

**Hursley Parish Council meeting
Via Zoom**

14th September 2020

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

<u>Present</u>	<u>In attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Cllr O Sullivan (Chair)	Elizabeth Billingham – Clerk	Cllr Killeen
Cllr Guest		Cllr Lang
Cllr Rees		Cllr Warwick
Cllr Bell		
Cllr Burge		
Cllr Barnes		
Cllr Waldron		

Item		ACTION
21/32	Welcome and Apologies	
	Cllr D Killeen had passed on his apologies and Cllr J O’Sullivan Chaired the meeting Cllr Lang also sent his apologies.	
21/33	Public Participation	
	There was one member of the public in attendance – they did not wish to speak.	
21/34	To approve the minutes of the last meeting 11th July 2020	
	RESOLVED to approve. Cllr O’Sullivan noted that more details from Climate Change group would come at the next meeting. Lengthsman – new list had been made and thanks were made to Cllr Barnes. Cemetery works done and thanks to Cllr Waldron	
21/35	District Councillor report	
	Winchester Local Plan 2020 – 2038 and Government proposals 2020	

The current Local Plan 2011/2013 was due to be reviewed from 2018. An Evidence Base has been put together detailing various technical and market assessments. These are available on

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/winchester-district-local-plan-2018-2038-emerging/local-plan-2038-evidence-base>

The last document in this series was the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) 2020 published as a paper to Cabinet on 18 August 2020.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/winchester-district-local-plan-2011-2036-adopted/evidence-base/housing/shlaa-strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment>

On 18 August, WCC Cabinet approved the SHELAA for publication. The SHELAA will be launched formally for consultation soon, and I am sure that each parish will want to make strong comments about the suitability/unsuitability of land in their area.

As you will know, the SHELAA is drawn up, by government decree, on a very regular basis, and the call for available land elicits very much the same response each time from landowners and agents. This year was no exception. Huge tracts of land south of Winchester in Hursley parish plus the South Winchester Golf course and land at Sarum Road (pp42-45); Texas Field in OB parish (p68); large tracts of Hampshire Farms land in C&S including next to Bushfield, plus tracts at Place Lane, Windrush Cottage and at Woodlands on Poles Lane, Compton Manor Farm and land south of George Beckett Nurseries (local gap) (pp23-29). Otterbourne was grouped with Colden Common in this issue of the SHELAA, I am guessing because of sharing their boundaries with Eastleigh BC. The land here includes Meadowside, land off Waterworks Road, land east of Main Road and land west of Cranbourne Drive, plus land at Dell Copse on Kiln lane and two tracts on Highbridge Road (pp92-98). There is no available land in Badger Farm parish and Twyford is in SDNPA (separate Local Plan).

Of course, these represent the landowner/developers' wish list and not allocations under the Local Plan. However, reporting, including the Chronicle, tends to sensationalise and use vocabulary which is seriously misleading. A disproportionate amount of land has come forward in this area south of Winchester. The SHELAA should have been accompanied to Cabinet by an Issues and Options paper which would have set out the Local Plan process and provided context. This had to be withdrawn at the last minute as the publication of the government's Planning White papers a few days before had completely derailed the process and rendered the document invalid. This meant that the SHELAA came out alone, starkly worrying, albeit with the usual caveats.

The government has issued two Planning consultation documents and one decree. The decree is on Use Classes which creates three new use classes E (commercial/business retail), F1 (learning and non-residential institutions), F2 Local Community. These are effective from 1st September – no consultation.

The first consultation paper is on Changes to the current planning system, mainly around housing numbers and formulae on affordability which are punitive to Winchester and arrive at a 50% increase in housing numbers from that expected. If you wish to challenge the assumptions behind this

calculation of housing number, it is important to respond. The deadline for comments on this paper is 1st October 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system>

The second consultation paper is the government White Paper on Planning for the Future

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>

The White Paper proposes significant reforms to many aspects of the planning system, including a change in the way in which land is allocated for development, the type of policies which can be included in Local Plans and how controls over that development are implemented through development management. The means of delivering infrastructure via new development (s106 agreements – planning obligations) and Community Infrastructure Levy would also be changed. The new style of plan will look and feel very different to the current style as it will have digital and interactive format and the identification of land for development will follow a zoning approach based on three designations; growth, renewal and protected areas. This consultation period ends on the 29th October 2020.

Whether or not the White Paper becomes law in December 2020, the implications are serious enough to require a rethink of our Winchester Local Plan. This is now likely to be relaunched in Spring 2021, after which the Council will have 30 months to complete the Plan. WCC will hold a number of briefings for members and a first Briefing for Parishes on Monday 21 September.

Having heard from some of the local parishes, I would like to recommend a local ward meeting of Parish Chairs/representatives to discuss the SHELAA, and the way forward in the light of the government proposals, to formulate responses, and to reopen discussions on Neighbourhood Plans (favoured by government and now by WCC).

If you have any queries relating to these developments, please contact your local District Councillors or contact Strategic Planning at Winchester City Council direct.

Public Health England PHE is to be replaced by a new National Institute and merged with NHS Test and Trace. The implications for Public Health at Local Authority level is uncertain. Currently this sits with Hampshire County Council and the Winchester CC Covid-19 Response is coordinated through a central command and Director of Public Health DPH.

On the horizon, a White paper on Devolution and Local Recovery will be issued for consultation in October 2020. The government's aim is to replace two tier local government (county and district) by Unitary Authorities, which they say will save money. However large counties such as Hampshire are too big for such reorganisation and there is little local appetite for reorganisation. Post-Covid Economic Recovery has been added to the reorganisation agenda.

Flash floods in Winchester and surrounding area

Sudden torrential rain on the afternoon of Thursday 27th overwhelmed storm

	<p>drains and caused flash flooding in many areas locally and most dramatically in the lower part of the High Street where businesses were badly affected by water damage. This comes hard on the recent refurbishment and reopening of premises post Covid. WCC responded promptly sending out cleansing teams and offering a collection service for bulky damaged items. However, responsibility for road drainage generally rests with HCC.</p> <p>We know that there was flash flood damage in Badger Farm, in Hursley (Pitt) and Hursley village, in Oliver's Battery (south) and hopefully any surface debris or blocked gullies have now been cleared.</p> <p>If you are aware of businesses or residents impacted in your parish, please contact your ward councillors or WCC direct. If there remains mud and gravel on the roads, or if footpaths have been damaged, please report this to HCC through their website in the usual way.</p> <p>Cllrs Eleanor Bell, Brian Laming, Hannah Williams</p> <p>Noted at the meeting – 21st September Parishes meeting – ACTION Cllr Killeen and Cllr Bell to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Bell, Cllr Killeen to discuss and better understand the information and report back with ideas. Suggest a Zoom conversation for residents to contribute their opinions before last week of September – ACTION Cllr Bell to arrange and Clerk to set up Zoom. A meet with OBPC will take place to discuss approach.</p>	Cllr Bell Cllr Killeen
21/36	County Councillor Report	
	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Item 20/82: Chandlers Ford Parish Council have been exploring a possible cycle path from Chandlers Ford to Winchester.</p> <p>Cllr Warwick confirmed that there was a new funding initiative announced relating to cycling and walking to work. HCC has applied for some of this funding for existing projects but she would ask for the feasibility of a cycle path/lane along the existing road. ACTION Cllr Warwick</p> <p>Item 20/21 – Car charging cables on pavements. – ACTION Put on the website – Clerk</p> <p>ACTION Put on Village social media – Cllr Killeen.</p> <p>Cllr Warwick was not at the meeting so action points will be updated at next meeting.</p> <p>Report is below:</p> <p>Hampshire County Councillor Update September 2020</p> <p>Climate change Hampshire County Council has announced the first initiatives to help Hampshire residents reduce their carbon footprint. Community projects include a Telephone Helpline offering advice from energy choice to insulation, establishing a Community Energy Network across Hampshire and a Targeted Residential Solar Group Buying Scheme. Parishes and communities are encouraged to take part in the sustainable community Greening campaign (http://www.greening-campaign.org/). The climate change Action Plan is due to be presented to the HCC Cabinet on 29th September.</p> <p>https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange</p> <p>Hampshire Highways are now re-using recycled material from old roads.</p>	

	<p>Materials are screened, crushed and blended cleanly and quietly ready for re-use. With around 5,500 miles of roads this will make a significant contribution to reducing our carbon footprint. Over 40 new temporary footpaths and cycleways have been installed across Hampshire. HCC have bid for £3.45 million from Government to build more highways schemes to support social distancing, encourage walking and cycling and assist economic recovery. https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/21082020TransportPopUps Emergency Response teams responded to areas of flash flooding clearing debris from gullies following the heavy storms across Winchester. Further information and advice are available below: https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/emergencyplanning https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/yourhampshire/yhnov19keepinghampshiremoving</p> <p>Meanwhile the Household Waste Recycling Centres have safe social distancing measures in place for staff and residents. Only book the slots you need and it's easy to cancel a booking if you change your mind. Booking slots are available up to seven days in advance.</p> <p>Councillor Grants opened early this year in response to the COVID19 outbreak to help support our communities. My grants have supported the following Charities and Projects: Winchester Youth Counselling (Telephone Support Session) The Winchester Basics Bank (Additional support during COVID19 lockdown) Chat-Tea Café Badger Farm (Help to supporting isolating individuals) Wessex Cancer Trust (Offering remote services for those affected by cancer) MHA Winchester (Supporting the Live at Home COVID19 response) Sparsholt Hall (Contribution towards audio visual equipment to stream remote events) Compton and Shawford Parish Council (joint contribution towards rangers at the Lock) Otterbourne Parish Council (contribution towards the Safe Crossing scoping work) Play to the Crowd -Theatre Royal (joint contribution towards their emergency appeal and COVID reopening.</p>					
21/37	Police and Crime report					
	Nothing to update					
21/38	Finance and Council matters					
21/38.1	Matters arising Item 20/23 – Audit - The auditor found no issues to raise about the audit and we can now display the details on the website etc. ACTION Clerk External audit exemption has been approved and public rights advertised.					
21/38.2	To agree Payments					
	PAYMENTS AUGUST SEPT 2020					
	30/08/20	1676	Mr Rebbeck	Cemetery and Meredun path	£720.00	
	30/08/20	1677	E Billingham	August	£282.04	
	30/08/20	1678	J Murray	Audit	£215.00	
	30/08/20	1679	Grass and Grounds	Grass	£180.00	
	30/08/20	1681	Premier Grounds	Lengthsman scheme	£57.60	

	30/08/20	1682	G Wilson	Electric Meredun	£2,100.00	
	8/9/2020	1683	Westotec Ltd	SLR Battery	£105.00	
	8/9/2020	1684	Premier Grounds	Lengthsman scheme	£32.40	
	8/9/2020	VAT	Town and Parish Council Websites	Website	£0.00	
	8/9/2020	1687	Paris Smith	Legal Trustee	£1,010.40	
	8/9/2020	1688	Mr Rebbeck	Cemetery and Meredun path	£108.00	
	8/9/2020	1689	Alex Bell	Rec	£25.42	
	8/9/2020	1690	E Billingham	Sept pay	£282.04	
	8/9/2020	1691	E Billingham	Sep exp	£153.40	
				Total	£5,271.30	
	RESOLVED to approve payments					
21/38.3	HCC Action for Climate Change programme and Greening Campaign. – Update					
	<p>A short briefing note on the embryo Hursley Climate Change Group:</p> <p>Hampshire County Council Climate Change strategy includes a number of initiatives. Amongst these is establishing a Community Energy Network which is intended to link community energy groups.</p> <p>In this context, Hursley Parish has established its own group. The group, which held its first meeting by Zoom on 17/8/2020, comprises the following Parishioners:</p> <p>Angela Elder, David Killeen, Jan Warwick, Mark MacKinnon, Damon Teagle, Eleanor Bell, Chris Beddoes (Chair).</p> <p>The notes of the meeting are attached for information. (see below)</p> <p>The first substantive action was to buy access (for £50 approved by HPC Chair) to an existing Greening Campaign which has developed a number of tools to kick off action in Hursley. Our group will also be linked with a number of other Community Groups who have also bought the Campaign “process”.</p> <p>The next steps for the Hursley Group are:</p> <p>Approve amended Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Decide how to use the Greening Campaign.</p> <p>Link to the other groups.</p> <p>One of the challenges will be to focus on realistic, affordable actions that can be taken by a local community such as ours and not attempt to solve problems over which we have no or limited control.</p> <p>Monday, 17 August 2020</p> <p>Hursley Climate Change Action Group KO</p> <p>Present (by Zoom): David Killeen, Jan Warwick, Mark MacKinnon, Damon Teagle, Eleanor Bell, Chris Beddoes. Apologies: Angela.</p>					

	<p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions of WCCWG members. All • Purpose and background of the group by Jan Warwick • Review of terms of reference. All • Next steps. All <p>Discussion and actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varied group with core of Parish, City and County Councillors plus Parishioners. • Jan described coherent approach linking UK Govt and Hampshire strategic approaches and actions to the local/community actions, in particular via the Community Energy Groups and the Hampshire Climate Action Network. • Greening Campaign is a potential “off the shelf” toolkit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - available for £50 so we agreed it is worth taking a look. Actions: David to procure. Jan to ask of other Parishes have useful experience to share. Chris to call another meeting to review it and discuss its use when we have obtained it. - agreed we would consider use “as is” and not try to invent our own tool. • <p>Terms of reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - broadly acceptable but too wordy; also check use of language (e.g. global “heating” rather than “warming”) - one suggestion that it should be enlarged to cover much more environmental themes, but others that it should focus on climate action. - Action: Chris agreed to shorten ToR and propose to group. Then need discussion and agreement of the group. • Group communication tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dropbox as the repository of documents. Action: Damon agreed to ensure it is fit for purpose. - Primary means of sharing documents and web links/document links are via email. Action: Members to share their emails via WhatsApp. - WhatsApp to be used as simple transactional tool, for example to set up meetings. <p>Meeting notes by Chris.</p>	
21/38.4	Update on SLR. – <i>See report</i>	
	<p>The original shared one is now being shared between Sparsholt, Hursley and Michelmarsh and Timsbury.</p> <p>This was not moved recently due to parishes pulling out and awaiting new schedule then Covid and it not being able to be moved and then new battery and we have finally been waiting for the Michelmarsh and Timsbury sites to be approved. They are still awaiting HCC to mount posts so as not to delay any longer I’ve asked Gareth to make the schedule with the two parishes and Hursley will pick up some extras and then MTPC can slot into those when they have equipment. I’m hoping this can all start within next week.</p> <p>The new SLRs - these were delayed for a number of factors - COVID, being made in France etc plus our own new sites not being approved - again due to COVID. We are now - like MTPC - awaiting the posts etc to be installed - our lamppost options are now longer allowed so posts will go in there too.</p>	

	Also, there was an issue with the lithium batteries - we were getting these due to weight on the lampposts which is now no longer valid anyway and the length of battery life is still not proven - Otterborne have some and we can see their results over time. So, one new SLR is on order with normal batteries. Once our other sites are ready, we can order the second SLR - and at this time review battery options but the cost factor is quite large and would now only be for a non-proven extra length of life of the battery so I would think we order the normal batteries for the second as well.	
21/38.5	Broadband update – Cllr Killeen ACTION – Work with Cllr Warwick and Cllr Killeen	
	All going well – Cllr Warwick to approach Open Reach – Voucher will be issued.	
21/39	Planning	
21/39.1	Matters arising: Matters arising: Item 21/09 - Cllr Bell will draft a letter to Parishioners reminding them to bring along any plans to the council prior to applying to WCC as per Winchester Planning – Cllr Bell had written this and would send out to all. ACTION Cllr Bell Item 20/24.2 Silkstead farm application - RESOLVED to agree to support but to add some concerns - Cllr Bell to write a response. ACTION Cllr Bell ACTION Banstead and Ladwell actions update from Cllr Bell.	
	Cllr Bell – draft letter had been written. Cllr Bell wanted to add on some more about environmental aspects. ACTION Cllr Bell – to complete and send. Ladwell – 144 Ladwell House going to Committee on 24 th Sept – Cllrs will speak – ACTION Cllr Bell and Cllr Killeen	Cllr Bell Cllr Bell Cllr Killeen
21/39.2	Planning update and any applications Culver House 36 Main Road – 20/01466/LIS – RESOLVE no comment Hursley Park Cricket Club – 20/01522/FUL – RESOLVE no comment Planning Appeal Notification - 2 Upper Silkstead Cottages Silkstead Lane - APP/L1765/Y/20/3255205 – Appeals done Removal of Horse Chestnut adjacent to 3 Sussex Close – Tree now has a TPO application	
21/39.3	To note any Decisions made by WCC.	
	None	
21/39.4	To discuss potential Council land sale in Cataways	
	Number 6 Cataways – new owners wish to purchase land for a parking bay. WCC need to decide if they wish to sell then an application would need to be made. There have been no objections from residents.	
21/39.5	Winchester Local Plan 2020-2038 – report – Cllr Bell	
	See District Report above. Concern over the requirements for affordable housing which would mean no requirements under 50 houses. Designated areas – Growth, renewal and protected areas – different type of categorisation and need to keep an eye on the changes.	
21/40	Parish Plan update	
	This will be sent out this week.	
21/41	Reports of Council Representatives.	
21/41.1	Village shop update.	
	Shareholders report sent out – in profit but reflection that people are returning to supermarket. Need more volunteers	
21/41.2	Parish Hall – Cllr Guest	
	Report progress on Trusteeship	

	Cllr Guest – CIO – Progressing and waiting for Paris Smith. RESOLVED to agree to pay the legal fees in the above payments but no further costs. Will forward the minutes when they come out. ACTION Cllr Guest	
21/42	Recreation Ground & Environment Matters.	
21/42.1	<p>Update on wildlife area at the Recreation Ground Report was sent in prior to the meeting. Just an update to let you know how we are managing wildlife areas over the recreational ground. September/October Parish entrance - left-hand side Create the border Planting of bulbs Sowing perennial seeds Planting flowering shrubs Mulching Meadow area - near tennis courts Continue to maintain wild areas Cut grass Sow seed Clear litter</p> <p>Kind regards Angela Elder.</p>	
21/42.2	Lengthsman update	
	<p>New checklist been made and will prioritise near the time. Sam Burge – Offered to take care of the Pitt area to the Pitt roundabout. ACTION - Clerk and Cllr Whardon – to discuss and arrange clean of the bus stops</p>	Clerk Cllr Whardon
21/43	Highways	
	<p>Matters arising – Item 20/29 Shrub bed next to Pelican Court. This is meant to be tended three times a year by IdVerde on behalf of Winchester Housing, but has not happened because of Covid. Action has been promised. Again, communications have been copied to Cllr Killeen and the Clerk. ACTION – Cllr Killeen and Cllr Bell to follow up</p>	
	Been reported and WCC grass cutters cut the area but don't maintain the shrub bed.	
21/44	Allotment and Cemetery matters	
	<p>Matters arising – Item 20.30 - Filling in potholes in track and hedgerow along track to the end. ACTION Cllr Killeen and Cllr Waldron</p>	
	Hedges etc all been maintained well by M Rebbeck.	
21/44.1	Cemetery – Cllr Waldron	
	Maintained area by M Rebbeck which is going well.	
21/44.2	Allotments – Cllr Waldron	
	See above	
21/45	<p>Next meeting: 9th November 2020 Thanks to all – meeting ended 20.15pm</p>	