

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 13 November 2017
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock.**

Present: Mr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr D Fountain, Mr Warren, Mrs A Neilson, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs H Saunders, Cllr K Learney and Mr C Tee (Clerk)

Also: Cllr A Weir (WCC), Mr A Palmer WCC and 5 members of the public

17- **Apologies for Absence**

105 Cllrs J Warwick (HCC), Cllr C Horrill (WCC), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mr G Sallis, Mr J Mead and PCSO Bidle sent their apologies.

17- **Declarations of Interest**

106 Mrs Neilson owns 28 Main Road to be mentioned later in planning.

17- **Minutes of the meeting held 9 October 2017**

107 The minutes of the meeting of 9 October were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Warren and seconded by Mrs Saunders that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 9 October 2017 be approved.**

17- **Matters Arising:** None mentioned.

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

109 WO1(RSM) McGrory was unfortunately not able to be present, but the Parish Chairman did attend the Remembrance Sunday Parade and service at the barrack on Sunday 12 November and laid a wreath on behalf of residents and Parish Council.

17- **Public Participation**

110 A number of members of the public voiced concern over news of a possible development on the green gap between Harestock Road and Littleton as published in an article in a local newspaper recently. Mr Palmer, Head of Housing Delivery at WCC, who had been invited to attend this meeting, was thus asked to explain whether there was any truth in this suggestion. Mr Palmer explained firstly as background that since 2012 WCC has had the ability to build its own council houses and has the ambition to build 300 over the next 5 years and, as part of that process, WCC has been looking across its district area for potential sites. WCC had been approached in the past by the owners of the green gap land along Harestock Road a couple of times to try and develop an exception site there which had all been refused. Now WCC has received a different proposal for the possible development of a 65 unit extra care facility on that land by a registered care provider called QUANTUM as an “exception to policy” site. Mr Cunningham restated that the Parish Council’s official position, in accordance with the Littleton Village Design Statement, adopted in the Winchester District Plan is to oppose any development in the “Gap”. Mr Palmer stated that WCC has carried out a technical assessment of the land in question and believes that large areas of the designated green gap land can be never used for development and are to be retained as a green gap, however, the area fronting Harestock Road does have development potential and is deemed to be a less sensitive area in terms of the green gap. There are, as yet, no plans

drawn up for this proposal, only some ideas have been floated. If and when there are plans drawn up, WCC will engage with the local community to ensure that any proposals are clearly known and can be commented upon. The possible proposal will not be for a 24/7 care facility, but for those who can still live independently with limited outside care assistance. Mr Cunningham pointed out that this is the same land that had been refused planning permission on several occasions by both WCC Officers and planning committee and that endeavouring to manipulate such a development by way of “exception to policy” on this land is both disingenuous and a cynical abuse of process. He then asked, if such a planning proposal did materialise, that many local people would be concerned about a precedent being set in the gap, whereas the Sir John Moore Barracks would make an ideal site for such a development. Mr Palmer pointed out that whilst that may well be true, the MoD has still yet to confirm that the land there is available for use and WCC’s stated position on that land is that it is not to be used for housing. Cllr Learney then added that the problem for WCC in planning terms is that it can’t easily balance development across its whole district until sites are made available. For these barracks, WCC need to get a decision from the MoD about what they intend to have happen to them. Mr Cunningham then mentioned that over 53 individual email responses have been made from local residents to the Leader of WCC about the possibility of an unwanted development in the gap; the overwhelming majority of which were very supportive of the position of the Parish Council. There was also concern voiced about if such a proposal went ahead there would definitely still be an increase in traffic volume as any residents in such a facility would still be able and want to use their own vehicles. Mr Palmer stated that any proposal would be seen by the WCC highway engineers to advise on traffic issues. Mr Cunningham asked whether any Community Infrastructure Levy money would become payable by a developer for such a development and the answer is no, none is payable, but some other financial contribution could be required to help offset any perceived infrastructure improvements needing to be put in place. There were other concerns raised about traffic issues across Winchester as a whole, including the closure of Andover Road, and Mr Cunningham reminded all present to ensure that they made their feelings known by making their own input to the joint HCC/WCC movement strategy consultation underway here:

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<http://www.hants.gov.uk/winchestermovementstrategy>

Police Report

- 17- PCSO Bidle was unable to attend but produced the following report.
111 This report details incidents from 06/10/2017 – 07/11/2017. Anti-Social Behaviour: Anti-Social behaviour reported on 23/10/2017 North Drive, reports of female shouting and swearing – possible mental health episode. Burglary in a dwelling: No reports of Burglary in Littleton or Harestock. Non-Dwelling Burglary: No reports of Non Dwelling Burglary in Littleton or Harestock. Criminal Damage: One incident of Criminal Damage reported in Littleton 09/10/2017 – Domestic related incident. Drugs: No reports of Drugs in Littleton or Harestock. Theft from motor vehicle: No reports of Theft from Motor Vehicles in Littleton or Harestock. 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. Mr Cunningham then added that he had seen recent information from the local Police neighbourhood watch co-ordinator who had included details of severe financial cuts that are coming to the county's police budget.

Planning

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112 The planning schedule for October was circulated and discussed. There is still no decision announced as yet regarding the application for 11 Harestock Road.

Barton Farm Development

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113 Mrs Saunders and Cllr Learney had attended the latest Forum meeting at which the issue of non-adoption of the roads on the site was again aired and queries about the overall progress of the development, which is 12 months behind schedule. There are currently 50 dwellings occupied: the Park and Ride there will only come into operation when 650 dwellings are occupied. There is now an issue with the proposed temporary space needed for the new primary school in that HCC have recently announced that it is not prepared to fund this temporary space at Henry Beaufort. However, a Headteacher has been recruited for the new school.

Littleton & Harestock Show

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114 Mr Warren was pleased to report that at the Show Society's AGM on 10 November the net income after expenses was £3,069.13 and that a £2,000 donation was given from the latest show proceeds at that function to the Parish Council. Mrs Saunders had represented the Parish Council and gratefully received that cheque. This would be used towards the procurement of a picnic bench for the Bradley Road playground and the purchase of a brand new wooden bench seat for Littleton Recreation Ground which would be dedicated in memory of the late Alan Brooks, who had until recently been Chairman of the Show Society. Unfortunately, the Show Society is having recruiting difficulties finding persons to fill some key posts that have become vacant. Mr Cunningham formally thanked the Show Society for the £2,000 donation.

County Councillor's Report

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115 Cllr Warwick provided the following report. Winchester Movement Strategy: Hampshire County and Winchester City Councils are running a joint public consultation asking people who live in, work in, or visit Winchester to give their views on travelling in and around the city. The Movement Strategy will set out an agreed vision and long-term goals for traffic and transport improvements in Winchester over the next 20 to 30 years. It will provide a framework from which we can develop detailed proposals and specific target measures. The

councils wish to hear people's views on questions such as: how to achieve the right balance between different types of traffic, how best to support growth and economic vibrancy, improving air quality, and any other issues which are important to residents. This part of the process is open to everyone. You can provide your feedback online at <http://www.hants.gov.uk/winchestermovementstrategy> By post – by requesting a paper copy from strategic.transport@hants.gov.uk or Tel: 0300 555 1388. You can also email your response directly to strategic.transport@hants.gov.uk. The Information Pack and Response Form can also be requested in other formats, such as Braille, audio, easy read or large print. Please return paper Response Forms in the Freepost envelope provided. If you do not have a Freepost envelope, please post your response to Freepost HAMPSHIRE. This consultation will run until midnight on 8 December 2017.

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 as the Council sets its budget for 2018-2019. However, some reductions or closures could be offset if the Government allows HCC to raise 'pay as you go' charges e.g. £1 per visit (4 million/year) or adding 50p to bus-pass journeys.

Community Funded Initiative: Where traffic-calming schemes are not prioritised by the County Council on safety grounds the local community, including Parish Councils may wish to consider funding some of the more straightforward traffic management enhancements themselves. Where appropriate, the County Council will be able to facilitate the development and implementation of these where appropriate. Traffic management enhancements parish councils may wish to consider in their local communities include: village gateways, enhanced village place name signs, traditional finger post signing, sign de-clutter works, electronic Speed Limit Reminder signs, minor signs and carriageway lining alterations, bollards to prevent footway overrun, informal crossing points for pedestrians. Local councils or community groups interested in this initiative are asked to contact their County Councillor.

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>

Hon Alderman Ken Thornber CBE: The sad news of the death of former County Council Leader Ken Thornber was announced on 4th November – two days after Ken was awarded the title Honorary Alderman by the County Council. Ken had been a County Councillor for 40 years and was leader from 1999 to 2013.

Four Dells Biomass Boiler: HCC

regulatory department have restarted this application and will commence a new consultation exercise. The site has been reported to the HSE by HCC following concerns by local residents. WCC monitoring officers intend to include off site security as part of the re-consultation exercise and will also suggest (during the re-consultation exercise) appropriate noise conditions to be included if permission is granted.

District Councillors' Report

17-116 Cllr Weir reported that, due to legal difficulties, there is a delay in having a revised parking scheme for the Weeke area. She has yet to find out what amount of money has been raised from the blue WCC charity skips and also has yet to speak to the residents of a property on Priors Dean Road about the building rubbish at the side of their property on public view; she would attend to both these matters. She has no idea whether the people who indicated their interest in possibly joining a Speedwatch scheme locally have actually put their names forward to the Police to do this. Mr Warren then mentioned that there is no current hardcopy rubbish bin emptying schedule that has been supplied by WCC, the current one ran out in October: she would look into this. Cllr Learney then reported that the Bar End leisure centre scheme is taking up most of her time, with a lot of disquiet about why the main sports hall is possibly to be reduced in size. On another subject WCC are to provide more seating for users at the bus station. There is a re-organisation underway of senior staff at WCC, with currently no Head of Legal Services. There could be a problem in terms of WCC senior staff capacity if this situation continues. AW

Sub-Committees and Other Reports

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- a) **Finance:** The latest payments list for October was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Fountain and seconded by Cllr Learney and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £6,071.13 on the October payments schedule should be paid.** The Parish Clerk then mentioned that there is to be a Finance Committee meeting on 22 November that will discuss among other things the level of the precept for 2018/19 as to whether it will need to be raised or not. The outcome of that meeting would be reported at December's full Parish Council.
 - b) **Environment:** Mr Cunningham reported that he Mr Biddlecombe, Cllr Warwick and a WCC Traffic Engineer had met in Littleton recently to discuss local footpath issues. The main focus of discussion was the provision of a footpath along Main Road where it goes towards Stockbridge Road from the finger post intersection in the village. Mr Cunningham pointed out that there is a field belonging to WCC which runs alongside the road there which, if WCC could consider putting in a permissive path inside that field, could solve the footpath problem at a very low cost. Cllr Warwick agreed to take this forward. There is still discussion underway with the landowner of the field adjacent to the Running Horse JW

public house as to whether a permissive path can be installed there as well to ease the pedestrian difficulties along Main Road towards the church. Mrs Neilson mentioned that the flowerbeds outside the Harestock shops would be renovated in the colder winter weather.

- c) Playgrounds:** Mrs Saunders reported that she and Mrs Neilson have put together a plan to further improve the facilities of both playgrounds, without adding any extra equipment at Bradley Road, but replacing the one small piece of rocking equipment that needs to be replaced in Littleton; costs and details are to follow. Cllr Learney is in the process of having the two posters created by local schoolchildren being priced before being turned into permanent notices to be put up in the two Parish Council playgrounds.
- d) Millennium Memorial Hall:** Mrs Neilson reported that the hall is investigating improving its Wi-Fi access either by going alone or having an improved service from the Parish Office who currently provide it at no charge.
- e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** Mrs Burgess was concerned that when recently at the recreation ground on a Saturday morning with many footballers present, there did not appear to be any access for people to go into the pavilion to use the toilets; she was asked repeatedly by different people how they could gain access to use the toilets: all football club coaches have a key to the pavilion which they should have with them when at the Recreation ground for this purpose. This would be checked by Mr Fountain at the next Sport Club Committee meeting Fountain reported from the sports club month. The Parish Council is still 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. The Parish Clerk also reported that all the wooden benches that belong to the Parish Council are gradually being renovated for free by a local volunteer, Mr D Dibben, who is doing a great job.
- f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Mr Cunningham expressed his thanks to another local a resident, Mr S Burgess, who had gone to a meeting about flood mitigation, as requested by the Parish Council, with HCC and produced a first class presentation on the details of the drainage and flooding issues faced in Littleton; this much impressed the HCC staff working on flood mitigation plans for the area, who thanked Mr Burgess for his detailed information. Follow up would be carried out on the HCC project staff to see what progress they are making on this work.
- g) Pond/island opposite:** Nil.

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Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda
Mrs Burgess gave her apologies for December's meeting.

17- **Date of Next Meeting**
119 Monday 11 December 2017 in the Millennium Memorial Hall at
7.00pm.