

HURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hursley Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Monday 9th January 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs E Bell in the Chair
Mrs A Apps
Cllr Mrs J Warwick (from 7.50 pm)
Mr M Arthur
The Viscount Lifford
Dr J O'Sullivan
Mr G Rees

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

001/17 APOLOGIES

Mr M. Waldron (unwell), Mr J Winchester (business trip abroad) – Cllr Mr B Laming

002/17 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2016, which had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

003/17 WINCHESTER HALF MARATHON UPDATE

Mr Chris Rees of Rees Leisure was present by invitation, and summarised his understanding of the problems caused by the 2016 event and the changes proposed for 2017 – scheduled for Sunday 24th September.

He confirmed that the same route would be used thus requiring, inter alia, closure of Sparsholt Road from the Crab Wood cross roads to the A3090, closure of Port Lane, closure of the A3090 to northbound traffic from the King's Head car park to Sparsholt Lane, with southbound traffic being controlled by stop-go boards at the Sparsholt Lane/A3090 junction, and southbound traffic directed onto the northbound carriageway from that point as far as the King's Head car park. Northbound traffic from south of the village would be diverted via Poles Lane, Otterbourne Hill and Badgers Farm Road.

Different sub-contractors would be employed to marshal traffic and they would be clearly instructed not to turn away traffic seeking to access the village south of the King's Head.

He acknowledged that much better communications were needed including

- improved advance warning signs (bespoke A frames) put widely in place well before the event,
- a redesigned information leaflet, checked on behalf of the Parish Council, and much more widely distributed,
- information provided for publication on the Parish Council and village websites, and in the Parish Magazine via the Rev Prescott (Mrs Bell

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confirmed that the event would again coincide with Harvest Festival at All Saints’)

Following comment from the floor, Mr Rees agreed that northbound cyclists could safely share Port Lane with runners.

Mrs Bell thanked Mr Rees for attending and looked forward to receiving advance particulars of the 2017 event.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14th NOVEMBER 2016,

- a. Incursion from 37 Meredun Close – The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr and Mrs Hale just before Christmas with a revised agreement and awaited a response. He would chase this. Failing a reasonably prompt response it was felt that the offer should be withdrawn and removal of the shed, fence and any other incursion should be required. It might be necessary to instruct solicitors
- b. Pavement parking –PCSO Michelle Wilkinson had advised that “*polite letters from the Parish Council tucked under the windscreen wipers would make the registered owner/insured party aware of their inconsiderate parking and hopefully improve the parking situation. Please encourage residents to phone 101 if vehicles are completely blocking the pathway.*” It was agreed that an appropriate letter and flier to be placed on windscreens should be drafted.
- c. Hall Holding Trustees. The Clerk reported that following a change in the law it now seemed appropriate that the PHMC be asked to investigate converting to a “Charitable Incorporated Organisation”. This would enable the PHMC to hold the lease itself and Holding Trustees would not be needed. He recommended that the Parish Council in due course should agree to an assignment of the lease from the existing holding trustees to the new CIO. Mrs Apps would raise this matter at the next PHMC meeting on 18th January.
- d. Recreation ground repairs and Notice Board refurbishment – The Clerk would continue to seek a quote from Mr Holmes who had done previous satisfactory work in the recreation ground. He would also seek recommendations from other Parish Councils. As regards a new notice board at Pitt, councillors expressed a preference for durable hardwood rather than aluminium/plastic.
- e. Repainting railings at south end of village– The clerk had been unable to find a local contractor willing to quote so would approach Hampshire Highways for their advice.
- f. Refrigerator in Hall – Mr Arthur repeated his concern about the placing of the refrigerator in the hall itself. Mrs Apps confirmed that the PHMC had considered this point but felt that the needs of the nursery took precedence because of their importance to the hall’s income. The nursery were usually very cooperative in catering to the needs of other users.

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QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

Mrs Brooks wished the councillors a Happy New Year, and Mr Killeen thanked the council for agreeing the grant to the First Responders to cover the cost of room hire in the Parish Hall.

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POLICE REPORT

The Clerk produced a summary of crimes reported during November 2016 from the Police.uk website (the most recent available) which is attached hereto.

It was generally thought that a similar summary of traffic accidents would be useful. The Clerk was asked to inquire if the information could be provided by the police.

Mrs Warwick drew attention to a website “CrashMap”. This is commercial and requires payment for detailed information and is updated only yearly following publication of the data by the DoT.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

Bushfield Camp

Details of the Deloitte's December presentation are now available on the Winchester City Council website at

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/major-sites/bushfield-camp/>. The Commissioners have outlined plans for an employment and innovation campus creating well paid job opportunities. The natural area will continue to be accessible to the public. The site is reasonably well served by public transport and there is an aim to improve cycle and bus routes. Further information is expected in the spring. Specific enquiries may be addressed to

Bushfield@deloitte.co.uk

Parking Charges

WCC has recommended increasing the differentials between charges at car parks in the centre, inner and outer rings (Park and Ride) from 1st April. Visitors will be able to park in the centre for more than 4 hours however they will be required to pay a premium charge to do so. This should discourage drivers staying more than 4 hours from central car parks as the other tariffs are much lower. The Council will look at improving the Park and Ride service by investing in additional buses.

Leisure Centre

The purchase of the Garrison Ground at Bar End by Winchester City Council from Tesco is now complete. The Council can now consider this area as an option for the location of the city's new community sports and leisure centre.

Best places to live

The local authority District of Winchester scooped the top spot according to the Halifax Quality of Life Survey. The Orkney Islands took second place, followed by Wychavon in Worcestershire, the Derbyshire Dales and Hambleton in North Yorkshire. Halifax economist Martin Ellis said Winchester residents enjoyed the best quality of life in the UK, due to a higher than average weekly earnings, a low crime rate and good health.

Real Christmas Trees will be collected as part of the garden waste service in the week commencing 9th January 2017.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been received.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. *Miss J Ellaby – Re. possible brass plaque on millennium Embroidery.* No further contact had been received from Miss Ellaby and the PHMC had been unable to throw light on the whereabouts of the previous notice with names of embroiderers. Nevertheless the PHMC had no objection to a plaque being attached to the frame.
2. *Winchester City Council – consultation re Collins Lane phone box.* The Clerk had registered interest in adopting the box but it was noted that much needed to be clarified included details as to land ownership and that use and maintenance after any such adoption would need to be addressed. There had been a suggestion that HVCA or individual volunteers might take this on. It was suggested that the clerk should contact other Parish Councils to seek advice. (Note: Longstock Parish Council apparently have adopted a box)

Test Valley Borough Council – Proposed Lorry Restriction in the King's Somborne and Braishfield Area. It was noted that this would restrict through heavy traffic from Standon towards Braishfield but would not restrict traffic requiring access. It was being imposed to protect against excessive traffic from a wood chipping business in Up Somborne.

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PLANNING

- a) The schedule of applications and decisions ([attached](#)) was noted.
- b) Applications to be considered.

Ref. No.	Proposal/Address
16/03480/LIS and 16/02031/FUL	Single storey extension at rear to create new bed-sitting room. Modification to existing bathroom to create en-suite off new bed-sit room. New bathroom at first floor with access from existing landing. New mini sewage treatment works to replace existing septic tank. St Catherine's Cottage 146 Ladwell

After discussion it was decided to make no comment in respect of this application.

The council also noted the recent receipt of an application to erect a single storey extension at 21 Meredun Close. This appeared to be uncontroversial.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Council received a copy of a revised financial statement ([attached](#)) to the end of October 2016, correcting a typographical error in respect of a payment to Southern Water. This was approved. The financial statement to the end of December 2016 could not be approved because the bank statements had not yet been received, but authority was given for the payments listed. (see [copy](#) attached)

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SUGGESTIONS FOR EXPENDITURE TO FINANCIAL YEAR END

It was agreed that the following provisional sums should be set aside for the projects listed:-

Refurbishment of Parish Council noticeboards.	£ 1,000
New noticeboard at Pitt	£ 1,000
Lighting the path through the churchyard to Church Lane.	£ 2,000
Repainting the railings at the south end of the village.	£ 2,000
A reserve for additional WW1 commemoration events.	£ 2,000
A reserve for expenditure necessary to develop the Parish Plan	£ 2,000
Possible reprinting of the "Hursley 2000" books written by Stan Rawdon	£ 1,000
Beacon at Farley Mount as part of Final National WW1 Tribute on 11 th November 2018	£ 500
Refurbishment of cast iron fingerpost at Standon Triangle	£1,000
Provision of second speed limit reminder sign	£3,000

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FINAL DETERMINATION OF BUDGET FOR 2017/18

The Clerk had circulated an updated [spreadsheet](#) showing the current and projected financial situation. After discussion the Council resolved to precept on Winchester City Council for the sum of £18,315 (Note: Council Tax Support Grant would also be received in the sum of £685)

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RECREATION GROUND & ENVIRONMENT

- a) Verge Cutting and Wild Flowers. This item had been deferred and related to Oliver's Battery Parish Council's wish to create a wild flower area. In respect of Hursley parish, Mr Arthur suggested that the land between Poles Lane and the wall to Southend Close might be utilised and HVCA might be interested in taking this on. It is Highways land so Hampshire County Council would need to approve.

- b) The Rights of Way Vegetation Priority Cutting Lists for 2017. The Clerk had circulated this as received from Hampshire County Council Rights of Way East. He was instructed to ask for the inclusion of the permissive path to Ladwell.

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ALLOTMENTS AND CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that one burial of ashes had taken place during December 2016.

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TRAFFIC & HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Referring to the lack of traffic accident records following the closure of the accident log on the HVI website, the clerk agreed to keep a log on the Parish Council website. Parishioners are invited to pass details of accidents they are aware of to the Clerk.

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017/17	<u>PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY CHANGES - UPDATE</u> Nothing to report
018/17	<u>HAMPSHIRE DEVOLUTION</u> Nothing to report
019/17	<u>NHT PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE SURVEY 2016</u> The Clerk had circulated a web link to this highways survey which all elected members were encouraged to complete.
020/17	<u>REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parish Hall – This had been largely dealt with under Item 004/17 above but Mrs Apps confirmed that a general clean-up had been rescheduled for 21st January 2017. b) Parish Plan. Mr Arthur reported that the “steering group” were progressing well towards a date for a launch event on afternoon of Saturday 25th March 2017 c) Emergency/Flood Plan – Mr Arthur reported that the plan was complete except for a maintenance schedule which he hoped to complete very shortly in consultation with Mr Waldron. The ditches and grips along Poles lane and the A3090 had been cleared by Hampshire County Council and a new drain installed under Silkstead House. At Pitt, works had been done but Hampshire County Council were reluctant to remove the sandbags until they were sure the flooding had been effectively mitigated. d) Parish Communication – Mr Arthur thought that the policy documents should be reconsidered to take into account the closure of the HVI website, and then Yammer. The new HVCA website was welcomed and it would be interesting to see how the new “Slack” replacement for Yammer would develop. The PC was keen to work together with HVCA on parish communications.
021/17	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 13 th March 2017 There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm