

LITTLETON & HARESTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Assembly 13 May 2019

1. The Chairman, Cllr Patrick Cunningham welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially HCC & WCC councillors.
2. Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs Bond and Jan Scott (RSM ATR John Moore Barracks).
3. Cllr Cunningham then explained that the minutes of the 2018 meeting were not to be read out loud, but had been available for all to see on the Parish Council website and hard copies had also been provided for all to see at the meeting. He asked whether there were any questions or queries on them. There were none mentioned. The minutes were then agreed without amendment. Proposed by Cllr Joan Burgess and Seconded by Cllr Hilary Saunders.

Chairman's Report

4. Cllr Cunningham then gave his report for 2018/19 as follows:-

Planning and Development

This year, we have received nearly 50 Planning Applications and your Parish Councillors have been kept busy on your behalf in both Littleton and Harestock. Several Applications have required a great deal of investigation before the Parish Council could make its decision. Last year we succeeded in imposing a strictly controlled Transport Plan for Ecotricity's Anaerobic Digester "Feed". This Plan limited the number of transport movements along Harestock road, and completely banned any transport movements through Littleton. A new Planning Application was submitted by Ecotricity relating to this proposed Anaerobic Digester in Sparsholt College, to amend the type of 'feed' to be used to include 'Straw', alter the design of the Digester and reduce the size and facilities of the adjoining student learning block. We have been advised by WCC that these changes do not affect the Transport Plan already in place; we are keeping a close eye on this development in conjunction with Sparsholt Parish Council. With regard to the proposed 65 room 'assisted care facility' development on the North side of the Harestock road within the St. Barnabas Ward, and in the Littleton Gap, for a 65 dwelling assisted living development. The Parish Council remains opposed to this and any inappropriate or greenfield development in the Littleton & Harestock Gap. As at this date, the Parish Council is not aware of any further progress relating to this alleged development, and no application has been made. We will closely watch for any further news regarding development on this site.

Although not within the boundary of the parish, but the traffic impact of which will be keenly felt, is the 2,000 home Barton Farm development and its related construction which started in summer 2016. We understand that construction and property sales pace is still at least one year behind schedule, with less than 1,000 units sold so far, the knock-on effect being that building of the Primary school and Park-and-Ride are equally delayed. We continue to monitor traffic through Harestock Road and Andover Road as it impacts traffic and transport issues for the residents and pedestrian's safety in the parish. Councillors continue to attend the WCC/Cala Homes joint Kings Barton Forum, and report back on development and progress on a regular basis.

The Parish council continues to monitor and inspect all planning applications and comments and makes recommendations to WCC planning department as required.

Highways and Traffic

We understand that HCC and WCC are currently working on details regarding responsibility for carrying out hedge cutting, tree removal and grass verge cut back in all areas of the District. Locally, this will include allocating accountability for this work along Harestock Road and Main Road Littleton, and at the surrounds of the junction of Harestock Rd and Andover Rd. The Parish Council has continued to make representations and impressed upon HCC Councillors and Officers the danger to pedestrians in the road along Main Rd in Littleton near the Running Horse public house, and it is regrettable that the safety statistics collected by HCC still do not warrant build-outs or further traffic calming measures.

To deter cars parking on footpaths at the junctions and to reduce the danger to pedestrians and emerging drivers at the junctions of North Drive, Bercote Close, South Drive and The Hall Way with Main Road, HCC will shortly be carrying out White Lining to these road edges.

The year before last, HCC completed a feasibility study into the provision of a footpath from Dean Down Drove to Stockbridge Rd. The road traffic accident statistics show that the area is not at a high enough level to warrant such work which would be in the region of £200k, and funding of such an amount from HCC is not available, additionally the Parish finances are not sufficient to fund such expenditure at this time.

We have also officially requested a refresh of the keep clear and other signage on the road at the Andover Rd/Harestock Rd/Wellhouse Lane junction as the Parish Councillors are aware of a number of accidents that occur regularly on that junction. Hampshire highways have reported that this is now on their lining list.

Flooding

HCC Flood and Water management department and their Engineering Consultancy team presented their Preliminary Design which shows a solution for the Littleton area of comprehensive pipe drainage system at the junction of Main Road and North Drive, linking in with the Duck Pond, and a new under-ground drainage pipe laid under North Drive and linking up with Pitter Close resident's private pipe. The outflow would then continue underground to the Army Barracks and follow an existing natural channel to a pipework scheme discharging the water under the Andover road in fields along Wellhouse Lane. HCC held a presentation in January to discuss their proposals with residents at which HCC advised that Hampshire Highways were not prepared to take on responsibility for the privately owned Pitter Close pipe as it was thought to be too shallow and not sufficient to deal with the flow from Main road in an extreme event. HCC requested permission from residents to do a further survey and advised that without outline permission they would not be able to proceed with the survey. Residents felt that the Flood risk team needed to prove that their proposed design would work and be a better solution to the existing private pipe and show demonstrable benefit above what is already in place. Residents also felt that the Flood risk team did not have sufficient data information for a robust design, did not have a copy of the pipe 'as built' plan, the manual interventions required in a flood event and therefore did not fully understand the topography of the Pitter Close area. Residents and the PC requested a 2nd meeting after the Flood Risk team had reviewed all the data and the 'as built' plan. After a small period of concern in February/March, ground water levels at the bottom of the village have remained low this year.

Recreation and Playgrounds

The Parish Council continues to financially invest heavily in the playgrounds, sports facilities and pitches across the Parish. These Parish assets are highly valued and cherished by all residents, and the PC ensures that inspections are carried out with the ground maintenance contractors to ensure that the grounds are kept at a high level of

presentation and condition. We continue to invest a large portion of the Parish's funds to support this objective. This year has seen a continuation of expenditure in the 2 playgrounds in the parish totalling £19.2k. Both playgrounds have again had new equipment installed to replace equipment no longer fit for purpose. Additional equipment has been installed including a new bike rack at Bradley road. Rhino-mulch was installed under all Playground and Adult Fitness equipment at the same time. The Adult Exercise section of the Recreation Ground in Littleton was also upgraded with the installation of additional exercise equipment and a table tennis table in the area along with a Picnic Table for the use of non-exercising partners. Our playgrounds continue to undergo weekly safety inspections by WCC Special Maintenance Officers to ensure all equipment is safe and in good working order, and to discharge our Duty of Care. The standard of the playgrounds has improved beyond recognition over the past 4 years and special thanks again go to Cllrs Neilson and Saunders for their commitment and hard work in achieving it.

This year we also replaced the knee-high rusted steel fencing with new wooden fencing between the car park and the cricket pitch, and installed new yellow lockable gates to replace the dangerous low hung rusted chains. Drainage works had to be carried out at the bottom of the overflow parking area and 3 fire doors and a large fire resistant window had to be replaced in the Pavilion. A new grounds maintenance work plan has been introduced with the contractor to ensure value for money and to cover all requirements throughout the year. A new sports club management arrangement has also been negotiated and is now in place. My sincere thanks to Cllr Biddlecombe for the time and energy he has spent undertaking this work on behalf of the Parish Council.

Communication

The Parish Council continues to receive positive feedback on its website and format (its main communication vehicle), and the wide range of information and content regarding community and council matters, and has budgeted £2,500 to expand, upgrade and improve up-to-date coverage of events and information to parishioners. It is also encouraging to see the significant increase of website traffic accessing the Council website. The website delivers comprehensive monthly coverage, reports and council minutes which serve to effectively communicate to the Parish information covering Planning, Playgrounds, Flood Alleviation, Recreation Grounds, Finances, Highways traffic and transport, Barton Farm, Community Governance Review, Sir John Moore Barracks, County and City Councillors reports, Police and Community reports, Environment, Millennium Hall, and other matters as they arise. It is felt that the current communication mechanisms of the website, the additional financial resources and bought-in expertise, and the availability of the Parish Clerk and office if needed, and hand-delivered leaflets when necessary, were more than adequate.

Environment

The PC purchased the Telephone Box in Littleton from BT and decided to set up 'The Littleton Lending Library', and from the very word Go this initiative has proven to be a massive hit with residents. Every day there is someone exchanging a book, and I am particularly delighted to see parents with their children going in there and taking a book to read...what a result!

For the 2nd year, the Parish Council has given a £600 subsidy to support the late night bus service from the city to Harestock.

The planting carried out last year to enhance the raised shrub beds at the shops in Harestock, and the Island at the end of South Drive in Littleton is now showing as these plants come into flower adding colour and variety to these hitherto dull and overgrown areas.

Two items of Parish Council property were vandalised at a cost of 1,000 pounds this year...several panes of glass were smashed in the new Lending Library and an attempt to steal the new bench at the duck pond at the same time, and a large glass panel at one of our bus shelters in Harestock was also smashed on another occasion.

Parish Council notices regarding dog-fouling, the use of car park and recreation ground, disabled parking area, and playground notices continue to clarify the position and responsibility of the Parish Council in the provision of these amenities.

The PC successfully applied for both the March Hare and the Running Horse Pubs to be declared 'An Asset of Community Value'.

Community Governance Review (CGR)

The Outcome of the Community Governance review last year was that there was not a sufficient turnout to justify a democratic mandate for any of the Options offered by WCC. As a result, the Parish Council encompassing Littleton Village and Harestock remains combined as one Parish Council. In consequence, from 2nd May 2019 in accordance with the Electoral Commission and CGR, and based on the population densities of the two areas in the Parish, there are now to be 3 Councillors representing Littleton Village, and 8 Councillors representing Harestock. This arrangement will remain in place unless and until a further Community Governance Review is conducted

Parish Council Precept

The Parish Council precept for 2019/20 was set in January and sees the Parish tax for Littleton & Harestock Band D house set at £72.15 for the year which equates to £1.39 per week. This is an increase of just 1.8% compared with the average Parish tax increase for the District of 4.7%.

The Parish Council is pleased that the level of the precept in the Parish remains as one of the lowest in the Winchester district and is approximately 21% lower than the average for the Parish & Town of £91.27.

Miscellaneous

I would like to thank a number of people on behalf of the Parish Council for their hard work and support over the past year including:

Tamsin Sallis – Administration and maintenance of the Parish Council Website.

David Strugnell – Littleton Nature Reserve and support advice on Paddock View.

Stuart Covill - Cleaner of the Pavilion and Parish Council office.

Katie Massey – Millennium Hall Manager.

Alison & Chris Rice and Rachael Platt – Tumulus Field Wardens

Alison Harper & Geoff Toogood – Tree Wardens (both now retired, but HALC Training is available for any new volunteers)

Ray Broughton – Advice on planting on the island at the end of South Drive and to improve the water quality of the pond.

Mrs King & Mrs Street – Gardening and tending to the plants and shrub bed alongside the Parish office.

North Winchester Community Church – gardening and tending to the raised shrub beds at Harestock shops.

WO1 (Regimental Sergeant Major) Jan Scott R Sigs., Sir John Moore Barracks – for providing liaison between the Barracks and the Parish Council

And a personal thank you to fellow Parish councillors for attending council meetings and other meetings and events for their appointed area of additional responsibility.

I would also like to record the grateful thanks of the Parish Council to those Parish Councillors who have stood-down from the Council this year for their valuable contributions and service over the years in office.

David Fountain
Jamie Mead
Anita Neilson
George Sallis

A thank you, also, to the City and County councillors for attending our meetings and contributing to the council's work.

Finally, I would like to thank the Parish Clerk, Christopher Tee, now retired, for seven years of sterling work, and the new Parish Clerk, Lisa Fielding, for all her assistance and guidance over the past 8 months, and congratulate her on her appointment and keeping our affairs and statutory responsibilities in order.

Cllr Cunningham then handed over to (HCC) Cllr Jan Warwick to provide Hampshire County Council's report.

HCC Councillor Report

5. HCC Cllr Jan Warwick reported on the following items:-

Background: Hampshire's population is 1,370,700 (2017) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). 123,000 live in the Winchester District. Hampshire CC maintains 5400 miles of roads, 4300 miles pavements, 133,000 streetlights, 481 schools, 45 libraries, 16 care homes for older people, 9 residential homes for children and young people, 24 Household Waste Centres and 5 Country Parks. Every year 94% of all household waste is diverted from landfill (40% recycled) is burnt for energy and powers 50,000 homes. Hampshire has an 80% employment rate (UKA 73.9%) and 3.5% unemployment rate (UKA 5%).

Budget: The population of over 75 year olds will rise by 30 per cent over the next seven years - an extra 5,500 people a year who may well need social care support, to varying degrees. The 2.99% increase in Hampshire's council tax will generate an additional £18 million. HCC council tax remains the 2nd lowest in England. HCC's capital programme is a significant investment in Hampshire's infrastructure, delivering schemes totalling £491.6 million between 2019 and 2022 and providing a boost for the local economy:

- £160 million of investment in new and extended school buildings in Hampshire in the period 2019/20 to 2021/22 to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire.
- £122 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years
- £72 million for integrated transport schemes including £9 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements
- £94 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings over the next three years.

School Admissions: 98.4% of children in Hampshire have been offered a place at their top three preferred primary school. 98% of children have been allocated a place at their top three preferred secondary school.

Road Maintenance and Operation Resilience: Over 5300 miles of road are maintained by HCC. £10m is invested annually on planned maintenance on top of government funding. The first of Hampshire's brand new Dragon Patchers has arrived to help repair the county's roads, damaged by the winter weather. The County Council has bought two Dragon Patchers for exclusive use in Hampshire Sites of road works and road maintenance are

listed on the HCC website where problems can also be reported:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance>

Connect to Support Website: (<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/home>) Is a useful resource providing information about all aspects of independent living, such as advice about mental and physical health, help and support for carers, and equipment to help people manage at home. The website and app also includes:

- A directory of local services, activities, charities and helplines to supporting individuals with specific needs
- A directory of Care Quality Commission-registered home care agencies that can provide personal and nursing care in people's homes
- A directory of registered care homes and nursing homes in Hampshire.

Littleton and Harestock: The flood alleviation measures are currently being progressed and it is expected that the project will complete in 12-18 months. A survey of the pipe and surrounding land will be made and available in August. Accident incidents at the Andover Rd/Harestock Rd junction have increased to the levels that it has now been added to the casualty reduction program.

County Council Grants (15 causes) including University of Winchester HELP Hampshire Stroke Clinic, Citizens Advice Bureau Winchester for community based specialists, Winchester Street Reach, Winchester Film Festival, Winchester Basics Bank

A number of issues were raised at the end of Cllr J Warwick's report as follows:-

- a. Question: What is a bus gate as referred to in the Winchester Movement Strategy?

Cllr Warwick reported that this was a priority system for busses over cars, intended to support the Park and Ride busses and encourage people to use the Park& Ride system

- b. Concerns were raised on the Harestock/Andover Rd/Wellhouse Lane junction: Cars move into the central reservation too early and can obstruct traffic, cars regularly wave drivers waiting in the central reservation onto the road. Additionally the line of sight is blocked with trees when driving from Wellhouse Lane towards Harestock Rd. It was suggested that a 30 mile zone along Andover Rd would be useful, and it was also asked if Andover Rd was going to remain open.

Cllr Warwick reported that the high level strategy was in progress and that a proposed North Park and Ride would need a route along Andover Rd for the busses. It was also suggested that engineers could present at a future Parish Council meeting.

- c. Flood Alleviation Scheme Meeting: It was noted that there was very little notice for residents or councillors for these meeting and the timing for meetings with residents was not friendly for people who worked. Would it be possible to have more notice and arrange meeting in the evening, avoiding August please.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the flood alleviation team and inform them of the Parishioners concerns.

Financial Report

6. The Clerk had already distributed copies to all those present of the unaudited accounts for the year 2018-19 and then elaborated on various specific items on the income and expenditure account. It had been a very busy year and the money had all been well spent.

A member of the public asked what was covered by the graveyard contribution in the accounts, and Cllr Cunningham reported that the figure was a contribution to support all three churchyards at St. Catherine's Church.

WCC Councillors' Report

7. St Barnabas City Councillors Report

Welcome: For any of you who don't know me I am Kelsie Learney, Councillor for St Barnabas which covers Harestock, Weeke, Bereweke and Teg Down and I am joined by my fellow ward Councillors – Anne Weir and Mike Craske. We knock on doors for different reasons all year round and one of the things it brings home to you is not only how nice people are in this area – although obviously there are odd exceptions – but how lucky we are to live in a place where residents don't find that much to complain about. Even so there are big issues in the area that are of great concern to local people and over which we as city councillors have some control.

Planning: Although Harestock itself is pretty much built to its limit residents have been concerned about what is going on around its' edges and in Weeke and this has made up a considerable part of the St Barnabas Councillor workload. We have had some wins but weak local and national planning policy has left us to an extent at the mercy of developers, who increasingly evade the intention of Local Plan policy to ensure developments deliver for the most part modest, affordably priced homes for people who want to work and live here, for starter homes and downsizers. We will be working closely with the planners to redress the balance in favour of our communities - to ensure Winchester is a place where all kinds of people can find homes they can afford.

Transport: In Harestock the main concern around the Barton Farm development remains having more traffic coming through Priors Dean Road and along Harestock Road. There's a lot of work still to be done but the recently agreed County and City Council Movement strategy with its aim to reduce motorised traffic coming into Winchester is a very good start and has picked up on the local need for Park and Ride to the North. Anne and I have also been working with some success to ensure decent cycle and walking routes from Harestock through Kings Barton and into town – again there are more battles to fight. We have ensured continued Winchester Town Forum support for the Night bus service to Harestock and Weeke – this helps keep mid evening services as well. Stagecoach now runs the no 5 part of this service entirely commercially - releasing funds to support other services. It would be great to see the No 3 do the same but in the meantime the Town Forum is happy to support it and are grateful for the contribution made by the Parish Council.

Waste and Recycling: We have also seen increasing frustration about the small range of recyclables the City Council collects, this partly longstanding, partly encouraged by programmes such as the Blue Planet and the Extinction Revolution movement. I'm pleased to say that after its introduction was blocked in 2011 Doorstep Glass recycling will finally be introduced later this year and the Council will be looking at what we can do to expand further the range of materials that can be included in recycling collection starting in October 2020. We have seen an increase in missed bin collections. This is mainly due to the age and increasing unreliability of the lorries being used, action is being taken and the

introduction of new lorries and technology when the new contract starts in 2020 will see these issues disappear.

Street Lighting: Hampshire County Council's unilateral decision to switch streetlights off between 1 and 4 am has given rise to some concern. There are clearly benefits in terms of energy and cost saving but this must be weighed against residents safety and security. I have been We are listening to residents' experiences and will take this up with County Councillors where evidence of real problems emerges.

Going forward, I'm sure that most of you are aware that the recent elections led to a change in control of the City Council from Conservative to Liberal Democrat. Both Anne and I are to be part of the new City Council Cabinet and the detail of our roles will be announced by the new leader of the Council Lucille Thompson later this week.

Before introducing our new Councillor for St Barnabas Mike Craske I would like to say a few words about his predecessor Eileen Berry. Although Eileen and I disagreed on many things – often quite vociferously - Eileen has been dedicated to the welfare of local people and I would like to join with the Parish Council to send her thanks for her years of service.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Parish Council in the year ahead and to bringing forward plans for the benefit of all who live in our community.

Cllr Learney then handed over to Cllr Mike Craske who reported that he was proud to take on Eileen Berry's mantle. He has lived in Stoney Lane on the junction with Andover Rd for 15 years, and first got involved with local matters with developments in Stoney Lane and petitioning to the Hampshire Chronicle. He is impressed with the opportunities that parishioners have to be represented by the Parish Council and is keen to investigate providing the same level of representation for the Weeke community.

A number of issues were raised at the end of the St Barnabas Ward presentation as follows:-

- a. Question: What is the policy on Estate Agents Boards as the sold notice for a bungalow in Harestock is still up from December last year?

Cllr K Learney reported that there are rules on notices and how long they can be kept up. It might be possible to complain to the planning enforcement team.

- b. It was noted that the Harestock car park was being used as a park and ride and that car parking slots were not always available. Also it is used by the garage next door. Would it be possible to have a four hour parking limit, or for the city council to regulate the car park.

Cllr K Learney stated that she was opposed to charging in the car park as that would push additional parking onto neighbouring streets. It would be possible to ask the WCC parking team to perform another review of the car park, and the Parish Council agreed to look into this.

- c. A parishioner noted that the open plan nature of Harestock is gradually being reduced and asked if anything could be done.

Cllr K Learney stated that it could only be managed to a certain extent through the WCC planning team. Open Plan restrictions are in the deeds of all Harestock houses and should be considered when reviewing planning applications.

8. Wonston and Micheldever City Councillors

WCC Cllr Caroline Horrill reported as follows:

I have been privileged to be the councillor for Littleton since 2016 along with my fellow Councillors Patrick Cunningham, your chair and Stephen Godfrey. Littleton is part of the Wonston and Micheldever Ward, which also includes the villages of Crawley, Sparsholt, South Wonston, Micheldever, Sutton Scotney and Wonston. An area the size of Singapore.

Our report tonight seeks to highlight a handful of the key WCC projects during the last year, which have an impact in your parish.

At Winchester City Council, we represent over 250 square miles across the District, over 120,000 people in 45 parishes, market towns and of course the city of Winchester. We are aware that although the city of Winchester is a key focus, over 80% of the District is rural. As a place, we are often voted one of the best places to live, one of the happiest places and unfortunately one of the most expensive places, which is why our programme of building new affordable homes is so important. We are also very keen to ensure that a small number of homes are built in rural communities, so that our villages, just like Littleton, remain sustainable and Paddock View is a good example of this.

During the last year we have been committed to driving down homelessness in the District. Please don't be confused by those asking for money on our city streets. Many have a bed but are asking you for cash to feed a habit - be it drink or drugs. We are such a generous community we are often misled by those seeking our help.

We have been working locally to improve infrastructure with our partners at the County and jointly sponsoring a Movement Strategy for greater Winchester. This was approved by both authorities this week and will mean that we will be having more park and ride facilities and one is earmarked for our side of the City near Three Maids Hill. Importantly as your local councillor, I am supporting the decision to keep the Andover Road open as part of that strategy as I believe there would be a significant and adverse impact on Littleton and Harestock as a result.

We are building a new Sport and Leisure Park at Bar End in partnership with the University, the Pinder Trust and with funding from HCC. The facility will open in 2021 and you will see our partners Willmott Dixon hard at work on the site. This is an outstanding new facility for the District including a 50m pool, hydrotherapy suite, fitness facilities, pitches and courts.

Our beautiful environment is a key part of making the District such an attractive place to live so protecting our heritage and landscape, enhancing and increasing use of open spaces is a key element of your work. We have committed to employing our own officer at WCC to oversee climate change/air quality and for us to make better environmental efforts.

Planning and enforcement are a key focus for the Parishes and we have sought to support the Parish Council in their views on specific planning applications. The Council has recently reviewed these services and are working with the parishes to improve our service delivery. We are fortunate to have an agreed local plan unlike neighbouring authorities like Eastleigh where development is not controlled. We have commenced a review of our plan and are seeking input from the parish as part of this process.

The SHELAA's, the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessments some +200 have set hares running around the District and the next stage of the process is scheduled for a June review. Please be assured a request to put a piece of land forward as

a SHELAA does not give it any immediate status. We have to deliver circa 1100 homes in the period to 2036 as we roll forward our new plan from 2031 to 2036 across the whole District.

We are delivering doorstep glass collection from the autumn. You will be receiving a free box to use for this purpose later in the summer and will be able to have your jars and bottles taken away as part of our waste service.

Importantly even though we are improving services, we are not asking for more money from you and so this year we had a zero % city council tax rise - giving you more money back into your pocket.

I believe Winchester residents can be very proud of what their City Council is doing on their behalf, but our work is never done. Please do let us know if I can further support the Parish and the residents of the village of Littleton. Thank you.

WCC Cllr Patrick Cunningham then reported as follows:

Local Plan: The City Council is reviewing its Local Plan, which controls what and where development can take place. The current plan has proved to be effective in protecting the rural areas of our District, such as here in L&H Parish, from inappropriate development. We expect the revised plan – covering a further 5 years to 2036 – to continue to do this. The Government has required us to provide around 1,100 new homes across the 250 square miles of the District over the next 16 years, which is a modest increase. There is no evidence that will justify any allocation of new 'greenfield' sites for development outside the current settlements in our Ward, and we will continue to oppose proposals for smaller similar inappropriate developments here in Littleton and anywhere else in our Ward.

SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment): Many parishioners have expressed concern about the threat of large housing developments being foisted onto small rural villages as a result of the SHELAA assessment. SHELAA just identifies all the sites that have been submitted by land owners for consideration through the Local Plan above, accommodating over 40,000 new dwellings – far more than Winchester District would ever need in the period. There is no reason to be alarmed just because Littleton area is included in the SHELAA as the vast majority of sites do not get built, especially as the number of new homes announced by Government is 1,100 as previously mentioned. The first draft of the new local plan is scheduled to be out for public consultation this autumn.

Waste Incinerator: We will also work with neighbouring authorities to oppose the plan to build one of the biggest waste incinerators in the Country near rural Longparish/Barton Stacey. I have attended the Wheelabrator Company's presentation in Barton Stacey and met with the resident's groups in the areas of our ward in immediate proximity to this site, and will be giving them whatever help I can in opposing the scheme. To give you an idea of the scale, Winchester Cathedral would fit into the Building twice and the plant would process (BURN) over 500,000 tons of commercial/industrial waste per annum (1,400 tons/day) imported from surrounding Counties. This is the definition of Inappropriate for this rural site – Dioxin emissions and groundwater contamination into the Dever 800m away and the Test 1 mile from the site.

Litter and Fly-Tipping: Fly-tipping continues to be a blight around the Parish. While the City Council has been the most successful authority in Hampshire in prosecuting the offenders, there is much more we must do. Working closely with the County Council, the Council is

investigating many more incidents than was previously possible. We are also looking at how we can reduce the litter thrown in to the verges of roads in and around our Villages.

That concluded the Winchester City Council report.

Public Participation

9. A parishioner asked if the Winslade Rd bus shelter in Harestock could be improved so that there is shelter on wet windy days, although it has a back and a top there is very little protection from the rain. This would be looking into by the Parish Council. It was noted that the Kennel Lane grassy area is completely overgrown and dangerous due to lack of visibility; this would be followed up straight away. A parishioner asked what the main reason for the waste incinerator near Barton Stacey, and Cllr P Cunningham reported that it was commercial and profit motivated, Wheelabrator does not have a good environmental record and there are better sites for an incinerator including Didcot. A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Parish Council and the chairman for the work that the councillors do on behalf of the parishioners.

10. There were no further questions. Cllr Cunningham then thanked all those present for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed. The next Annual Parish Meeting will be on 11th May 2020.