

# HURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Hursley Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs E Bell in the Chair  
Mrs A Apps  
Cllr Mrs J Warwick  
Mr M Arthur  
The Viscount Lifford  
Mr G Rees  
Mr M. Waldron

In attendance: Mr J. L. Brooks, Clerk to the Council, Cllr Mr P Bailey (from 9.30)

### **110/16      APOLOGIES**

Dr J O'Sullivan, Mr J Winchester (on business trip – reason approved), Cllr Mr B Laming

### **111/16      MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016, which had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### **112/16      MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016,**

- ACTION/  
Clerk
1. Incursion from 37 Meredun Close – The Clerk reported that the residents had agreed to remove the downpipe and raise the fence to hide the shed, and he would be preparing a letter recording the arrangement shortly.
  2. Pavement parking – Mr Arthur asked what progress had been made in respect of the plan to deliver letters to offending car owners, and placing leaflets on cars. The Clerk had not yet contacted our PCSO, Michelle Wilkinson but would do so immediately.

### **113/16      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Brooks

1. Congratulated Mrs Bell on the organisation of the road closure for Remembrance Sunday. Mrs Bell paid tribute to the generous assistance from John Quigley and his firm R&W and the cooperation of IBM.
2. Said how pleased she was to see the hall roof repaired, and the flush in the ladies toilet. She asked about the water leak and decorations and Mrs Apps confirmed that these matters were in hand. She also mentioned that because the key to the Millennium Notice Board had been lost and the acrylic had become badly clouded it had been decided to buy 2 new boards to be placed on the wall by the defibrillator. Mrs Bell observed that this would not be readily visible from the main road, and suggested that to abandon what had been a very expensive board because of a lost key was not acceptable and suggested that a new lock be fitted and the acrylic replaced.

ACTION Mrs Apps to pass comments to HPHMC.

3. Mrs Brooks also asked about the situation in relation to the hall Holding Trustees, having been asked to do so by one of them. Mrs Bell recalled the situation being raised some years ago without resolution and it was agreed that further consideration should be given to the issue.

**114/16**

**POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk produced a summary of crimes reported during September 2016 (the most recent available) which is attached hereto.

**115/16**

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

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

**1. Boundary Commission –meeting update**

The Chairs of the five Parish Councils in the Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery Ward met with District Councillors to consider their response following the publication of the Boundary Commission for England's initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

The Boundary Commission has proposed that Colden Common, Twyford, Compton, Otterbourne and Hursley should fall under the Test Valley Constituency. Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery will remain with the Winchester MP although all the Parishes will be part of the same District Ward under Winchester City Council.

There was general agreement at the meeting that all the Parishes within our District Ward would like to remain within the Winchester Constituency due to the strong local transport, education and planning links with the City of Winchester and between each Parish. The deadline for a response to the Boundary Commission is 5th December.

**2. Christmas arrangements in Winchester**

Winchester's arrangements for Christmas are well under way with extended operating hours for the Park & Ride, the use of parking marshals to help guide traffic and reduce congestion. There will also be an electronic indicators to show the availability of parking spaces across the city. Details for the Christmas Lights Switch on 17th November can also be found on the site below.

For further information: <http://www.christmasinwinchester.co.uk/>

**3. Leaf Clearance in Hursley**

The easterly aspect of Main Road from Southend Close to the traffic lights is on the priority leaf clearance list (three additional sweeps to the regular 13 week clearance). The leaf "hit squad" so will attend to the opposite side adjacent to the railings as this less accessible. Any issues here can be reported via the WCC website at any time.

**4. Bushfield Camp**

Community Drop in event open to everyone:

**Tuesday, 13 December 2016 – 2:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Location:** The Middle Brook Centre, Middle Brook Street, Winchester

Bushfield is a former military site of 43 hectares (20 of which were occupied by the military camp) on the southern edge of the city of Winchester. The derelict ruins include the camp armoury, blast pens, a firing range and a number of other structures, although the camp has not been in use for over half a century.

The site is allocated for employment land in Winchester City Council's Local Plan, with the intention of creating new, high value jobs for Winchester's skilled workforce.

*Policy WT3 limits the total development area to 20 hectares of land, prioritising the use of the previously occupied area. There is also a policy requirement to secure and lay out for public use the undeveloped part of the site for recreational purposes in perpetuity, while allowing for strategic landscaping.*

The site of Bushfield Camp was requisitioned for military training use before the start of World War II. Building the camp took from May till November 1939 at a cost of £100,000. During the late 1940s, the Rifle Brigade and the King's Royal Rifle Corps jointly ran the camp. National servicemen trained here in the 1950s, and the Royal Green Jackets moved in while their barracks in Winchester were refurbished in 1961-1964.

Ownership of the camp returned to the Church Commissioners in the late 1970s.

The Bushfield Down Supporters Group formed in the early 2000s. They initially sought to preserve public rights of way across Bushfield Down. An application to register Bushfield Camp as a town or village green (TVGA) was taken through the courts before finally being rejected at the Court of Appeal in 2014. If successful, village green status would have preserved Bushfield Camp for recreational use.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Winchester First Responders: Request for grant to cover concessionary cost of hiring Archie Heath Room for monthly meetings (£15 per meeting).

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: -

Winchester First Responders; Grant of £15 per meeting held in Archie Heath Room of the Hursley Parish Hall during the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

- b) Mrs S Hildebrandt – suggestions for maintenance/improvement works.

## ACTION Clerk

After discussion it was agreed that the railings at the south end of the village should be painted. Mrs Hildebrandt's views relating to the railings outside the Post Office and at the War Memorial were noted but not agreed because both sets were galvanised and painting was unnecessary and would create a continuing maintenance liability. As regards a small litter bin by the Post Office it was felt that this too would create a liability for emptying, and in any event it was noted that Mr Master had taken to placing such a bin immediately outside the shop whilst it was open.

## 117/16

### **PLANNING**

- a) The schedule of applications and decisions ([attached](#)) was noted.
- b) LPP2 Consultation. Mrs Bell explained that the latest consultation exercise did not impact on Hursley being concerned with traveller's sites and detailed wording of other provisions. The settlement boundaries remained as previously determined.

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c) Informal Consultation re The Old Vicarage

Mrs Warwick explained that she and her husband had submitted an application for remodelling the access from Church Lane, a new garage and a summer house, though it had not yet been registered by Winchester City Council. It would in any event have to be determined by the Planning Committee because of her position as a City Councillor. She showed plans of the proposal and explained that it had been the subject of detailed discussions with the Conservation Officers who had encouraged the relocation of the main entrance to the position it had been in John Keble's time, and indeed until about 30 years ago.

She then left the meeting whilst the proposal was discussed by members.

Some concern was expressed about the effect on available space for car parking in Church Lane but it was noted that the new entrance would be above the existing "No parking beyond this point" sign. After discussions it was generally felt that the council would be unlikely to wish to comment on the application.

Mrs Warwick re-joined the meeting.

d) Applications to be considered.

Ref. No.	Proposal/Address
16/02280/FUL	Proposed new dwelling on land adjoining 119 Bunstead La
16/02252/LIS	To fit a sun tube measuring 10" diameter at rear of property 97A Main Road Hursley Winchester Hampshire SO21 2JY
16/02100/FUL.	Creation of an overflow parking area Bunstead Barns Poles Lane

After discussion it was decided to make no comment in respect of these applications.

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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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**TO NOTE THAT THE 2015/2016 AUDIT RETURN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY BDO WITHOUT ANY ISSUES ARISING.**

The Council noted this fact and congratulated the Clerk on a satisfactory outcome.

**120/16**

**PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET FOR 2017/18**

The Clerk had circulated a spreadsheet showing the current and projected financial situation. After discussions, and bearing in mind a recent government consultation concerning the extension of referendum rules to the local council tier of government it was decided that the council should endeavour to maintain the Precept (including Council Tax Support Grant) at £19,000 for 2017/18, and to press on with various planned but unstarted projects if possible before the end of the financial year.

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## **SUGGESTIONS FOR EXPENDITURE TO FINANCIAL YEAR END**

Suggestions included:-

Refurbishment of Parish Council noticeboards.

New noticeboard at Pitt

Lighting the path through the churchyard to Church Lane.

Repainting the railings at the south end of the village.

A reserve for additional WW1 commemoration events.

A reserve for expenditure necessary to develop the Parish Plan

Possible reprinting of the “Hursley 2000” books written by Stan Rawdon.

**122/16**

## **WINCHESTER HALF MARATHON (FEEDBACK REPORT)**

Mrs Bell reported on her discussions with Winchester City Council and the race organiser, Chris Rees of The Rees Leisure Group. It was apparent that neither had given any real consideration to the effects on residents and businesses within the parish and that the problems had been exacerbated by overzealous traffic management. Mrs Bell had assembled a portfolio of the problems caused and had supplied this to Winchester City Council and Mr Chris Rees before their Safety Advisory Review meeting. She understood that a similar event was already planned and taking bookings for next year.

Additionally to Mrs Bell’s list, Cllr George Rees made special mention of the problems caused to farmers by insufficiently notified and inconsiderate road closures which had interfered with harvest traffic.

After discussions it was agreed that Mr Chris Rees should be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting as soon as possible with a view to demonstrating that a fully worked up plan existed to address all the concerns that had been expressed.

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## **RECREATION GROUND & ENVIRONMENT**

- a) Verge Cutting and Wild Flowers. This item was deferred to a later meeting.
- b) Play Equipment. Mrs Bell reported that the new equipment had been installed and appeared to be well received.

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## **ALLOTMENTS AND CEMETERY**

Mr Waldron reported that all the allotments save one were well maintained. The hedge round the Cooper plot was now looking very well as a result of twice yearly trimming.

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## **TRAFFIC & HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

Mr Bailey was looking into the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit by the school.

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## **PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY CHANGES**

Mrs Bell and Mrs Warwick had met with representatives of the other neighbouring parishes which were proposed to be moved from the Winchester constituency to Romsey and Southampton North, and a paper produced by

**126/16** Adrian Walmsley for Compton and Shawford Parish Council had been circulated.  
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**ACTION** Mrs Bell/Mrs Warwick  
After discussion it was agreed that Mrs Bell and Mrs Warwick be authorised to submit representations on behalf of the Parish Council making the case for Hursley to remain within the Winchester constituency. It was considered that parishes to the north of Winchester which all bordered the Romsey constituency would be more appropriately moved.

**127/16** **HAMPSHIRE DEVOLUTION**  
Mrs Bell reported that proposals for devolution were in a state of flux with little agreement between authorities outside the Portsmouth - Gosport - Southampton "Solent City" conglomerate.

Winchester City Council were to hold a briefing meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December to report their view, and to discuss the budget for 2017/2018.

**128/16** **NHT PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE SURVEY 2016**  
The Clerk had circulated a web link to this survey which all elected members were encouraged to complete.

**129/14** **REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**  
a) Parish Hall – This had been largely dealt with under Item 113/16 above but Mrs Apps confirmed that she had sent the September minutes of the HPHMC meeting to the clerk for circulation and publication on the Parish Council website. Further matters of interest were that squirrels had eaten the lead flashings over the Archie Heath Room which therefore needed replacing with a cheaper alternative; the nursery school rent was under review; hall redecoration and toilets refurbishment was planned but needed to be done outside nursery term times.

Mr Arthur hoped that fridge in the hall could be removed. It did not sit well with the use of the hall for other functions. He also requested that consideration be given to professional cleaning of the upholstery on the folding chairs which were now quite dirty.

Mrs Bell criticised the fact that the outside gate to the area outside the main hall external doors was permanently secured with a cycle lock. This not only detracted from the appearance but because it was never removed restricted use of the area by other hirers. It was requested that consideration be given to a different means of securing the gate to ensure the children's safety, which should be removed out of nursery hours.

Mrs Bell reported receipt of an email from Miss Jane Ellaby who had noticed that the millennium tapestry in the Archi Heath Room was unattributed. Her mother, the late Mrs Dora Ellaby, had organised the parishioners who had stitched the individual panels and had put them together to make the finished article. She offered to provide a brass plaque commemorating her mother's part in this. Mrs Bell noted that the tapestry was originally accompanied by two A4 diagrams, mounted and glazed, which set out the names of the individual locations and the identities of the original embroiderers. This had disappeared and a search should be instigated. It was agreed that there would be no objection to a brass plaque recording Mrs Ellaby's leading of the

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project, but it should also make reference to the fact that a large number of other parishioners had contributed.

- b) Parish Plan. Mr Arthur reported that the proposed open evening had not been proceeded with as it was thought that insufficient preparation had been carried out. He had assembled a “steering group” of interested people and would report further in due course.
- c) Emergency/Flood Plan –  
HVV Emergency Resilience event.- The Community Resilience event 2016 will be held on Friday 18th November, Ordnance Survey, Explorer House, Adanac Drive, Southampton.

ACTION Mr  
Arthur

The Flood Action Group had met and the minutes had been circulated ([attached](#)). Mr Arthur and Mrs Warwick had nearly completed updating the contacts list and Mr Waldron and Mr Baker would shortly be inspecting the ditches etc in Poles Lane now that the hedges had been cut. The group had recommended the purchase of high-viz jackets, traffic cones and warning signs and this was agreed in principle. Mr Arthur agreed to circulate the finally completed plan for approval prior to the next meeting.

- d) Other reports

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

**130/16**

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mr Bailey reported as follows.

As previously reported I have warned of the closure of Waste Recycling sites on a Thursday, the late opening at 11 0’clock and the payment of fees for certain types of material.

Despite assurances from the Conservative administration that households will be little impacted by the charges, I have been contacted by a number of residents who seem to have been caught out by the garden material that they have taken down to the sites.

This material that caused the charging consists of broken pot plants and tiles and builders waste that is dug up from gardens when people are trying to improve their gardens. They have been surprised to have been charged £2.50 for the privilege of trying to dispose of the items in the correct way.

One resident refused to pay and left the site with his material, he was also concerned that there appeared to be no warning and no signage.

As you may have seen in the press there has been some back-tracking on the policy and indications are that the charging may be illegal. Let us see what happens.

Additionally Cllr Bailey mentioned that he had some County Councillor’s Grant left which he would be pleased to allocate to the purchase of the safety kit mentioned above.

He had also been informed that technical assessments were under way with a view to revising the drainage arrangements to enable removal of the sand bag dam at Pitt.

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**NEXT MEETING**

9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm