

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 9 October 2017
at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton.**

Present: Mr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mr D Fountain, Mr Warren, Mr J Mead, Mrs A Neilson, Mr G Sallis, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs H Saunders and Mr C Tee (Clerk)

Also: Cllr A Weir (WCC)

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090** **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Learney & C Horrill (WCC) and PCSO Bidle sent their apologies.

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091** **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Neilson owns 28 Main Road to be mentioned later in planning and Mrs Burgess mentioned that she had just passed a letter about flood mitigation proposals by HCC from her husband to the Chairman of this meeting.

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092** **Minutes of the meeting held 11 September 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of 11 September were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Fountain and seconded by Mrs Saunders that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 11 September 2017 be approved.**

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Matters Arising: Mr Mead mentioned belatedly that at the most recent Littleton & Harestock Show last month he had been approached by a local resident asking for reinstatement of the twice yearly Parish Council paper newsletter: this was then discussed at this meeting and agreed that this would not be happening as all Parish Council news is now put up onto the Parish Council website and the Parish Office is also available for residents to visit or call for any further information. Mr Cunningham then clarified that the Parish Council would be obtaining a sign to place in the flowerbeds outside Harestock shops to state that it, the Parish Council, provides the financial support for the shrubs/flowers bought and planted there.

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Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down

No report.

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Public Participation

Nil

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Police Report

PCSO Bidle was unable to attend but produced the following report. This report details incidents from 11/09/2017 – 06/10/2017. Anti-Social Behaviour: No reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in Littleton or Harestock. Burglary in a dwelling: Between 22/09 and 27/09/2017 burglary reported, a window found open and flower pots moved. Safeguarding done, Woodgreen Road, Harestock. Non-Dwelling Burglary: 12/09/2017 Report of tools stolen from a car garage, no lines of enquiry. Andover road North. Criminal Damage: 15/09/2017

Criminal Damage to the barrier of Sir John Moore barracks, offender arrested and charged. Drugs: No reports of Drugs in Littleton or Harestock. Theft from motor vehicle: 12/09/2017 Report of Theft of number plates from road sweeper, no lines of enquiry. Andover Road North. Theft of pedal cycle: No reports of Theft of Pedal Cycle in Littleton or Harestock. Theft of vehicle: No reports of Theft of Vehicle in Littleton or Harestock. 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 burglary, 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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Planning

The planning schedule for September was circulated and discussed. Mrs Saunders explained that whilst she had attended the WCC planning committee last month and spoke on behalf of the Parish Council against the development at 105 Harestock Road, the Committee had seen fit to permit the application; this was felt to be an extremely disappointing decision by the whole Parish Council. Mr Biddlecombe then explained that, in respect of the application at 74 Main Road, Littleton, the applicant had taken on board all the objection points made by the Parish Council and had agreed to action them. So, revised plans reflecting these changes have now been submitted and supported by the Parish Council. Finally, Mr Cunningham mentioned for information that outside this Parish Council area there is a planning application being made by Ecotricity for them to put in place on land at Sparsholt College three container size electricity storage units containing large batteries to help the flow of electricity to and from the national grid.

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Barton Farm Development

Nothing to report.

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Littleton & Harestock Show

Mr Warren stated that the profit figure from the latest show should be known at the next meeting of that society tomorrow night. There have been some resignations from the Show Society and those places now need filling to help run the next show. Finally he mentioned that there will soon be invitations coming out to some members of the Parish Council to the annual dinner and presentation of donation cheques. Mrs Saunders once again asked for Mr Warren to confirm with the Show Society that they are content for the Parish Council to spend any donation received on the procurement of a picnic table for the Bradley Road playground. This he agreed to do.

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County Councillor's Report

Cllr Warwick belatedly provided the following report. **HCC Finances**: Following a reduction in the Government's revenue support grant £140m savings have to be found by April 2019, in addition to £340m which has already been cut since 2008. Job cuts

and other proposals are expected. Leader of the council Roy Perry said "Residents have told us they continue to support our financial strategy – planning ahead and securing savings early, investing in new ways of working, and making prudent use of reserves. This sound approach has enabled us to protect front-line services, as much as possible, to-date. However, the scale of the financial pressure now has forced us to seek savings across all areas, including those we've previously been able to protect – but only after all other options have been explored and exhausted. The savings will be considered at a cabinet meeting on 16 October, with a final decision by full council expected on 2 November.

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 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 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>

The City of Winchester Movement Strategy is an exciting opportunity to take a comprehensive review of how transport works in and around the city and to shape priorities and produce high level options aimed at improving how Winchester functions in relation to all forms of movement over the next 20 years and beyond. Early engagement is key component to developing the strategy and, to this end, we will have an open on line consultation (via WCC and HCC websites) running between 23 October and 1 December so that anyone who lives, works, or visits the city can provide their comments. We will also encourage people living over a wider area of the district to participate in the consultation as we are seeking input from anyone who may have cause to come to Winchester. We want to hear from everyone who may have an opinion about how we can improve transport in the city. At the same time a qualitative telephone survey of residents will be undertaken in order to understand their views on travel behaviour and attitudes as well what they would like to see prioritized as part of the study. This may help to reach people who may not otherwise take an active interest in this type of project. Workshops are also planned in November to engage with transport interest groups, operators and infrastructure providers as well as other major stakeholders in Winchester, such as large employers in the town, to understand their views regarding the main factors that constrain movement in the city and how these matters could be addressed

District Councillors' Report

17- Cllr Weir reported that there is a WCC Overview and Scrutiny
101 Committee meeting right now which is discussing the details of the

proposed leisure centre project for WCC. She then mentioned that she attended an interesting presentation recently at the Winchester Town Forum by HCC on their “Movement Strategy” for Winchester. They are shortly to start an electronic public consultation on this via their website, details to follow. Finally she mentioned that the next Police and Community Together meeting is on 21st November at Peter Symonds College. Mr Fountain then asked about whether Cllr Weir could get WCC planning enforcement to take a look at the property on the corner of Priors Dean Road and Bradley Road whose outside garden area rather looks like a builders’ yard and has done so for several months. Cllr Weir agreed to do this. Cllr Weir was also asked to find out how much money was actually raised last year from all the clothing donations made into the large blue metal WCC public collection skips; again she agreed to find this out.

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Sub-Committees and Other Reports

a) Finance: The latest payments list for September was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Mead and seconded by Mr Fountain and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £11,168.77 on the September payments schedule should be paid. .**

b) Environment: There continues to be a problem with an excessively protruding hedge outside 10 North Drive; a second warning letter will be delivered to the property in question asking them again to cut the hedge back. There is also a similar problem with the hedge growing alongside Kennel Lane from within the MoD property. The Army would similarly be requested to have this cut back.

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c) Playgrounds: Mrs Burgess thanked the playground representatives for getting the rhyno-mulch put down in the entrances to the playground at Littleton as it now makes for much easier access there. Mrs Saunders reported that she and Cllr Learney are in the process of getting printed the two poster designs received in the recent children’s competition for possible use at the playgrounds and permission to so use them. Mrs Neilson stated that she has been in discussion with the Harestock shop flowerbed volunteers and the grounds maintenance contractor to finalise the actions to be taken on those flowerbeds over the autumn/winter to renovate them. She also mentioned number of other non-related maintenance issues to do with the paved area outside the shops which she would report to WCC for action as they are responsible for maintenance of that area. Finally she mentioned that the island at the end of South Drive is to be cut twice a year to ensure that the recent plants there don’t get swamped by other unwanted growth. Mr Cunningham then mentioned the poor state of the red telephone box which is still to be formally adopted/owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed that while this is in train by WCC the Parish Council will have the box jet washed inside and out to make it look a little more presentable. It was also mentioned that the bus stop at the end of the Hall Way also need a similar jet

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washing. This would also be arranged.

d) Millennium Memorial Hall: Mrs Neilson reported that the hall building had been totally redecorated inside and out over August and the new projector is now in place in the main hall. Next meeting of the Trustees is in two weeks. If there is any excessive noise being made at any functions, the Hall Manager should be contacted at the time to come and immediately attend and address any such problems, whatever the time.

e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground: Nothing to report, meeting next month. The Parish Council is in the process of obtaining professional guidance on whether or not to install cut off timers for 3 of the 4 electric heaters inside the pavilion, leaving one on over the colder months.

f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering: Mr Cunningham reported that HCC had come to the Millennium Memorial Hall on 6 October to present to the public their proposed options for flood mitigation for the north Winchester area, including Littleton. This apparently was not very well attended but HCC have produced milestones on the way forward with this project. The local MP who also attended this public event agrees with the Parish Council that the project has to go forward as one overall joined up scheme for the three north Winchester settlements affected: Littleton, Headbourne and King's Worthy; not as a piecemeal scheme for just elements only. Community Infrastructure Levy funds it is hoped will be made available to help fund this overall scheme.

g) Pond/island opposite: Already mentioned above.

17- **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**

103 Mr Cunningham agreed to be the Parish Council representative at next month's Remembrance Sunday parade and lay a wreath at the ATR (W). The ATR(W) would be so informed.

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17- **Date of Next Meeting**

104 Monday 13 November 2017 in the Henry Beaufort School at 7.00pm.