

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 11 December 2017  
at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton**

**Present:** Mr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mrs A Neilson, Mr G Sallis, Mr J Mead, Mr R Warren, Mrs H Saunders, Cllr K Learney and Mr C Tee (Clerk)

Also: Cllr C Horrill & Cllr A Weir (WCC) and WO1(RSM) J McGrory

17- **Apologies for Absence**

123 Cllr J Warwick (HCC), Mrs J Burgess and Mr D Fountain sent their apologies.

17- **Declarations of Interest**

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17- **Minutes of the meeting held 13 November 2017**

125 The minutes of the meeting of 13 November were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mrs Saunders and seconded by Cllr Learney that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 13 November 2017 be approved.**

17- **Matters Arising:** In regards to the Parish Council's long stated  
126 request for a community governance review by WCC, Mr Cunningham reported that WCC have now nominated one of their officers to lead such a review. This officer recently came out to the Parish to meet the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Parish Clerk to explain the procedure for this review. The officer explained that the review starts with a formal request to go to the WCC Licencing and Regulatory Committee which she intends to do early in 2018. But, in order to do that, she has requested that the Parish put forward a written justification for the review to be undertaken by WCC as it will be resource intensive and so needs a clear explanation as to why it is being requested. This is being done this month as she has asked. All being well, this review will then take place and be completed within 2018.

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

127 WO1(RSM) McGrory reported that neither he nor anyone else at the barracks is aware of what is going on regarding the supposed disposal of the barracks by MoD. They are helping relocate their civil servants in the meantime. He expressed his thanks for the good turn out at last month's Remembrance Sunday parade and was pleased to report that the undergrowth alongside the pedestrian footpath of Kennel Lane would soon be cut back by MoD contractors. The barracks have put in a suggestion to WCC for some of their land to be used as a Park and Ride, but have not heard anything back on it. He will ensure that next summer the barracks family day will be held on a date to avoid clashing with the Littleton & Harestock Show which is always held on the first Saturday in September.

17- **Public Participation**

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129 **Police Report**

No report.

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130 **Planning**

The planning schedule for November was circulated and discussed. A decision on the application in respect of 11 Harestock Road is still awaited but WCC traffic engineering staff have removed their objection to it. There are a couple of other applications in for consideration, 109 Harestock Road for a brand new dwelling, which is supported, and 116 Harestock Road, for a large extension, to which an objection is going to be made.

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131 **Barton Farm Development**

There was no specific news, but Cllr Learney stated that she would chase up holding another meeting on traffic issues with traffic engineers, not the developers.

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132 **Littleton & Harestock Show**

Nothing to report.

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133 **County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Warwick reported by email that the **Winchester Movement Strategy public consultation closed on 8<sup>th</sup> December:** The next stage will involve feedback on the consultation and workshops for stakeholders, Members and Parish Councillors. As well as inviting residents' and stakeholders' views, a range of traffic and travel data will be reviewed. This, alongside sophisticated computer modelling, will provide a robust understanding of how movement works in the City. Collectively, this will form the evidence base for the Movement Strategy and help to clarify travel and transport priorities. Potential options for delivering these priorities will then be developed. These will be tested and reviewed using national Government best practice guidance before the draft Movement Strategy is put to further public consultation in mid 2018. **Hitting the Cold Spots:** Since the start of Hitting the Cold Spots, in 2010, 2,500 people have benefitted from the advice and information provided by the team. In this financial year, 170 Hampshire households have already received support. If you or someone you know is struggling to stay warm and well this winter, please contact an advisor on Freephone 0800 804 8601 (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm) or email [staywarm@environmentcentre.com](mailto:staywarm@environmentcentre.com).

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134 **District Councillors' Report**

Cllr Weir reported that the revised Weeke parking scheme has now been advertised, but not all of the scheme can be seen on the WCC website. She also reported the annual amount of money raised by the donations of textile recycling to be £32,000. Lastly she mentioned that she has asked WCC Planning Enforcement to become involved in trying to have tidied up the materials and rubbish lying around at the side of 32 Priors Dean Road. Cllr Horrill reported that the Winchester movement strategy public consultation has created more interest than any other consultation in recent times. WCC are also trying to do

something about getting a Park and Ride in place on the north side of Winchester sooner rather than later. The traveller and gypsy policy and plan is under review and the public consultation on the central Winchester regeneration continues, as does the consultation on the new sports and leisure centre facilities at Bar End. There is the renewal of the domestic waste contract underway as well as the work to try and persuade High Street traders to keep their trade waste bins off the city's streets. Mr Cunningham then asked about the concrete barriers that have been placed in the High Street and Cllr Horrill explained that these are a temporary measure at present, with the possibility of something else more permanent in the future. Cllr Learney then mentioned that the other thing that has been exercising the general public, in addition to the movement strategy and central Winchester regeneration, is the absence of cover/protection from the weather for those waiting for buses at the bus station: this is soon to arrive confirmed Cllr Horrill.

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

- a) Finance:** The latest payments list for November was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Biddlecombe and seconded by Mr Mead and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £8,498.33 on the November payments schedule should be paid.** The Parish Clerk then mentioned that the Finance Committee had met on 22 November to discuss a possible increase in the precept to and following that meeting have recommended that the precept be increased by 10% raising an extra £9,840 (including the Rate Support Grant of £1,700), so the actual increase to local council tax payers would be 8.3% overall, if agreed. The details relating to this increase were then discussed by all councillors and, at the end of the discussion voted upon. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Cunningham and seconded by Mr Biddlecombe and RESOLVED that the precept would be raised by 10% for 2018/19, making an average Band D property to pay an extra £6.60 in 2018/19, that property paying overall £72.43 to the parish council, up from £65.83 and making the overall Parish Council budget £116,250 for 2018/19. This was agreed unanimously, with one abstention by Mrs Neilson.**
- b) Environment:** Nil
- c) Playgrounds:** Mrs Saunders and Mrs Neilson jointly reported that they had put together a list of improvements to both playgrounds which they had sent round all councillors in advance of this meeting for them to see. They are now in the process of obtaining quotes for these suggested improvement works which they hope can all be undertaken before the end of March 2018. Cllr Learney then mentioned that she is in the process of finalising the design of the winning children's poster competition entries for use in the playgrounds and finally Mrs Saunders mentioned that she has agreed the form of wording to be used on the new wooden bench to be acquired which will be dedicated to the late Chairman of the Show Society, Mr A Brookes.

- d) Millennium Memorial Hall:** Mrs Neilson reported that the hall is to have its own internet service installed in the near future, leaving the current arrangement whereby the Parish Council provide the service from within the Parish Office.
- e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** Mr Fountain, due to ill health, is unable to attend the next Sports club committee meeting this week, but agreed to let them know that the Parish Council is not prepared to pay for the installation of electronic thermostat heating controls inside the pavilion due to cost in relation to any possible benefits.
- f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Mr Cunningham reported that the agent of the land owner of the field adjacent to the Running Horse public house is to attend the next Parish Council meeting to present a proposal in relation to that land which has been the subject of prolonged discussions in regard to trying to set up a permissive path for pedestrian use there.
- g) Pond/island opposite:** Nil.

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136 **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**  
Mrs Saunders mentioned that a neighbour of hers who has recently started up a brand new Winchester based charity called the King's City Fund is also going to attend the January Parish Council meeting to explain, under Public Participation, how this new charity might be able to assist the Parish Council.

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137 **Date of Next Meeting**  
Monday 8 January 2017 in the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock at 7.00pm.