

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton.**

**Present:** Cllr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mr R Warren, Mrs A Neilson, Mr J Mead, Cllr K Learney, Mrs L Fielding (Clerk)

**18-150 Apologies for Absence**

Mrs H Saunders, Mr D Fountain and Cllr Horrill sent their apologies.

**18-151 Declarations of Interest**

Mr J Biddlecombe declared an interest in Paddock View.

**18-152 Minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were presented and it was proposed by Mrs A Neilson and seconded by Mr J Mead that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 14th January be approved.**

*Note: These minutes (11<sup>th</sup> February 2019) are draft until approved and signed at the Parish Council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.*

**18-153 Matters Arising:**

Mr J Mead stated that issues raised at the last meeting with regard to the paving slabs (CSC 1771947) at Harestock shops are still a problem, and Mrs L Fielding reported that she had raised an issue (trackIt Id: 21409264) with Hampshire Highways for the kerb at Priors Dean Rd/Woodgreen Rd.

With regard to Paddock View, Mr John Biddlecombe has forwarded information to Cllr Horrill who is organising a meeting with Hyde Housing to pursue the issue of the septic tanks.

Mrs Fielding reported that the transparency issues identified by a parishioner in the last meeting are being pursued, and in the first instance it should now be clear when minutes are in the draft status.

**18-154 Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down**

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

**18-155 Public Participation**

Nil.

**18-156 Police Report**

PCSO Bidle was unable to attend but sent the following report:-

**This report details incidents from 10/12/2018 – 10/02/2019**

**Anti-Social Behaviour:** No reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in Littleton or Harestock.

**Burglary:** 11/12/2018-13/12/2018 Burglary reported Valley Road, Littleton. Entry gained, items stolen. Under investigation. 19/12/2018-20/12/2018 Burglary reported by Harestock Primary School, entry gained to PE store but nothing stolen. 09/01/2019-10/01/2019 Burglary reported Andover Road, KAMM engineers. Entry gained to site and items stolen. 22/01/2019 Burglary reported Prior Dean Road, entry gained to garage, nothing stolen. 25/01/2019-28/01/2019 Burglary reported at Harestock Primary school, access attempted to the PE store. 03/02/2019 Burglary reported Upton Grey Close, males attempted access to front garden shed. Males left prior to police arrival. Under investigation. **Criminal Damage:** 09/01/2019 Cala Homes reporting that a male caused damage whilst having a mental breakdown, under investigation. **Drugs:** No reports of drugs in Littleton or Harestock. **Theft from motor vehicle:** 06/02/2019-07/02/2019 Report from Eling Close, vehicle left unlocked overnight, access gained but nothing stolen. **Theft of pedal cycle:** 30/12/2018-31/12/2018, bike stolen from the bike rack in Harestock Primary school. **Theft of vehicle:** There have been no reports of Theft of Vehicle from Harestock or Littleton

18-157 **Planning**

The planning schedule for January was circulated and discussed. There were no objections raised for application 19/00162/HOU (12 Southwick Close Harestock). Applications 18/02862/HOU, 18/02726/HOU, 18/02729/HOU, 18/02742/TPO, 18/02826/HOU reviewed in the last council meeting have now been approved by WCC.

Mr R Warren noted an article in the paper which referred to trees in Winchester being chopped down and not replaced which was of general concern to the Parish Council. Mrs L Fielding reported that an A3 printer had now been purchased for use with large planning applications.

18-158 **Barton Farm Development**

Nothing to report from the Forum however it was noted by the councillors that close to 200 houses are now occupied. Cllr K Learney reported that there are only a small number of reasonably sized family houses being released.

18-159 **Littleton & Harestock Show**

Mr R Warren reported that the show committee are making good progress and have new volunteers on board. The show committee had discussed potential beneficiaries but it was felt that some of current proposals were large organisations and a donation from the show would not be able to make a big impact. The show committee are now looking for smaller charities. Mr J Biddlecombe suggested the local branch of the Parkinson's charity may be an option and Mrs A Neilson suggested the local children's football team to help support the purchase of new kit or to contribute to match fees.

Mr R Warren then reported that Hugh Platt, who has contributed greatly to the show, has unfortunately died.

18-160 **County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Warwick was unable to attend but sent the following report:-

**Hampshire Highways** responded around the clock to clearing fallen trees and blocked roads following the recent snowfall. The Basingstoke area was particularly badly affected. The Hampshire CC Emergency website gives details and advice on school and road closures during bad weather: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/emergency>.

**Hampshire County Council's** Cabinet agreed a recommendation to the County Council to increase its council tax by 2.99 per cent at its forthcoming meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The proposed 2.99 per cent increase is lower than last year's increase and will mean Hampshire will to levy the second lowest council tax of any county council in the country. Alongside the **revenue budget**, the County Cabinet approved the **capital budget** for the coming financial year, with proposals for significant investment in Hampshire's economy, jobs and the quality of the environment, with projects totalling just under **£500million** over the next three years. This will see improvements to roads, bridges, walking and cycling infrastructure and school buildings (outlined below). Nationally, the number of vulnerable children and adults continues to rise, and Hampshire is no exception. The population of over 75 year olds is set to increase by 30 per cent over the next seven years - an extra 5,500 people a year who may well need social care support, to varying degrees. The number of children in care has increased by 372 (28 per cent) in the last three and a half years alone. While we have robust action plans in place to help contain this increase, especially to avoid the need for a child to come into care, there is no doubt this rise in the number of people needing our help is the biggest pressure the County Council faces.

The capital programme is a very significant investment in Hampshire's infrastructure, delivering schemes totalling £491.6 million between 2019 and 2022 and providing a big boost for the local economy. It will provide:-

- £160 million of investment in new and extended school buildings in Hampshire in the period 2019/20 to 2021/22 to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire
- £122 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years

- £72 million for integrated transport schemes including £9 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements
- £94 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings over the next three years

18-161 **District Councillors' Report:**

Cllr K Learney reported that the waste contract with Biffa is being extended for a year, and that the City Council is intending to provide door step glass collections from October. In the future the City Council will also be required to collect food waste. The Landscape contract is being extended for another 5 years, and that the city council are inviting the parishes to provide feedback on this and a number of other services, including the waste contract. For example: would it be an option to charge for green waste. Mrs A Neilson suggested that green bins could be used for garden waste instead of the bags. It was also noted that Test Valley provides bags of compost as part of their green waste strategy. Cllr K Learney reported that the City of Winchester Trust had attended a recent town forum and described their vision for Winchester. Mr R Warren raised a concern that the movement strategy policy for reduced cars in Winchester needs to consider the night time economy and the need for people to get in and out of Winchester during the evening. There was also some concern that the St George Street barriers might prevent people coming into Winchester. Cllr K Learney reported that the local plan refresh is still in progress and they are still waiting for the housing numbers. Mr Jon Biddlecombe asked if the City Council could provide any guidance on the Littleton design statement as he was concerned about getting it in place at the right time to be of use with the local plan.

18-162 **Sub-Committees and Other Reports**

**a) Finance:**

- i. The latest payments list for January was presented for consideration and, after some discussion, was accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Cllr K Learney, seconded by Mr J Biddlecombe and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £5,452.68 on the January payments schedule should be paid.**
- ii. It was identified that litter collection at Bradley Road playground was being done by both Winchester City Council playground inspection team and the grounds maintenance provider. It was agreed by the councillors that Mrs L Fielding would contact the playground inspection team and ask them to stop collecting litter at Bradley Rd.
- iii. Mrs L Fielding reported that the internal audit is arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> April, and the next finance meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Pavilion.
- iv. Mrs L Fielding reported that the signatories for the NS&I investment account were now out of date, and it was approved by the councillors that the new signatories would be Mrs J Burgess, Mr J Biddlecombe and Mrs L Fielding.
- v. Mrs L Fielding reported that the Parish Council had received CIL money for a property in Harestock and it was agreed that the councillors would make suggestions for how best to spend the money within the Harestock area.

**b) Environment:** Mr J Biddlecombe reported that the road sign at Rozelle Close is now in place. Cllr P Cunningham reported that a number of parishioners had identified car parking problems in South Drive, North Drive, Bercote Close and the Hallway, and that he had investigated with Neville Crisp from Winchester City Council with an on-site visit. As a result a proposal for white lines has been provided, and it is expected that the white lines will be painted in approximately 60 days.

**c) Playgrounds:** Mrs A Neilson now has a proposal in place to provide an area for teenagers aged 12-17 at the Littleton playground. There are two options, one similar to Bradley Rd ball games area, and another more modern “free running” area where teenager can jump between items of equipment which was felt to complement the adult fitness area. Mrs A Neilson stated that the cost of both options was approx. £20,000

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and that she is applying to Cllr Warwick for a grant to cover the cost. Cllr K Learney suggested that CIL funding from Winchester City Council might also be an option and that she could help to identify how it fits into the city strategy. Mrs A Neilson agreed to investigate if both the funding from Cllr Warwick and Winchester City CIL funding could be used to fund the equipment.

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**d) Millennium Memorial Hall:** A trustees meeting is planned for next week.

**e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** Mr J Biddlecombe reported that a new Sports Club agreement is currently being drafted. The volunteer who supports the Conservation area has asked if an extra cut at the cost of approximately £200 can be done in June to ensure that the wild flowers are not overrun with weeds. This was agreed by the Parish Councillors.

**f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Cllr P Cunningham reported that we are waiting to hear from the Hampshire Flood Risk Team regarding the response to the issues raised in a meeting with the residents of Pitter Close. Mrs L Fielding was asked to contact Cllr Warwick with regard to accident numbers on Andover Rd/Well House Lane Junction, and to raise an issue on the online system for improving the white lines at the junction.

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

18-163 **Parish Elections**

Cllr P Cunningham has received a letter of resignation from Mr George Sallis with immediate effect. Mr J Mead reported that he would not be standing for re-election due to other commitments. Mrs L Fielding provided hard-copies of the election packs for anyone who wished to stand on May 2nd, and reviewed some of the requirements for filling in the forms. In particular all nomination forms must be delivered in person, and it was agreed that Mrs L Fielding would make an appointment to do this on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, and that any councillors wishing to stand should deliver the forms to the clerk by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

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18-164 **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**

Nil.

18-165 **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock at 7.00pm.