

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 13 August 2018
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock.**

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

Also: Cllr Horrill (WCC) and four members of the public

**18-
060** **Apologies for Absence**

PCSO Bidle, Cllr Warwick (HCC), Cllr Weir (WCC), Mrs H Saunders, Mr J Mead and Mrs J Burgess sent their apologies.

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061** **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

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062** **Minutes of the meeting held 9 July 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of 10 July were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Sallis and seconded by Mr Fountain that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 9 July 2018 be approved.**

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063** **Matters Arising:** Mr Biddlecombe raised the issue of councillors now having new email addresses and when these would be used. It was agreed that these would be used from now on.

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

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

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065** **Public Participation**

Nil.

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066** **Police Report**

PCSO Bidle was unable to attend and did not produce a report.

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067** **Planning**

The planning schedule for July was circulated and discussed. Mr Biddlecombe was concerned about the Lawful Development Certificate being applied for in respect of Winchester Stables and it was agreed that this would be raised with WCC Legal who are dealing with it. There was also concern over two recent planning applications about which the Parish Council had not received any documentation from WCC; this would be looked into by Cllr Horrill. Cllr Horrill also apologised for the fact that WCC had not been producing the usual electronic lists of planning applications following a recent upgrade to WCC's planning IT system. This is in the process of being corrected. The Head of Development Control at WCC, Julie Pinnock was unable to attend this meeting and sent her apologies and offered to attend a future meeting. It was agreed to invite her to attend the Parish Council meeting in November. Finally, it was agreed that the Parish Council would be applying to WCC for the Running Horse public house to be relisted as an asset of

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community value for which evidence of its community events, with dates, if possible, will be needed to be supplied to the Parish Clerk.

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Barton Farm Development

18-068

Nothing to report.

Littleton & Harestock Show

18-069

Mr Warren reported that, according to the show society last week, everything is going to plan except that they are still short of volunteers to run a number of stalls. Mr Warren also hoped that HCC Highways would not be removing the Show signs that have been placed around the local area beside the roads, as they were removed last year by HCC Highways. He would write to our HCC Councillor to ask her to ensure that this doesn't happen. It was also agreed to have a Parish Council stall at the show which would offer a number of table tennis bats for free to those who wish to use them on the new table tennis table at the Recreation ground. Planning for the dedication ceremony for the bench in the Recreation Ground on the Friday afternoon before the Show is underway.

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County Councillor's Report

18-070

Cllr Warwick reported by email the following: Royal Victoria Country Park: Royal Victoria County Park in Netley received a Green Heritage Award just as the former military hospital Chapel opened after a £3.5 million refurbishment and sees record numbers of visitors through the doors. Do try to visit –the views from the tower are stunning. Summer Reading Challenge: HCC Libraries are running the summer "Mischievous Makers" reading challenge for children. Based on the Beano (80th anniversary) children are challenged to read 6 books for a medal, certificate and chance to win a Kindle Fire tablet. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/summerreadingchallenge> County Councillor Grants: My County Councillor grant is now open for applications for projects within my Division.

District Councillors' Report

18-071

Cllr Horrill reported that WCC has started to review the local plan with the new national planning framework issued although guidance is still awaited from central government regarding housing numbers. This new local plan will take us to 2036 and WCC is not anticipating many changes, except in regards to student housing needs and the possible need for more homes of multiple occupancy (HMO). The population figures from the 2016 census will be used, especially in regard to the increasing number of elderly residents. Parish councils are able to put forward their comments to WCC on the document by 21 September although this deadline is able to be extended if necessary. WCC continues to try to prosecute those caught fly tipping in the area with fixed fines now also being used. WCC is also just about to go into a period of discussion with its contract partner, East Hampshire District Council, over the renewal of the waste collection and grass cutting contract that is due to be in place by October 2019. Mr Warren then asked about the recent decision by

WCC to permit a performing arts charity to be allowed to operate from space within the former antiques market in Winchester; he was wondering how they would be able to afford to operate from there as he was aware that city Business Rates were very expensive. Cllr Horrill explained that WCC had been able to pay for some adaptations to the interior of the building to help and had also been able to offer some tax relief as well since it is a charity that is to operate there. Mr Biddlecombe then asked whether the new local plan would be a totally new document. Cllr Horrill stated that no, it would just be a review of the existing one, with amendments/extra detail as required. Mr Fountain then asked about when WCC would be releasing information about the outcome of the local governance review of the Parish Council? Cllr Cunningham stated that he and other ward councillors had just been asked to attend a meeting on this next week, so they are hoping to have more to say about this in early autumn, most likely October, as was originally publicly stated in the plan for this review. Cllr Learney then added that she was pleased to report that she and Cllr Weir had recently been able to escort WCC's Director of Place around Weeke and Harestock to give that person a better understanding of issues in the area. She had separately sent a report on the emerging conclusions of the recent Winchester movement strategy, top of which was asked for by the general public is to reduce the amount of traffic in Winchester.

Sub-Committees and Other Reports

18-072

a) Finance: The latest payments list for July was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Fountain and seconded by Mr Biddlecombe and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £22,375.14 on the July payments schedule should be paid.** The Parish Clerk then stated that the external auditors had recently reviewed the Parish Council's annual return for the year ended 31 March 2018 and reported that there were no issues. The Parish Council were very pleased that this was again the case for the seventh year running and thanked the Clerk for his work in achieving this. It was therefore proposed by Mr Cunningham and seconded by Ms Learney and **RESOLVED – That the Parish Council's annual return for the year ended 31 March 2018 be accepted as audited and now closed without any issues raised.** Finally, it was mentioned that there is a finance committee meeting scheduled for 5 September, but it was suggested that this be changed to late September to help with the handover to the new Parish Clerk, when recruited. This would be discussed with those members of the finance committee not present.

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b) Environment: Mr Cunningham was pleased to report that the former red telephone kiosk is now being very well used as a free lending library, although it could possibly benefit from a fresh coat of paint. This would be considered.

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c) Playgrounds: Mrs Neilson reported that all works on both playgrounds have now been successfully completed which have resulted in significant improvements to them

both. There have been many complimentary comments made by local users on how good these facilities now are which is good to hear. Mr Sallis did ask whether the loose bars on the monkey climbing apparatus at Littleton could be tightened and Mrs Neilson agreed to look into this.

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d) Millennium Memorial Hall: No report.

e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground: The Pavilion now has three replacement brand new fire doors and it is understood that two of the tennis courts are to be resurfaced in September which will require heavy good vehicle access around the side of the recreation ground. It was agreed these vehicle movements could take place on the far side of the grounds away from the Pre-School.

f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering: Mr Cunningham reported the only matter that he was aware of is the HCC flood alleviation project which has its next progress meeting in September.

g) Pond/island opposite: Nothing to report.

18-073 **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**
Mr Cunningham asked for volunteers from councillors to form a sub-committee for the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk. It was agreed that Ms Learney, Mr Biddlecombe and Mr Cunningham would form this group. The closing date for applications is 17 August and so the sub-committee would meet after this date as soon as possible to select those it wishes to interview. Finally, Mr Cunningham handed out a leaflet produced by Highways England in respect of the conclusions of its public consultation on the revision of the M3/A34 junction at Winnall which would be made available to be seen by the general public.

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18-074 **Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 10 September 2018 in the Henry Beaufort School at 7.00pm, the last for the present Parish Clerk and the first for the next incumbent of that post, all being well.