

HURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bi-monthly Meeting of Hursley Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Monday 10th July 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Mrs E Bell in the Chair
Mrs A Apps
Mr M Arthur
The Viscount Lifford
Dr J O'Sullivan
Mr M. Waldron
Mr David Killeen (subsequent to co-option)

In attendance: Mr J. L. Brooks, Clerk to the Council. Cllr Mrs Jan Warwick (from 21.45)
073/17 **APOLOGIES**
Mr G Rees, Mr J Winchester

074/17 **MINUTES**
The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2017, which had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

075/17 **CO OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**
Mr David Killen was co-opted and joined the meeting after signing a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Clerk reported that in anticipation of this, he had booked a place on a HALC Core Skills for Councillors Course at a cost of £90.
The Parish Council approved this action.

076/17 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8th MAY 2017**

Minute 051/17 –

1. Naming of path - No agreement could be reached between the suggestions of Vicarage Path or Cooper Path. It was agreed to institute an informal parish survey after an interval.

2. Bench in memory of Paul Bradshaw. The Clerk reported that Mrs Bradshaw hoped that this would be installed on Wednesday 12th July.

3. Winchester Half Marathon 2017. - Mr Rees had brought revised documents to the APM on 22nd May and had made a short presentation. Mrs Bell agreed to arrange for an insert in the Parish Magazine, unless this had been done directly by Mr Rees.

Minute 065/17 – (re. Parish Plan) Mr Arthur asked what the situation was as regards the position paper from Hampshire County Council in respect of traffic etc. Mrs Bell apologised for the delay and would chase this urgently.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Killeen mentioned two items which had been brought to his attention by parishioners.

1. What chemicals were being used by the new mowing contractors in the recreation ground? The Clerk confirmed that he was not aware that any were used, or indeed necessary, as the contract was only in respect of mowing and strimming.
2. A drone had been noticed recently flying in a dangerously illegal manner and he wondered if anyone knew of its ownership. No-one present had any information.

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POLICE REPORT

The Clerk circulated a report of information obtained from Neighbourhood Watch and the Police.co.uk website ([attached](#)).

Mrs Bell reported that she had requested notification of the recent large incursion by 50 or so Travellers caravans onto South Winchester Park & Ride car park be extended to local interested parties, this originally having been done by the police only to eastern areas of the district. The Travellers had been moved on during the previous week.

079/17

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mrs Warwick had sent a report for the meeting, as follows:-

HCC Financial Strategy

HCC Cabinet considered the end of year financial report on 19 June. As part of an established two-year budget planning strategy the County Council is facing its biggest financial challenge yet – with a further budget gap of £140 million to close by 2019/20. Planning has been taking place to identify some of the steps required: securing savings early; reinvesting in new, more efficient ways of working; and making prudent use of reserves to meet gaps in funding. To date, HCC has reduced spending by £340 million, since 2008 – when national austerity began.

HCC finances remain under immense pressure as demand continues to grow for County Council services – particularly social care for increasing numbers of older and more vulnerable adults and children. The central Government revenue support grant funding to Hampshire will cease in 2019/20. HCC welcome residents' views on the tough decisions for balancing the budget. Hampshire County Council has launched their survey this week and Parishes are invited to respond:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/jul03balancingbudget>

City of Winchester Transport Study

Many of you will have noticed the traffic monitoring equipment on all roads to and from Winchester. We are collecting data to inform the Traffic and Transport Strategy for the future of the City. This is an important collaboration jointly funded by the City and County Council and will provide essential information as the City Council commissions major developments (e.g. Central Winchester, Station Approach and Bar End Leisure Park). Further information and public consultation will commence in September as both authorities embark on a survey of local residents and engage with transport operators, community and business representatives.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/03julywinchestermovementstrategy>

Cutting the Verges (outside the village limits)

All rural highway verges now have a 1-metre swathe cut once a year rather than two cuts a year as in previous years. This is carried out to address verge maintenance issues, safety and public accessibility. It also provides an opportunity through collaboration with the District Council for litter picking. Sightlines and visibility splays are not reduced to a single cut and these will be maintained as and when required.

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Given the size of the County Council's rural grass programme and the many thousands of kilometers to cut, not all verges can be cut at the ideal time. However a good number of roadside verges are identified as being important to flora and fauna and are accordingly designated as 'Roadside Verges of Environmental Importance'. These are cut at appropriate times to suit the specific plant species, normally in April and/or September.

Safety will remain paramount and the maintenance of visibility splays and sight lines will be given priority. As growth can sometimes be unpredictable, we welcome reports of any issues, either via our contact centre on 0800 555 1388 or via the website <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/roadproblems.htm> If you are aware of a verge that you believe should be protected for specific reasons, then contact the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre on enquiries.hbic@hants.gov.uk If these verges are considered important enough to be designated as Roadside Verges of Environmental Importance (RVEI), they will be added to the cutting programmes with the appropriate cutting times and frequency.

She attended towards the end of the meeting but there were no questions.

080/17

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mrs Warwick had sent a report on behalf of District Councillors Bell, Laming & Warwick Report, as follows:-

Bus Station Temporary Closing on Monday 10th July 2017

The City Council purchased the bus station in April 2017 and intend to carry out interim works over the summer. The Council intends to make improvements to the site in the short-term and to propose changes that will improve the flow of buses through the town and increase pedestrian safety. In the longer-term, the purchase will bring new opportunities and have significant benefits for the regeneration of central Winchester and the continuing provision of bus services. The bus station will close for approximately 8 weeks.

All buses that use the bus station will be temporary located on The Broadway. Extra bus stops have been installed outside the Guildhall and near King Alfred Statue. All parking will be suspended in The Broadway for this time and the taxi ranks will be relocated on the northern side of The Broadway either side of the bus station entrance. Information locating each individual bus route will be displayed in The Broadway and on the bus stops during next week. The bus stops are numbered 1 to 10. The table below shows which routes depart from which stop.

Bus Routes Departing from the Broadway

1. Bluestar 1, No.69
2. No 5, 46, 63, 66, E1 and E2
3. No.3, 16
4. Park & Ride (towards South)
5. National Express, No. 95, 96
6. No. 6A, 7, 67, 68, 85, 86
7. The Spring, No.1 (towards Stanmore), 4 (towards Teg Down)
8. Park & Ride (towards East)
9. Coaches Only
10. No. 64, 1 (towards Winnall), 4 (towards Highcliffe)

Central Winchester (Silver Hill)

The first stage of the Central Winchester Regeneration project is to develop a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to act as a new planning brief for the area known as Silver Hill. The SPD will have the benefit of a formal status in the local planning system and will set out the type and layout of land uses that could be built on the site and will help to ensure that the development is fit for the future and will rejuvenate such a prominent part of the City.

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JTP an award-winning practice of architects and master planners have been commissioned to work with the Council to formulate the SPD. Following the Community Planning Weekend public feedback presented in April, JTP presented the vision and emerging Supplementary Planning Document on 4 July.

For further information please visit <http://www.jtp.co.uk/projects/community-planning/central-winchester-community-planning-weekend>

Winchester Sports and Leisure Park Stride Treglown architects (in conjunction with LA architects) on behalf of Winchester City Council and the University of Winchester hosted a series of 'drop-in' sessions as part of the on-going programme of consultation around the future of the Bar End area including a Sport & Leisure Park.

During each session the architects asked residents and interested groups to focus on potential opportunities, aspirations and constraints for the site as a whole. If you were unable to attend, copies of the exhibition boards and a feedback questionnaire will be available on the Council's website from Friday 21st July until Friday 18th August.

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/events/details/15459>

Gypsy and Traveller Sites

The Council has approved the draft Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) which will allocate the sites necessary to meet identified traveller needs. Local Plan Part 2 Policy DM4 sets out the pitch target for gypsies and travellers and travelling show people and reflects the recently completed Winchester Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (ORS, Oct 2016). Public consultation on the plan will commence this month and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy-and-planning/gypsy-traveller-and-travelling-showpeople/>

081/17

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) *Hursley Park Cricket Club – Application for letter of support and enquiry re Renesola grant.*
The clerk had provided a brief email in support of the application. It was agreed that a grant from the Renesola monies might be provided and further information should be sought.
- 2) *John Keble School - enquiry re Renesola grant* – Again, it was agreed that a grant from the Renesola monies might be provided and further information should be sought.
- 3) *Mausolea and Monuments Trust – request for permission to fell trees close to Mausoleum.* The Clerk had circulated this request and based on replies received from Councillors he had replied indicating that the Council would not favour felling, though some pruning might be appropriate.
- 4) *Green Hedge Energy - Offer to make a Community Benefit Payment*
The Clerk had circulated this letter and the council noted with thanks the offer to make a payment to the council of £2,500 per annum for the life of the facility, potentially 25 years, starting when it was commissioned (expected to be in late 2018)

PLANNING MATTERS

a) The schedule of applications and decisions ([attached](#)) was noted. In particular councillors were gratified to see that the Pitt Vale appeal had been withdrawn. It was also noted that the battery storage facility at Down Farm had been approved.

b) Rural Affordable Housing
Mrs Bell reported on a recent visit to the village by Mags Wylie, Senior Rural Housing Enabler from HARAHA (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) when she and Mr Arthur had shown Ms Wylie round the village. A number of potential exception sites were noted but no further action would be taken unless the Parish Council formally asked for an assessment. It was agreed to await the outcome of the Parish Plan questionnaire.

c) Applications to be considered

Ref. No.	Proposal/Address
17/01476/LDP	Loft conversion with dormers to rear and side of house. 116 Bunstead Lane Hursley SO21 2LQ The Clerk explained that this was a legal issue concerning the definition of the principal elevation of the house; if decided in favour of the applicant, who contended that the principal elevation faced Poles Lane, then planning permission would not be required for the extensions proposed. Winchester City Council's consultation letter had stated " <i>Whilst the Local Planning Authority cannot take into account comments regarding the merits of the scheme, we would welcome any information about the history of the site</i> " Mrs Bell was of the opinion that notwithstanding this, comments should be made if the proposed design was unsatisfactory and it was agreed that these should be collated by email.
17/01340/FUL	Erection of replacement farm shop to include tearooms, an outdoor seating area and a recreation garden area along with the creation of a new access and car park. Beechcroft Sarum Road Mr Waldron declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting. After discussions it was decided to support the application which would increase the viability of a well-liked local business. Mr Waldron re-joined the meeting.
17/01117/LIS	Close opening from dining room to lounge and make new opening from dining room to kitchen. Port Cottage 53 Port Lane. After discussion it was decided to make no comment.
17/01371/HOU	Ground floor extension linking to old coach house (planning consent granted 14/01954 for conversion) Demolition of modern 'lean to' garage to coach house. Culvers 36 Main Road Hursley

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After discussion it was agreed to comment that the Parish Council regretted that the proposed link building would close the existing view through to the land at the rear creating the appearance of continuous building and altering the existing street punctuation to the detriment of the Conservation Area.

Should permission be granted, a condition should be imposed to the effect that contractors' vehicles must be parked on site and under no circumstances be allowed to park on the pavement. Pavement parking, completely blocking the footway, had caused very frequent problems throughout the build period for other recent extensions

17/01576/PNACOU

Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse (Class C3) and the setting out of a domestic curtilage.

124 Lower Shawlands Bunstead Lane Hursley.

The Council heard representations from a neighbouring resident but noted that her concerns related to land ownership questions.

Nevertheless several councillors expressed doubts as to whether the subject building had been used solely for an agricultural use as part of an established agricultural unit on 20th March 2013 (a condition of approval) or, in the case of a building which was in use before that date but was not in use on that date, when it was last in use. It was decided to urge Winchester City Council planning officers to rigorously test the applicant's evidence in this regard.

083/17

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

084/17

REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

a) Parish Hall.

Mrs Apps reported that a skip had been ordered for the weekend of 15/16 July for clearance of rubbish from the grounds/store shed. Redecoration would take place commencing 29th July.

The Clerk expressed concern that, from reading recent minutes, he had the impression that the HPHMC might not properly understand the situation relating to the Holding Trustees. He referred to an email dated 7th January 2017 to councillors and the January Parish Council minutes (Item 004/17 c). Mrs Apps agreed to raise this again with the Committee.

Mrs Bell asked that the hedge on the corner of Church Lane/Main Road be cut to the height of, and to the line of, the boundary fence, as originally intended.

b) Parish Plan.

Mr Arthur and Mr Killeen explained the latest position; a detailed questionnaire had been distributed to all houses in the Parish and responses had reached approximately 50%. Analysis and public meetings would follow, culminating in a draft plan submitted for comments, leading to

084/17 (Cont.) completion hopefully by the end of the year.
The Parish Council thanked the Parish Plan steering group for their continuing work on this.

c) Emergency/Flood Plan.
Nothing further to report.

d) Parish Communications.
A [revised Policy Paper](#) had been circulated and it was agreed that this be adopted by the Parish Council.
The Parish Council thanked Mr Arthur for his work on this item.

085/17

RECREATION GROUND AND ENVIRONMENT

ACTION
/Clerk

a) War Memorial - Stone in memory of Dennis Hewitt VC.
Lord Lifford reported that the stone had now been laid to the rear of the memorial and that an unveiling ceremony would be held at 6.00 pm on 2nd August. There would be a short service of dedication and the Hampshire Regiment were sending representatives including a bugler. All would be welcome.

b) Consideration of Playsafety Report – to consider
i) Minor rot damage and chains/bolts on play items.
ii) Need to commission a new notice board and post
iii) Purchase of new picnic table and removal of damaged one.

It was agreed that this work be undertaken.

c) Purchase of new swing seat. The Clerk reported that this was not necessary as the spare seat had been found.

d) To consider reimbursement of cost (£300) of Farley Crossroad fingerpost – and possible refurbishment of other similar signposts.

After discussion it was agreed that the cost of refurbishment of the Farley sign should be borne by the Parish Council and that the sum of £300 be reimbursed. As regards the other fingerposts the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for refurbishment from the person responsible for the Farley post, and to investigate further replacement of the post on the Standon triangle, probably in a different position to guard against repeated damage.

086/17

ALLOTMENTS AND CEMETERY

Mr Waldron reported that he had received compliments from parishioners as to the standard of maintenance of the cemetery and the hedges in particular.

The Clerk reported having accepted quotes for felling a diseased tree (£680), (the work was to be done on 21st July), and quotes for cutting the Cooper Plot hedge and yew pillars, the Cemetery Lane hedge, and additional work to the Privet hedge and overhanging branches at the rear of the Cooper plot, strimming round the hard standing and removing low branches, and to cut the trees and shrubs back to the fence line on the west side and to the north of the existing hedge all for a total sum of £505. This was approved.

There had been two burials since the last meeting and fees of £774 had been received. One new small allotment space had been let adjacent to Collins Lane to Ms Charlotte Hoskins of Heathcote Place

087/17

TRAFFIC & HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The Lengthsman should be asked if it were practicable to clean certain road signs and cut back concealing foliage. Next visit due on 26th July.

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NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held on 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

The clerk gave notice that he would be abroad from 18th September until 6th November and would need to make arrangements in case of emergency, particularly relating to the cemetery, and to payments needing to be made.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Approved as a true record

Chair 10/07/2016