

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 9 April 2018
at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton**

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

Also: Cllr J Warwick (HCC), Cllr A Weir (WCC) and two members of the public

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001** Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Weir (WCC), Mrs J Burgess, Mr D Fountain, Mrs A Neilson and PCSO Bidle sent their apologies.

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002** Declarations of Interest

Mr Cunningham stated that he has been chosen to stand in the forthcoming May WCC elections for Wonston and Micheldever as the Conservative candidate.

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003** Minutes of the meeting held 12 March 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 12 March were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Biddlecombe and seconded by Mr Warren that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 12 March 2018 be approved.**

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004** Matters Arising: Mr Cunningham mentioned that a new door recently purchased by the Parish Council for the red telephone kiosk in Littleton had now been affixed onto the kiosk. He also mentioned that the WCC led public consultation events for the Parish Council's Community Governance Review had been delayed until mid-May. This was because WCC were unable to guarantee delivery of written matter about these events to all local households in time for these scheduled public events in March before the canvassing period started for the WCC local elections. Finally, Mr Cunningham presented written confirmation of his candidacy as Chairman of the Parish Council for the next civic year (2018/19), as he would not be present at the next meeting in May when this would be decided. It had been agreed by the Parish Council in March that, as Mr Cunningham would not be at the May meeting, that it would accept his intention in writing and, if necessary, elect him in his absence in May if there were no others or insufficient support for other candidates who wished to be elected Chairman.

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

No report

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006** Public Participation

Local resident Pamela Myles asked whether the MoD could be asked to remove the plastic covers left on their ground from their many saplings planted on their land and which now litter that area adjacent to the boundary with the Littleton Recreation ground. A note would be sent to the barracks asking whether they can tidy these up.

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Police Report

PCSO Bidle produced the following report: This report details incidents from 10/03/2018 – 06/04/2018. Anti-Social Behaviour: 28/02/2018, Rewlands Drive NHW coordinator reporting incidents of “Nottingham knockers”. Police deployed, area search but no persons found. 03/03/2018, Priors Dean Road report of 15 people fighting, group dispersed prior to police arrival. 21/03/2018, Harestock garage reporting a group of people shouting and throwing items around. Police found items discarded in the road and established a house party that the group had left. Burglary in a dwelling: Between 14&15/02/2018, burglary reported Abbots Ann Road, garage broken into and property entered via internal door: Items stolen, under investigation. Between 14&15/02/2018, burglary discovered by police when attending another in Abbots Ann Road, no entry gained. Non-Dwelling Burglary: Between 14&15/02/2018 Garage broken into and 2 push bikes stolen, Winslade Road. Criminal Damage: No reports. Drugs: No reports. Theft from motor vehicle: No reports. Theft of pedal cycle: No reports. Theft of vehicle: No reports. If you have any information relating to the incidents above, please call us on 101. Alternatively if you have any information you wish to pass to us then again call us on 101, email on address below or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Also, in the wider area recently we have had a few reports of burglary; they have entered via insecure windows and doors. If everyone could please bear this in mind and make sure properties are secure.

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Planning

The planning schedule for March was circulated and discussed. WCC Enforcement had recently confirmed that, as regards the planning breach at Barclays in Littleton, the agent for that property had stated that a retrospective planning application would be submitted to cover the extra changes made there. This application, when received by WCC, would be objected to by the Parish Council as this will cover not only an extra dwelling not permitted by the original permission, but it is also an extra dwelling outside the permitted development envelope in the conservation area of the village. The Head of Development from WCC, Julie Pinnock and also the Head of WCC Planning Enforcement, David Townsend, would be attending the June Parish Council meeting to explain their roles and try to foster good working relations with the Parish. Mr Warren also mentioned that WCC are pressing ahead with creating new council housing at the top of Weeke estate where they currently have underused and poorly maintained vehicle garages adjacent to the boundary with Harestock. All local WCC Ward councillors supported this new development.

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Barton Farm Development

Mrs Saunders reported that at the last Barton Farm Forum meeting in March the northern end of the development now has 90 occupations. However, the creation and opening of the primary school has been delayed by twelve months to September 2020. A question was asked about whether it might be possible to bring forward the provision of community facilities on the development, but the answer given at that

meeting was that without the school premises this would be difficult. It was also agreed at the Forum that a formal request would be made of HCC for them to put right the many problems with the footpaths adjacent to the development on the Andover Road. There are plans for a bus service for the development eventually, but again, this is related to the housing occupancy numbers, so it may be some time before it comes into operation.

18- **Littleton & Harestock Show**

010 Mr Warren reported that at last month's show society meeting it was agreed that there would be a dedication ceremony on the Friday afternoon before the next show for the bench bought in memory of the former Chairman of the Show Society, Mr A Brookes. Details of this would be progressed and the Parish Council would be represented at it. The next show would definitely go ahead even though there are still some areas of difficulty. There is an electrical upgrade needed on the sports pavilion for the next show which is being sorted out. The Show Society AGM is set for 9 November but might go ahead without the usual dinner. The charity nominated to benefit this year from the show is the Hants & IOW Nature Trust

County Councillor's Report

18- Cllr Warwick reported that **Recycling:** HCC have publicly backed a deposit return scheme to boost recycling of drinks bottles and cans. Government ministers have announced that all drinks containers in England – whether plastic, glass or metal – will be covered by the scheme. Around 40 countries already have versions of the system, which typically charges a deposit that is refunded when consumers return the drinks container for recycling. This issue will be discussed at the forthcoming HCC Waste (Project Integra) meeting. **Potholes:** HCC has been awarded one-off £3M funding by Government towards fixing potholes. The most recent bad weather has incurred around £9m worth of damage and Cllr Humby has called for a long-term solution to tackle the problem of Hampshire's deteriorating roads. **Gender pay gap:** A report says women employed by Hampshire County Council are paid 18.7 per cent less than men - although the authority says the figures are because of its workforce profile. It says the Council does employ more women than it does men, but admits the majority have roles in its lower pay grades. Nevertheless 54 per cent of senior managerial roles are filled by women. Mr Biddlecombe asked whether there was any progress with improving the footpaths following the visit to Littleton by Cllr Warwick approximately 12 months ago. Cllr Warwick agreed to find out what is going on with this.

District Councillors' Report

18- Cllr Horrill reported that WCC is now in the "Purdah" period leading up to the local WCC elections on 3 May. Nonetheless, the sports and leisure project is still underway and there are discussions going on between WCC and HCC officers to draw conclusions from the many responses received on the Winchester Movement Strategy. There will

also be work undertaken over the summer to look at the waste disposal and grass cutting contracts in conjunction with East Hampshire District Council as these are due for renewal. There is also work underway to have large commercial waste bins moved off the main streets of Winchester city centre. Unfortunately, fly tipping continues to be happening, but WCC is trying to prosecute any found doing so. Finally, Cllr Horrill mentioned that she had been talking to Hyde Housing who own Paddock View in Littleton as a result of that organisation massively increasing its service charges to the tenants of Paddock View without any consultation with them first. Mr Biddlecombe suspected that the extra charges might be as a result of the installation of the replacement sewerage system at Paddock View that the Parish Council had had to pursue over several years. Cllr Horrill reiterated that WCC is more than happy to intervene in such cases even though it is not the landlord itself. Cllr Learney conveyed apologies from Cllr Weir who had to be elsewhere and also her thanks to the Parish Council for the £500 grant contribution towards the cost of operating the city night bus service. Cllr Learney was also pleased to report that there has been a significant increase in the usage of this service over the last 12 months and Stagecoach are also putting on other night services elsewhere locally. The night service usage will continue to be monitored by the Winchester Town Forum.

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Sub-Committees and Other Reports

a) **Finance:** The latest payments list for March was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Cllr Learney and seconded by Mr Mead and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £6,775.55 on the March payments schedule should be paid.** The Parish Clerk also mentioned that the annual local council accounting and governance return for the latest financial year (2017/18) needed to be approved by the whole parish council. Firstly, the annual governance statement 2017/18 also needed approval. This was done and unanimously supported. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Biddlecombe and seconded by Mr Sallis and RESOLVED – That the annual governance statement for 2017/18 be approved.** Secondly, the accounting statements needed approval. This was done and unanimously supported. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Sallis and seconded by Mr Biddlecombe and RESOLVED – That the annual accounting statements for 2017/18 be approved.** The Parish Council was also very pleased to accept a donation of £267.66 from the congregation of St Catherine's church in the last week for the maintenance of benches in the village and for which a formal vote of thanks was given. Finally, the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements were mentioned as coming into effect from early May for which the Parish Council has prepared its policy and the Parish Clerk has made sure all his records and data comply with the new GDPR. Mr Mead will be coming to the Parish Office on 16 April to install

encryption protocols on the Parish Council computer to further secure the electronic database as he is familiar with how to do this. All Parish Councillors were reminded to ensure that they only retain data that it is absolutely necessary for the performance of their roles and that it is kept securely.

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b) Environment: Mr Cunningham reported that HCC is hosting a meeting in their offices on 23 April to discuss progress on the flood alleviation project for north Winchester at which he would be present on behalf of the Parish.

c) Playgrounds: Mrs Saunders reported that quotes for small maintenance jobs identified in the recent annual inspection are being obtained and soil is being put around areas where it has eroded. Possible new equipment purchases are also now being considered as we are now in the new financial year, including a new piece of adult exercise equipment. The helpers on the flowerbeds outside the Harestock shops have been asked to carry on with their voluntary efforts there, which are much appreciated by the Parish Council. Any large work there will be carried out by our grounds maintenance contractors. Work to have the posters made into permanent signs continues.

d) Millennium Memorial Hall: Next meeting in six weeks.

e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground: A water leak in the roof cavity of the pavilion has been addressed which will require some redecoration as the ceiling has been damaged.

f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering: The remedial work on the frontage outside the Harestock shops is still awaited from WCC; this will be chased once again by Cllr Learney. The Parish Council's Emergency plan was brought up to date by Mr S Burgess.

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g) Pond/island opposite: Nil

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

014 Mr Cunningham had asked all Parish Councillors at the last Parish Council meeting to consider whether they wished to continue with their present areas of responsibility for 2018/19. All had not done so and wished to see the current list of areas of responsibility which would be sent out to them by the Parish Clerk.

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18- **Date of Next Meeting: The Annual Parish Assembly**

015 Monday 14 May 2018 in the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton at 7.30pm; flyers are to be printed and distributed to all residents to notify them of this annual event.