

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 10 July 2017  
at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton.**

**Present:** Mr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr J Mead, Mr R Warren, Mrs A Neilson, Mrs J Burgess and Mr C Tee (Clerk)

Also: Cllrs Warwick (HCC), Weir & Horrill (WCC) and one member of the public

**17- Apologies for Absence**

**045** PCSO Bidle, Mr J Biddlecombe, Mr G Sallis, Ms K Learney, Mr D Fountain and Mrs H Saunders sent their apologies.

**17- Declarations of Interest**

**046** Nil.

**17- Minutes of the meeting held 12 June 2017**

**047** The minutes of the meeting of 12 June were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mrs Neilson and seconded by Mr Mead that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 12 June 2017 be approved.**

**17- Matters Arising: Local Community Governance Review: WCC**

**048** were asked when this review would be taking place and have responded that it is planned to take place in the next few months, following completion of another unrelated project by an external consultant.

**17- Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down**

**049** WO1 (RSM) McGrory was not able to be present but there has been correspondence between the Littleton junior football club and the Army about the possibility of using their pitches as they need more. A meeting is to take place between them to discuss this further.

**17- Public Participation**

**050** Mr C Cook, Chief Executive of the St John's Charity, based in Winchester attended and spoke about what the Charity provides as accommodation and their intentions to try and improve what they currently offer as well as their intention to increase the number of these facilities. It was suggested that attendance of local fetes and shows to further publicize the charity might help.

**17- Police Report**

**051** PCSO Bidle was unable to attend and produced the following report. This report details incidents from 13/06/2017 – 10/07/2017. Anti-Social Behaviour: No reported incidents. Burglary in a dwelling: None reported. Non-Dwelling Burglary: None reported. Criminal Damage: Criminal Damage reported between 31/05/2017 – 13/06/201 on Rockbourne Road: damage to fence panels which back onto a service road. Drugs: No reports. Theft from motor vehicle: Between 18/06/2017 – 22/06/2017 report a Catalytic Converter stolen. Theft of pedal cycle: No reports. Theft of vehicle: No reports.

If you have any information relating to the incidents above, please call us on 101. Alternatively if you have any information you wish to pass to us then again call us on 101, email on address below or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Also in the wider area recently we have had a few reports of burglaries, they have entered via insecure windows and doors. If everyone could please bear this in mind and make sure properties are secure.

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052 **Planning**

The planning schedule for June was circulated and discussed without amendment. The planning application in respect of 10 Lyndhurst Close was however specifically mentioned. It is now being further discussed between a Ward councillor and WCC planning as a result of the Parish Council's disquiet in relation to that application and the planning department's apparent contentment with the application.

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053 **Barton Farm Development**

The next WCC hosted Barton Farm Forum is to take place on 12 July at the Guildhall and Mr D Fountain will attend as the Parish Council's official representative.

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054 **Littleton & Harestock Show**

Mr Warren reported that the show programmes have been printed and are now being distributed locally. The Parish Council has set up a roster of councillor volunteers to man the Parish Council stall on the day, which, it is hoped, will offer people the opportunity to see the community Speedwatch equipment and try and encourage volunteers to come forward for its use in Harestock. The show is to open one hour earlier in the hope that, since there will be a lot of food stalls offering their wares, the show might be able to attract more business/customers.

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055 **County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Warwick reported the following: **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. 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](mailto: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.

**Flood Alleviation:** Quite separately Cllr Warwick mentioned that, in regard to flood alleviation, Community Infrastructure Levy money is currently being spent on central Winchester by WCC and HCC are currently drawing up plans for an overall plan to alleviate flooding in outer northern Winchester (more on this subject below under Emergency Planning)

### **District Councillors' Report**

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Cllr Weir reported that the parking restrictions imposed in the Weeke area are now being reviewed and possible changes to that scheme will be shared with the Parish Council to comment upon as it will most likely have an impact on parking in Harestock. The new Speedwatch scheme appears to be having a positive impact on slowing traffic down locally in the Weeke area. Members of the team with their equipment will be present on the Parish Council stall at the Littleton & Harestock Show to try and encourage volunteers to come forward to help run the scheme across Harestock. Cllr Horrill reported that the Winchester Bus Station is being temporarily closed to permit the demolition of the garage and to permit rerouting of buses in from the Broadway and out straight into the one way system

at the rear of the renovated bus station, avoiding the pedestrian precinct. There will be new shelters and seating in the bus station when that is finished. Last Tuesday evening the first stage of responses received on the central Winchester regeneration were discussed by WCC. The ideas appear to have been well received and a supplementary planning document is to be created to embody the final plans. An architect has been appointed for the new leisure centre development at Bar End. Local sports clubs, as well as the general public, are now being consulted on their requirements for it. There will definitely be a hydrotherapy pool, in conjunction with the Pinder Trust who is advising on it. There is also a consultation in process with local small businesses on how to distribute £1m of central government money for rate relief. Discussion ensued on the current number of retail units shut on Winchester's High Street and Cllr Horrill stated that WCC are looking to try and encourage retailers back into the city, making it easier for them to come and trade, working with the local chamber of commerce to that end, but it is not going to change overnight, sadly, it will take some time for things to change.

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#### **Sub-Committees and Other Reports**

- a) Finance:** The latest payments list for June was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mrs Neilson and seconded by Mr Mead and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £5,302.50 on the June payments schedule should be paid.**
- b) Environment:** Mr Cunningham reported that he and Mr Biddlecombe had spent time with HCC councillor Jan Warwick on 21 June in Littleton showing her the state of the footpaths and roads locally and highlighting the dangerous piece of Main Road for pedestrians near the Running Horse. A written report of the findings was produced by Cllr Warwick and distributed to all at the meeting (an electronic copy will also be sent out); Cllr Warwick has also subsequently chased up these points with individual officers in both HCC and WCC to try and move things forward on the issues identified. Mr Biddlecombe reported by mail on Paddock View. Hyde Housing have confirmed that they are complying with the maintenance regime agreed with the Environment Agency and the odour issue last month was as a result of them emptying the tanks of sludge and then a week later doing maintenance checks. Mr Mead mentioned that he had discovered that, in regards to protection of trees locally, WCC will not put Tree Preservation Orders on trees that stand on their own (WCC) land. Village information signs: Mr Biddlecombe reported by email that he has received further info from the local history group, and once he has tracked down pictures to use, he will be in a position to go back to HCC for further discussions on layouts and art work.
- c) Playgrounds:** Mrs Neilson reported that the annual safety inspection of the playgrounds has still to take place. A new piece of equipment, a rocking horse, has been installed at Bradley Road but of the wrong colour,

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this is to be replaced at no cost to the Parish Council. There is also insufficient room at Bradley Road for a possible bouldering wall. It was also agreed to put up a sign advertising the existence of the adult exercise equipment within the Littleton Recreation Ground.

**d) Millennium Memorial Hall:** Mrs Neilson reported that the next meeting of the Hall Trustees would take place next week with a full renovation of the interior of the building to take place in August, as it is once every three years. The hall will be closed while that takes place. CT

**e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** The Parish Clerk had just today written to a local parishioner who has been taking it upon himself to try to organise work to be carried out on the sports pavilion without Parish Council approval. The parishioner has been warned not to do this in the future.

**f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Mr Mead was pleased to report that local buses are now taking electronic payments for fares. As regards Emergency Planning and local flood alleviation measures, Mr Cunningham reported that the minutes of the meeting on 5 June on the Outer Winchester Flood Alleviation scheme by HCC had now been received and still left a number of questions unanswered. HCC are intending consulting the public on this scheme on Friday 6 October at the Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall, but it was suggested that they are asked to attend a Parish Council meeting earlier to explain what they are proposing first. This request would be made of them. Mrs Burgess then wondered why in a recent national newspaper article it was reported that central government is giving Africa £30m in foreign aid to help provide flood insurance there, when locally there has yet to be any expenditure made for residents. It was agreed to write to central government asking this question, if a majority of councillors are in favour of doing this. (Post meeting note: A vote on this will be taken at the next Parish Council meeting). CT

**g) Pond/island opposite:** Nothing to report.

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058 **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**  
Both Mrs Burgess and Mr Mead offered their apologies for the next meeting.

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059 **Date of Next Meeting**  
Monday 14 August 2017 in the Henry Beaufort School at 7.00pm.