

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 11 September 2017  
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock.**

**Present:** Mr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mrs H Saunders, Mr G Sallis, Mr D Fountain, Mr R Warren, Ms K Learney and Mr C Tee (Clerk)

Also: Cllr Warwick (HCC), Cllr Weir & Cllr Horrill (WCC)

17- **Apologies for Absence**

075 Mr J Biddlecombe, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs A Neilson and PCSO Bidle sent their apologies.

17- **Declarations of Interest**

076 Mrs Neilson mentioned by email that she owns 28 Main Road which is on this month's planning schedule.

17- **Minutes of the meeting held 14 August 2017**

077 The minutes of the meeting of 14 August were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Warren and seconded by Mr Sallis that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 14 August 2017 be approved.**

17- **Matters Arising:** Just one thing, the need for WCC to provide  
078 someone to undertake the local community governance review. Mr Cunningham asked Cllr Horrill about this and Cllr Horrill gave an assurance that a member of WCC's legal team will be shortly available to do this work, sometime in the next month. The work will take 12 months to complete once it has been started.

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

079 WO1 (RSM) McGrory was not able to be present and no matters were raised concerning the military.

17- **Public Participation**

080 Nil.

17- **Police Report**

081 PCSO Bidle was unable to attend and reported just one incident of a pane of glass being broken in Beaulieu Close, no other crime had been reported in the period.

17- **Planning**

082 The planning schedule for August was circulated and discussed. Mrs Saunders has agreed to speak at the next Planning Committee on 21 September against the application to develop 105 Harestock Road. 10 Lyndhurst Close garage conversion application has been approved with conditions and the next door neighbours have been advised on the Party Wall Act to ensure that adequate work is undertaken to protect them from future problems as the garage being converted abuts their property.

**Barton Farm Development**

17-083 The WCC hosted Barton Farm Forum took place on 12 July at the Guildhall and Mr D Fountain attended as the Parish Council's official representative, he reported that some members of the public complained about the increased traffic use of local roads to which there was no useful response. It was also reported that in Phase 2 of the development there is to be a supermarket built and quite separately the park and ride is not becoming operational until 600 houses are occupied. One resident of the development was frustrated to report that they couldn't walk into Winchester from their new home as the state of the footpaths being overrun by vegetation was such it was not possible to do so. The nature reserve on the far side of the development is now fully up and running under the auspices of the Hants & IOW Nature Trust. The building of the primary school on the development is being delayed and so portacabins to house the school will be temporarily put in place on Henry Beaufort School.

#### **Littleton & Harestock Show**

17-084 The show took place on 2 September. All went very well as the weather was perfect and many people attended. It is hoped that the sum of money to be donated to the Parish Council in due course should be enough to cover the purchase of a good quality bench or picnic table for the Bradley Road playground.

#### **County Councillor's Report**

17-085 Cllr Warwick reported the following: **Hampshire Highways Contract:** Skanska have been awarded the new highways contract, which officially started on 1<sup>st</sup> August. The contract covers highways maintenance work on Hampshire's 9,600 miles of roads and footways, including resurfacing, winter salting, drainage and road repairs. There is an option to extend the contract for up to a further five years, subject to factors such as contract performance. Skanska have invested in new fleet and equipment to deliver this service including their innovative pothole-patching machine, the 'Dragon Patcher'. This is 'five times faster than traditional methods, saves money and is safer because it is operated from the vehicle's cabin. It is nicknamed the 'dragon' because it expels flames to de-ice and dry out the road surface. It is then cleaned with compressed air and sealed with a stone mix and hot bitumen emulsion. With the surface repair completed in just two minutes, the patcher can move on to the next repair. Potholes (and other highways issues) can be reported as usual via the HCC website:  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>  
**Review of Cladding Materials on HCC Buildings;** The County Council can confirm that of their 9,000 council-owned properties, including 526 school sites (some of which include numerous buildings) – a small percentage of Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) is contained on a few buildings. These buildings are non-residential, single storey, brick-built and the material has been typically used for rain screening. Following advice from the Hampshire Fire Service HCC is not required to make any immediate changes although they will keep the situation under review should there be a review of the national building regulations. **The Hampshire Countryside Access Forum –call for members:** The

Countryside Access Forum includes a number of interest groups from landowners, farmers, councillors and rural business owners, to walkers, horse riders, carriage drivers, cyclists and motor vehicle users. HCC are looking for new members from all interest groups, but particularly those with expertise in public health, countryside motor vehicles, farming and land management, to complement the knowledge of existing members. Members need to attend four meetings per year as well as task group sessions between full meetings. They need a good knowledge and understanding of the countryside. More information on how to apply can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/hcaf](http://www.hants.gov.uk/hcaf) or contact the Countryside Access Team by phoning 01962 845326 or emailing [hcaf@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hcaf@hants.gov.uk). The closing date for applications is 25 September. **Police and Crime Panel Review of Traffic Related Crime:** The Hampshire Police and Crime Panel is responsible for scrutinising and supporting how the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Michael Lane sets key policing priorities through his Police and Crime Plan. The Panel is made up of representatives from each of the local authorities in the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Police area. The Panel recently invited residents and Parish Councils to give their views on how the Police and Crime Commissioner can improve the approach taken to tackle and prevent traffic crime and nuisance within local communities, with the aim of improving road safety. Many local parishes and Speed Watch groups have responded to this consultation. The Panel's October scrutiny meeting will focus on traffic-related issues that are causing the greatest concern to local communities. These include speeding, theft of property from motor vehicles and animal casualties within rural areas. Following the hearing the Panel will make recommendations to the Commissioner suggesting where improvements can be made, identifying any opportunities to enhance the policing approach, as well as providing feedback on how partner agencies could work together to enhance current prevention measures. Full details can be found here <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-pecp.htm>

Mr Warren reported that HCC Highways had removed the Littleton & Harestock Show signs advertising the show along various roads before the show took place and requested in future that this doesn't happen. Cllr Warwick asked to be reminded for this in time for the show next year.

### **District Councillors' Report**

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Cllr Horrill reported that the bus station has had temporary work carried out on it to permit the buses to now avoid going up the High Street and it reopened last week. It is a short term renovation. New flood defences have been finished in River Park and the Derngate is to receive its new flood defences next. The work has gone well as a multi-agency joint venture but WCC are conscious of the need for further work in north Winchester, including Littleton. The architect appointed for the Station Approach development has now been publicly announced. The new DWP central government Universal Credit goes live at WCC in April and a lot of work has been going on behind the scenes to ensure that it goes smoothly for all who need it. There has been no news from the MoD regarding the possible disposal of the ATR barracks. Mr Fountain then mentioned that the bus station seats and shelters are not at all close to where you need to

be to catch the buses. This would be looked into, stated Cllr Horrill. Cllr Learney also mentioned that the traffic warning signs around the Sainsbury's shop in Winchester will also need to be re-sited/reconfigured. Cllr Weir then thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to let those visiting the Littleton & Harestock Show to see how the Community Speedwatch system works from the Parish Council stall at the show. She managed to get five new volunteers to sign up to the scheme as well. Cllr Learney then reported that there is to be an extension to the Weeke residents parking scheme which undoubtedly will have a knock on effect on parking/traffic in Harestock. She also mentioned that she had been given figures on how the public Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies were currently being spend locally and understood as at 30 June 2017 there is currently something like £800,000 uncommitted in the WCC CIL account some of which along with contributions from the Environment Agency and HCC might be able to be used towards the flood alleviation works currently under discussion for the north Winchester area. A public consultation on the possible options for this is being held by HCC from 3 to 7pm on 6 October in Littleton's Millennium Memorial Hall.

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#### **Sub-Committees and Other Reports**

- a) Finance:** The latest payments list for August was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Ms Learney and seconded by Mr Fountain and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £10,657.22 on the August payments schedule should be paid.** The Finance Committee met on 7 September and agreed that the present budget is on track. But all Councillors are reminded to think about any areas of extra expenditure for 2017/18 as the precept for that year needs to be decided in December which sadly will be soon upon us.
- b) Environment:** Mr Fountain reported that he has recently seen a metal plaque in the flowerbeds outside the Harestock shops stating that these are maintained by a group of local volunteers but no mention of the Parish Council's financial support for these flowerbeds. The Parish Council is to obtain a sign to reflect that support. It has been explained by HCC Highways that they have not desilted the pond as they said they would because of ecological concerns about the possibility of great crested newts living in the vicinity. Cllr Warwick agreed to chase up when the desilting would now take place.
- c) Playgrounds:** Mrs Saunders reported that the proper parts for the brand new see-saw at Bradley Road have now been successfully installed. She also took the opportunity at the Sunday service after the recent show to explain that the Parish Council have been undertaking a large programme of playground improvement work and suggested that the proceeds that come to the Parish Council from the show might be best pent on the purchase of a picnic bench for the Bradley Road playground, which appeared to be well received. She was

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also pleased to report that there had been two very good entries for the Parish Council's design a poster competition from local schoolchildren, both of which she intends to use at the playgrounds in due course.

**d) Millennium Memorial Hall:** Mr Sallis was disappointed by the level of noise last Saturday at a function in and outside the Hall which had badly disturbed his family in their own home nearby. It was suggested that this be reported to the hall Trustees for them to be aware of this and to pass on to future users.

**e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** Mr Fountain attended the recent Sports Club AGM at which it was reported that there are 45 members now trained in how to operate the defibrillator. It had also been decided not to raise the level of subscriptions as finances were strong enough to leave them as they are. The junior football club is talking to the Army locally about them possibly using some of their pitches as they need more to cope with demand. The only request made of the Parish Council was for timer switches to be considered to be installed on the heaters inside the pavilion, which was in hand. Double yellow lines have also been put down on the car park at the emergency access point. The flooring in the men's showers is being replaced as there has been water ingress underneath the flooring there, making it no longer fit for purpose.

**f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Mr Cunningham reported that he, Mr Biddlecombe and the Parish Clerk had recently an exploratory meeting with the owner of the field adjacent to the Running Horse public house asking for him about the possibility of using his field as a permissive path alongside Main Road to try and improve pedestrian safety there. The owner and his agent are now considering their position and will be in touch with the Parish Council in due course.

**g) Pond/island opposite:** Nothing to report.

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088 **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**  
The Parish Clerk mentioned that he is away from the office from 17 September to 3 October inclusive.

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089 **Date of Next Meeting**  
Monday 9 October 2017 in the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton at 7.00pm.