

HURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bi-monthly Meeting of Hursley Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Monday 11th September 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

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

In attendance: Mr J. L. Brooks, Clerk to the Council. Cllr Mrs Jan Warwick
089/17 **APOLOGIES**
Dr J O'Sullivan,

090/17 **MINUTES**
The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2017, which had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

091/17 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10th JULY 2017**

Minute 081/17 –

- 1) Hursley Park Cricket Club – Application for letter of support and enquiry re Renesola grant, and
- 2) John Keble School - enquiry re Renesola grant

After discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of these requests until the Parish Plan had been finalised and potential projects identified.

Minute 051/17 and Minute 076/17

Naming of path – Mr Waldron had carried out further research and proposed that the path be named Glebelands Path. Mr Rees seconded and the proposition was carried. It was agreed that a name sign could be provided.

Collins Lane telephone box.

The clerk reported that he was in communication with Steve Lincoln of Winchester City Council in connection with this matter who was awaiting comment from the planning department as to the implications of the box having been Listed Grade II. There had been no further contact with BT. Mrs Bell reported that Compton and Shawford Parish Council had signed a contract with BT to take over the two boxes in their area having taken legal advice on its terms. Mr Killeen confirmed that he understood that the site of the box was not in private ownership. It was agreed that the clerk should continue to

091/17 (Cont.) progress this situation and, if necessary, to seek legal advice using the same
ACTION firm as had been employed by Compton and Shawford Parish Council.
/Clerk

092/17 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A parishioner asked what could be done about the beech hedge outside 19 Main Road, and the adjoining IBM land, which was restricting the pavement width such that it was almost necessary to walk in the road. It was agreed that the clerk should write to the residents and to IBM.

ACTION
/Clerk

093/17 **POLICE REPORT**

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

Mr Killeen reported that he was attempting to restart the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and that an attempted Burglary had been thwarted in Main Road over the previous weekend.

094/17 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

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

Hampshire Highways Contract

Skanska have been awarded the new highways contract, which officially started on 1st August. The contract covers highways maintenance work on Hampshire's 9,600 miles of roads and footways, including resurfacing, winter salting, drainage and road repairs. There is an option to extend the contract for up to a further five years, subject to factors such as contract performance.

Skanska have invested in new fleet and equipment to deliver this service including their innovative pothole-patching machine, the 'Dragon Patcher'. The patcher is five times faster than traditional methods, saves money and is safer because it is operated from the vehicle's cabin.

It is nicknamed the 'dragon' because it expels flames to de-ice and dry out the road surface. It is then cleaned with compressed air and sealed with a stone mix and hot bitumen emulsion. With the surface repair completed in just two minutes, the patcher can move on to the next repair.

Potholes (and other highways issues) can be reported as usual via the HCC website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

Review of Cladding Materials on HCC Buildings

The County Council can confirm that of their 9,000 council-owned properties, including 526 school sites (some of which include numerous buildings) – a small percentage of Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) is contained on a few buildings. These buildings are non-residential, single storey, brick-built and the material has been typically used for rain screening. Following advice from the Hampshire Fire Service HCC is not required to make any immediate changes although they will keep the situation under review should there be a review of the national building regulations.

The Hampshire Countryside Access Forum –call for members

The Countryside Access Forum includes a number of interest groups from landowners, farmers, councillors and rural business owners, to walkers, horse riders, carriage drivers, cyclists and motor vehicle users. HCC are looking for new members from all interest groups, but particularly those with expertise in public health, countryside motor vehicles, farming and land management, to complement the knowledge of existing members.

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Members need to attend four meetings per year as well as task group sessions between full meetings. They need a good knowledge and understanding of the countryside. More information on how to apply can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/hcaf or contact the Countryside Access Team by phoning 01962 845326 or emailing hcaf@hants.gov.uk. The closing date for applications is 25 September.

Police and Crime Panel Review of Traffic Related Crime

The Hampshire Police and Crime Panel is responsible for scrutinising and supporting how the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Michael Lane sets key policing priorities through his Police and Crime Plan.

The Panel is made up of representatives from each of the local authorities in the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Police area.

The Panel recently invited residents and Parish Councils to give their views on how the Police and Crime Commissioner can improve the approach taken to tackle and prevent traffic crime and nuisance within local communities, with the aim of improving road safety. Many local parishes and Speed Watch groups have responded to this consultation.

The Panel's October scrutiny meeting will focus on traffic-related issues that are causing the greatest concern to local communities. These include speeding, theft of property from motor vehicles and animal casualties within rural areas.

Following the hearing the Panel will make recommendations to the Commissioner suggesting where improvements can be made, identifying any opportunities to enhance the policing approach, as well as providing feedback on how partner agencies could work together to enhance current prevention measures.

Full details can be found here <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-pcp.htm>

Mrs Bell reported that she had just heard that Hampshire County Council were proposing cuts to household waste centres, bus subsidies and other services. She undertook to follow up with County representatives.

Mrs Warwick attended later during the meeting but there were no questions. She expressed thanks to Mr Killeen and to Mr Ian Wells for responding to the Police and Crime Panel Review of Traffic Related Crime.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mrs Bell had circulated a report on behalf of herself and District Councillors Laming & Warwick, as follows:-

Bus Station Re-opened Monday 4th September 2017

The City Council purchased the bus station in April 2017. Improvements have been made to the site changes to the flow of buses through the site will increase pedestrian safety. Buses will be taking a new route in Winchester from 5 September 2017 as the new bus station opens for business.

- Buses will no longer exit the bus station onto the Broadway and move on to the lower High Street and Middle Brook Street
- Buses will instead enter the bus station from the Broadway and exit onto Friarsgate, then turn into Tanner Street and continue onto St Georges Street
- A new bus stop has been put into St Georges Street, outside M&S, to replace the existing bus stop in Middle Brook Street
- Middle Brook Street will become a cycle only zone at all times and the high street will become a cycle only zone between 10am and 4pm

095/17 (Cont.) Station Approach

Winchester City Council has announced the appointment of **Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands** as the architecture firm to take forward the Station Approach development. Choosing the most suitable Architect for the Station Approach project is a very significant procurement for the City Council and the appointment marks an important step in progressing development at Station Approach.

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 second round of consultation focussing on access as part of the on-going programme of engagement around the future of the Bar End area including a Sport & Leisure Park.

Mrs Bell also drew attention to a lecture on battery energy storage by Green Energy at the University of Winchester on 5th October. There was also shortly to be a City Councillor Briefing on Planning Enforcement and Historic Environment.

096/17 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had circulated a [list](#) of emails etc received since the last meeting which had been forwarded to members. Mrs Bell drew attention to the Planning Coach Tour on 6th October.

Mr Killeen mentioned recent news re. superfast broadband which was now available to about 25% of the village but there was no news as to when the rest of the village would be upgraded.

097/17 PLANNING MATTERS

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

Ref. No.	Proposal/Address
17/01859/FUL	The erection of a 1,448sqm livestock building Pitt Down Farm Farley Mount Road Hursley Hampshire2LQ

Mr G Rees declared an interest and left the meeting.

After discussions it was decided to support the proposal as being an appropriate agricultural use in a remote location that would improve animal welfare.

Mr Rees rejoined the meeting

17/01952/FUL	Installation of new external flue to service new boiler IBM Hursley
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After discussions it was decided to make no comment on this application.

097/17 (Cont.) 17/01901/FUL Construction of additional vehicular access to form separate entrance and exit points, together with on-site one way system
Bunstead Barns Poles Lane

The council had received an objection on traffic safety grounds from a resident of Bunstead Lane which was considered. It was understood that the same objection was to be made direct to Winchester City Council. After discussions it was decided to inform Winchester City Council that the Parish Council was concerned about the safety aspects of the proposal as there was potential conflict between traffic entering the site via the new access and traffic coming from the West whose view of the entrance was obstructed by the bend in the road. If, following advice from the traffic safety engineers, it was decided to approve the application, additional warning signs should be provided to the West of the existing entrance.

17/02122/PNCO Change of use from office to dwelling house.
U The Old Cattle Shed Upper Slackstead Farm Farley Lane Braishfield

This application had been received too late to be formally considered by the Parish Council but the clerk pointed out that as a Prior Notice Application, it was not in any event open to the Parish Council to comment on the merits of the proposal unless Winchester City Council decided that it did not qualify for General Permitted Development Order permission.

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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.

ACTION
/Clerk

The clerk reported that he intended to apply to Lloyds Bank to add Messrs Arthur and Killeen, and Mrs Apps, to the authorised signatories, and also wished to give consideration to adopting internet banking.

099/17

AUDIT ANNUAL RETURN

It was noted that the Annual Return has been returned by BDO after Audit, without comment. Mrs Bell thanked the clerk for his diligence.

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PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Mr Arthur and Mr Killeen reported on progress. [Update No 2](#) had recently been circulated to all households in the Parish and published on the Parish Council website and on Slack. A very good response (61%) had been received to the questionnaire and a list of some 250 email addresses collected to facilitate future communications. In response to a comment from Lord Lifford, Mr Killeen confirmed that the PP was registered for Data handling and that he was aware of impending changes to the law relating to data handling.

100/17 (Cont.) There was to be a public meeting a 2pm on 30th September in the Parish Hall to progress discussions and members of the steering group would make presentations relating to each of the 5 major topics of interest which had been identified.

101/17 **REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

a. Parish Hall.

ACTION /AA Mr Arthur had enquired as to whether an online booking system could be added to the Parish Council Website. It was felt that an online calendar should be a first step and Mrs Apps agreed to consult the PHMC.

b. Emergency/Flood Plan.

Mr Arthur had circulated a copy of the final draft of the flood plan and it was agreed that this be adopted subject to minor alteration to make it clear that it related to Hursley Village rather than the whole parish.

He understood that Mrs Warwick was continuing to draft the Emergency Plan, to which the Flood Plan would be annexed.

c. Other reports

Mr Killeen had circulated reports of meeting he had attended and Mrs Bell thanked him for so doing, and for attending the meetings.

102/17 **TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE SCHEME FOR PARISH COUNCILS**

In view of the increasing involvement of councillors outside the parish it was agreed to adopt the recommended Travel and Subsistence scheme ([attached](#)).

103/17 **RECREATION GROUND AND ENVIRONMENT**

1) Minor rot to edge of slide platform and recreation ground notice boards.

The clerk had asked for a quote to rectify the rot and provide a new backplate to the notice board by the large swing. Also quote to replace the notice board just inside the recreation ground gate where the bottom of the upright is rotting, but so as to keep the wood away from the ground. (*Note: the Playsafety report classifies this as very low risk*)

2) Purchase of new picnic table and removal of damaged one.

ACTION /Clerk It was agreed to purchase an Earth Anchor plastic table at a basic cost of £390 plus VAT. It was agreed that the old damaged table could go on the November bonfire.

3) Refurbishment of signposts.

Hampshire County Council are renewing the one at Standon triangle. The contractor who refurbished the post at Farley is liaising with the Lengthsman to obtain the benefit of their insurance, subject to which Hampshire County Council officers are happy that the work should be done at Parish Council cost. The clerk's actions in authorising the work to go ahead, assuming satisfactory arrangement can be made, was approved.

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4) Lengthsman and contractor Work Packages.

ACTION
/Chair

The clerk had circulated a suggested schedule of work for the October visit which councillors were asked to comment on. Mrs Bell suggested that various packages of work could be put together and quotes sought in addition to the Lengthsman scheme. Councillors approved this suggestion in principle and Mrs Bell agreed to produce various work package specifications for discussion.

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ALLOTMENTS AND CEMETERY

Mr Waldron reported the cemetery was very well maintained.

However as regards the allotments, three were in a very neglected state and consideration should be given to enforcing the rules requiring holders “To keep the entire plot clean and properly cultivated ensuring that the plot is kept free of weeds and that the plot and the crops thereon are kept free of pests and disease.”

105/17

TRAFFIC & HIGHWAY MATTERS.

In response to a question the clerk confirmed that repair of the crash damage to the railings at the south end of the main road was in the hands of Hampshire County Council.

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NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held on 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.