

# HURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hursley Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs E Bell in the Chair  
Mrs A Apps  
Mr M Arthur  
Mr G Rees  
Dr J O'Sullivan  
Mr M. Waldron

In attendance: Mr J. L. Brooks, Clerk to the Council.

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## APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs J Warwick The Viscount Lifford, Cllr Mr P Bailey, Cllr Mr B Laming

## NOT PRESENT

Mr J Winchester

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## MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016, which had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

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## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016,

- a) Bus shelter repairs at Pitt and Standon. The work had been completed.
- b) Recreation ground equipment. An order had been placed. Delivery and installation was scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016. A prior meeting would be held with the installer to agree siting.
- c) Vale Farm Standby Generator proposal – The Clerk reported that after consultation with members he made an objection on traffic grounds. Mrs Bell had circulated an objection made by Mr Nick Molden, from Pitt, who was an expert in Diesel Emissions.
- d) Parish Council website – Application had been made for a grant from the Transparency Fund to cover the cost and additional time spent by the Clerk on set up.
- e) Incursion from 37 Meredun Close – The Clerk had written to the residents on 24<sup>th</sup> August proposing a solution and was awaiting a response to the letter. Mr Arthur drew attention to the downpipe outside the fence from the gutter on the shed which he considered to be unsightly. After discussions the clerk was instructed to write again to the residents requiring the downpipe to be relocated inside the fence and the fence heightened to hide the shed and also requiring a response to the clerk's letter prior to the next council meeting.

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**PLANNING**

The Chair decided to bring this item forward in the Agenda.

- a) The schedule of applications and decisions ([attached](#)) was noted.
- b) Pitt Vale update. Winchester City Council had refused planning permission and it was not yet known if the developers would appeal. Mrs Bell noted that subsequently notification had been received from the Planning Inspectorate that the Winchester Local Plan Part 2 had been found to be sound which lessened the likelihood that the Pitt Vale site could be considered necessary to fulfil the district's housing requirements.
- c) Applications to be considered.

| Ref. No.     | Proposal/Address   |
|--------------|--|
| 16/01859/FUL | Conversion of roof space to form habitable accommodation of dormer windows. 18 Port Lane Hursley |

The applicants, Mr & Mrs J Hollingsworth, were present and the chair invited them to speak. After discussion and questions to the applicants it was decided to make no comment in respect of the application.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Brooks again raised the question of maintenance of the Parish Hall. Mr Waldron said that he understood that a quote for repair and continuing maintenance of the roof had been accepted. Mrs Apps explained that there had not been a meeting of the PHMC since the last Parish Council meeting but she would let councillors know when this was scheduled and communicate the Parish Council's concerns about maintenance etc. These included:-

**ACTION:  
AA**

- No apparent maintenance of the land between the Archie Heath Room and the storage shed which was consequently overgrown and unsightly.
- Thick, slippery moss growth on tarmac by storage shed.
- Bushes etc growing low over the path beside the hall.
- The short section of hedge on the corner of Church Lane and the main road should be kept to the same height as the fence.
- Lack of a flush button in the female WCs.
- Apparent arbitrary heating in the Archie Heath room – it had been on during several recent hot days making use uncomfortable.
- The fallen acoustic panel in the main hall (Mrs Apps understood this was to be reinstated when the hall was decorated – councillors asked if there was a firm date for this)
- Overflowing guttering/rainwater hoppers both sides of main entrance.
- The PHMC noticeboard should be refurbished with new acrylic glazing as the existing glazing had become almost opaque. PHMC meetings should be publicised thereon, but in the interim the Parish Council noticeboard could be used.

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**POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk reported that the Police.uk website had only been updated to show incidents in June 2016. He had produced a summary which is [attached](#) hereto.

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## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mr Bailey had sent apologies.

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## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mrs Bell, Mrs Warwick and Mr Laming had circulated a report as follows;

**River Park Leisure Centre** Winchester City Council's Cabinet and Council have agreed that a replacement for the 40-year-old River Park Leisure Centre, proposed at Bar End in Winchester, should have a 50m swimming pool, 12-court sports hall, four squash courts, a fitness gym with studios, a hydrotherapy pool and other state-of-the-art facilities.

The key decision means that the project can progress to the next stage - preparing a formal business case that assesses the crucial issue of funding alongside elements such as land ownership, transport and commissioning building designs.

*Mrs Bell commented that the future of the existing facility should be carefully considered at the same time.*

**Transport Board** - Winchester City Council is setting up a new group to review transport issues across the district. The Winchester District Transport Board will be led by key members and officers and will focus on how to deliver the aims and objectives set out in the Council's Community Strategy. It will also consider transport-related issues in Portfolio Holder Plans, strategies and policies and the delivery of major projects as well as enabling stakeholders to raise issues of concern.

### **St Maurice's Covert and the Casson Block**

WCC aims to improve the presentation of St Maurice's Covert and the Casson Block on St George's Street. The Covert is a covered passageway that links the High Street with the Wessex Hotel, Winchester Cathedral and the public toilets at Market Lane. It is sometimes criticised for its poor lighting, the number of commercial bins around it and lack of interpretation of its historic past. The Casson scheme will see an extension to the usable area outside the businesses, renewed lighting and the installation of planters to make the area more appealing for pedestrians and customers, as well as those passing by on St George's Street. The existing shrubs, previously a fountain, to the east of the building, will also be removed with plans to provide an area for public art.

### **Station Approach**

New designs will be sought for the multi-million-pound redevelopment of Station Approach in Winchester. The City Council's Cabinet agreed to seek fresh plans for creating offices, shops, homes, parking and public spaces at the Cattle Market and Carfax sites near the railway station. The original architectural competition did not produce consensus over the leading design and members were not convinced that it could be adapted sufficiently within procurement rules. New designs for Station Approach are likely to be sought by advertising for an architect instead of through a design competition and will involve the Royal Institute of British Architects' (RIBA) Competition Office.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Conservation Volunteers – Request for grant in respect of the conservation of chalk grassland at Pitt Down.

The Clerk reported that after consultation with councillors he had indicated the Parish Council's support the application to Winchester City Council for a grant in respect of the project. After discussion it was RESOLVED that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, authorises the following expenditure under sub-section 3 of that Section: - The Conservation Volunteers (Registered Charity No. 261009). Grant of £100.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Council received a copy of the financial statement. See copy [attached](#) to these minutes. Authority was given for the payments listed.

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**RECREATION GROUND & ENVIRONMENT**

Play Safety Report. The Clerk had circulated a report and recommendations ([attached](#)) following inspection by members of the committee accompanied by the Clerk.

After discussion it was decided to accept the recommendations made, as follows:-

**Seating etc:** Secure to ground front right leg of seat nearer main road.  
Tighten all bolts on circular table/seat set with Allen Key.

**Gate Hinge Post:** Monitor - no action at present.

**Signage:** Monitor - no action at present.

**Basketball Post:** Provide a notice as required. Purchase replacement net.

**Train:** Monitor condition of wood.

**Football goal post:** Re-erect with concrete bases in existing position.

**Worn Ground in front thereof:** Cut out worn area and re-turf.

**Swings:** Bolt missing – ordered and awaiting delivery.

**Soft Surface crumbling.** Already repaired by supplier.

**Huck Nets Multi-Swing.** Loose fixing had been tightened.

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**ALLOTMENTS AND CEMETERY**

Nothing to report.

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**MAINTENANCE OF MEREDUN CLOSE OPEN AREAS.**

Problems which has been identified were mainly in respect of the area between the area at the end of Meredun Close and the path to Church Lane:-

- Rough area under the yew tree - (adjacent to incursion mentioned above) – brambles growing along the ground below mower height required digging out and the area clearing up to allow mowing.
- Laurels along the path need cutting back again.
- Tree branches touching the Mausoleum.
- Shrubs beside the wall to the higher parking area overhanging both old and new path.

**ACTION:  
MA/MW**

It was agreed that all these matters needed attention but Mr Arthur suggested that he should first approach HVCA to discover whether they might be able to do some or all of the work. Mr Waldron mentioned that he knew a reliable contractor who could be approached if necessary.

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**LENGTHSMAN – NEXT VISIT**

Weed growth on frontages – It was agreed that the lengthsmen should be asked to spray pavements throughout the village where weed growth was becoming a problem. He should then be asked to trim the verge/ hedge behind the railings at the south end of Main Road and finally to cut back brambles, nettles etc encroaching on footpaths from Standon to Hursley village, from Badger Farm Roundabout to Pitt and on Main Road A3090 from Poles Lane to end of the pavement at Hursley Road junction.

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**TRAFFIC & HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

Mr Arthur raised the problem of parking on pavements in the village and a lengthy discussion ensued. It was accepted that the problems arose only when people parked inconsiderately; sufficient room must be left on the pavement for wheelchairs or buggies to pass without going on to the road.

It was agreed that the assistance of the PCSO and Neighbourhood Warden should be sought. It was also suggested that notes should be placed on windscreens but the clerk suggested that he should check the legal situation before this was done.

**ACTION:  
Clerk  
107/14**

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

- a) Parish Hall – see under 96/16 above.
- b) Parish Plan. Mr Arthur reported that an open evening was to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September in the main hall. It was agreed that Mrs Bell should use the Chair's allowance to fund refreshments up to an extra £150.

*(Post meeting note – open evening meeting postponed to later date – TBC)*

**ACTION:  
MA/MW**

- c) Emergency/Flood Plan – Contact details etc needed to be finalised for the flood plan. Mr Arthur and Mr Waldron would liaise to producing a schedule of necessary maintenance works. In this connection, the Clerk offered to supply a set of maps of Poles Lane.

The Clerk reported that he had accompanied Mr Waldron to inspect the new temporary entrance to Bunstead Barns when it had been found that the culvert pipes on the widened part were too small. This had been reported to Hampshire County Council's highways engineer; she had contacted the developer who had agreed to increase the culvert size. She had also agreed to instruct workmen to clear the culvert on the north side of Poles Lane to the west of Bunstead Barns.

d) Other reports

Mr Waldron congratulated Mt Arthur on the quality of the mowing in the churchyard.

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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ROAD CLOSURE.**

Mrs Bell reported that she would be putting this in hand very shortly.

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**NEXT MEETING**

14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm