neilson was pleased to report that the pirate mast has now been fully reinstated at Littleton and has agreed the procurement of a new double see-saw for Harestock. It is also intended to install rhino-mulch matting under the adult exercise equipment at Littleton, but this will not be done until it is agreed whether or not to relocate the equipment to try and encourage more usage. Mr Mead suggested that the acquisition of a bouldering wall for Harestock playground might be worthwhile. This would be investigated.
- d) Millennium Memorial Hall:** The next meeting of the Trustees is to take place on 17 July.
- e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** Mr Fountain reported that he is away for the first committee meeting he was due to attend next week. The sports club were warned recently about the pavilion building being left unlocked and thus insecure overnight.
- f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Mr Biddlecombe reported that there had recently been a pedestrian hit by a passing car on the road adjacent to the Running Horse pub. The individual was hurt, inadvertently smashing the windscreen of the vehicle with his elbow in the incident. This had now been reported to HCC (and Police) as evidence of the danger of that area for pedestrians to try and encourage them to look again at doing something to improve road safety in that area. Cllr Warwick of HCC has agreed to walk through the village on 21 June with both Mr Cunningham and Biddlecombe to view the state of the pavements and roads and determine whether HCC should be addressing problems with these; she would also be taken to see the Three Maids Hill roundabout area where there are significant amounts of weeds growing on the actual HCC highways central reservation areas, making that area look extremely unkempt and neglected. Mr Cunningham confirmed that he had attended a meeting on 5 June hosted by HCC along with Cllr Warwick in Winchester on where the project on flood mitigation project for north Winchester by HCC has got to. For Littleton, it is being proposed that an extra new pipe is laid underground from the pond to the barracks to help the flow of flood water away from the lower end of the village, relieving the existing underground pipes already in place. Two public consultation meetings to permit people to see their proposed plans are to be arranged to be held in the

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Millennium Memorial Hall in the early autumn. He did also mention to HCC staff that their proposal to create a possible water attenuation area in the field beside Wellhouse Lane before the railway line would result in the large sewerage treatment works adjacent becoming susceptible to flooding, as well as the flood waters from Littleton flowing to that point containing effluent from the septic tanks overwhelmed by flood water; these were points that they had not previously considered.

- g) Pond:** There are now some ducks in residence at the pond and, in order to assist them get in and out of the water as the water level changes there, it was agreed to look into the provision of a floating slipway for them.

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043 **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**
The Chief Executive of St John's Winchester Charity will be attending the next Parish Council meeting to speak about their work.

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044 **Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 10 July 2017 in the Millennium Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.