

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock.**

**Present:** Cllr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mr R Warren, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs A Neilson, Mrs H Saunders, Cllr K Learney, Mr D Fountain, Mr J Mead and Mrs L Fielding (Clerk)

Also: Cllr C Horrill (WCC), Cllr J Warwick (HCC) and one member of the public.

**19-001            Apologies for Absence**

Nil.

**19-002            Declarations of Interest**

Mrs J Burgess declared an interest in a planning application for 7 North Drive and Mr J Biddlecombe declared an interest in Paddock View.

**19-003            Minutes of the meeting held 11th March 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of 11th March 2019 were presented and it was proposed by Mr D Fountain and seconded by Mr R Warren that the minutes be accepted. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 11th March be approved.

Note: These minutes (8th April 2019) are draft until approved and signed at the Parish Council meeting on the 13th May 2019.

**19-004            Matters Arising:**

Nil.

**19-005            Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down**

WO1 (RSM) Scott was not present and no matters were raised concerning the military.

**19-006            Public Participation**

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council had received the outline plan for the Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall 20th Anniversary Celebration. Cllr P Cunningham confirmed that this had been received and the Parish Councillors agreed unanimously that they were happy for the Hall trustees to proceed.

**19-007            Police Report**

PCSO Bidle was not present and no matter were raised on crime reports received, however the councillors noted that there had not been a specific report from PCSO Bidle for some time and the Parish Clerk was asked to investigate. LF.

**19-008            Planning**

Mrs J Burgess noted an interest for planning application 19/00337/FUL (7 North Drive, Littleton) and left the meeting.

The planning schedule for March was circulated and discussed. There were no objections raised for application 19/00461/HOU (Lapwhyng, South Drive, Littleton), and 19/00474/FUL (Valetta, Dean Downe Drove, Littleton) however it was noted that there was an incorrect statement in

19/00461/HOU on drainage which will be noted in the Parish Council response. An objection was raised for planning application 19/00435/HOU (Springwood, 3 Three Maids Close, Harestock) in relation to the isolation of the property from the rest of the Three Maids Close development.). Applications 19/00162/HOU, 18/02703/HOU, 19/0187/HOU and 19/00285/FUL previously reviewed in the last council meeting have now been approved by WCC. An update from a WCC engineer on planning application 19/00337/FUL (7 North Drive, Littleton) had been added to the planning portal, and Cllr P Cunningham noted that the engineer agreed with the Parish Council's concerns on the efficiency of the drainage system and soak away. It was noted that the compliance check for the enforcement 17/00271/USE (Barclays Main Rd, Littleton) was due on 19/04/19 and the clerk was asked to check with the enforcement officer on the compliance outcome.

Mr J Biddlecombe reported on the Local Plan Workshop hosted by WCC. It was noted that the housing numbers are not final yet, and that the district may need to cover the unmet needs of neighbouring districts. The workshop also focused on local facilities and services and asked the parish to complete an audit for Littleton and Harestock which was duly discussed and the clerk was asked to forward the completed audit to the planning team. LF.

### **19-009 Barton Farm Development**

The Barton Farm residents association is getting active and investigating issues such as walkways, cycleways and footpaths, A community activity is planned for Easter. Cala Homes is expected to provide a playground this Summer and there has been progress on the school with a head teacher now appointed. There were concerns that parking may be an issue as garages and driveways are very small. Cllr K Learney reported that transport will be reviewed at the next meeting.

### **19-010 Littleton & Harestock Show**

Mr R Warren reported that the team are making good progress and that the show beneficiaries will be Winchester GoLD and Winchester talking newspaper. The most recent show meeting was held at the Littleton Church Hall, and the show committee have agreed to continue this in order to support the church.

### **19-011 County Councillor's Report**

Cllr J Warwick reported on the following items:-

Supporting Families: More than 4500 families in Hampshire have been helped during the County's Supporting Families programme. An evaluation by Solent University showed the support given translated into avoiding costs of around £27m.

Calshot Activity Centre: new investment in the Hangar centre include aerial trekking, laser climbing and a bouldering cave.

County Councillor Grants: This year Cllr J Warwick was pleased to support the following local schemes:

- Red Lane resurfacing in Otterbourne
- Winchester Basics Bank
- Badger Farm Picnic Bench
- Winchester Film Festival
- Winchester Street Reach (Weeke and Harestock)
- HELP Hampshire Stroke Clinic
- Life Education Wessex Compton All Saints Primary School
- CAB Winchester

- Compton and Shawford Bus Stop Fencing
- Thrive Wellbeing Café Older Persons' Christmas Lunch
- Sparsholt Parish Hall Signage
- Chat-Tea Café Badger Farm
- Weeke Community Centre Electrical Work
- Compton Lock Signage
- Hursley Community Shop Equipment

The next County Councillor grant applications will open in June 2019.

Mrs J Burgess noted that following a trip to Farley Mount she had observed that the climbing frames had been removed, and Cllr J Warwick agreed to look into it. Mr J Biddlecombe asked if Cllr J Warwick could check on the progress of Littleton Flood Alleviation investigation as there was great concern on the length of time this issue is taking.

### **19-012 District Councillors' Report:**

Cllr C Horrill reported that at the PACT meeting a number of Harestock residents had raised concerns about the light switch off in relation to numerous burglaries, and for areas where individuals need to walk either in the early morning or late at night. Additionally the police are urging individual to report drug dealing issues on 101 to allow the police to identify patterns.

Cllr C Horrill reported that Winchester City Council is supporting the Keep Britain tidy village clean up, and spring cleaning campaign. They have also focussed on getting roads closed in order to collect litter, and have cleaned chewing gum of the high street and put bins in place to collect the gum which can be recycled into wellington boots or drinking cups. The movement strategy is now approved by WCC, and has been passed to the County Council for approval. The strategy includes eight key projects with the number one priority being increasing the park and ride capacity. Cllr C Horrill noted that the City Council have raised concerns about the scale of the incinerator proposal in Test Valley including the issue that emissions of gasses and particulate matter could reach as far as a 10km radius. Mr J Mead pointed out that incinerators were old technology and not carbon neutral. Cllr C Horrill reported that boards are being erected outside Friarsgate Medical Centre to protect pedestrians and advertise the planned work. Other developments at Kings Walks include the Bike hub, Twisted Nose Gin and the theatre at the antiques market. Cllr C Horrill reported on a meeting with Hyde Housing regarding sewerage at Paddock View. The environment agency is currently monitoring the situation as Hyde housing has not been meeting the required target.

Cllr K Learney reported that she had been canvassing and that most people were worried about the National picture and the only local issues seemed to be with Parking and Pavements.

### **19-013 Sub-Committees and Other Reports**

#### a) Website

The Parish clerk reported on the increased need to put Parish Council information on the website which is proving very time consuming for the volunteer who currently acts as webmaster. Additionally there are frequent requests for updating the community part of the website as members of the general public assume this is managed by the Parish Council. The clerk presented a proposal to the parish council to take on support of the community website and also to pay £25 per hour to a webmaster with an expectation of 2 hours per week work needed to support both the Parish Council and the community website. However the Parish Council updates would always take priority. This was voted 8 to 1 in favour and the motion was carried.

#### b) Finance:

- i. The latest payments list for March was presented for consideration and, after some discussion, was accepted. It was therefore proposed by Mr D. Fountain, seconded by Mr J Mead and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £7,571.72 on the March payments schedule should be paid.
- ii. The clerk reported that she has noticed a mistake in the February payments sheet in that the net value for January expenses had been listed as £12.12 instead of £18.12 which did not affect the total gross payments as reported in the March minutes. An updated February payments sheet was produced to the meeting highlighting the changes, and was signed by the Parish Council Chairman.
- iii. The clerk presented a provisional end of year financial update prior to the audit on 15th April. The clerk is planning to discuss the Littleton Recreation Ground charity at the audit and it was agreed unanimously that the charity should be wound up.
- iv. The clerk proposed some modifications to the annual budget due to new website charges, and other small changes to various line items. The overall total to remain the same. This was voted on and agreed unanimously.
- v. A proposed new Financial Regulation document had been distributed by the clerk following a formal review by the Finance Committee meeting. This new document was approved unanimously by the Parish Council.

c) Environment:

Mr D Fountain reported that following recent rainfall, there was some flooding at the Harestock shops as the drains were blocked which the clerk agreed to investigate. Additionally Mr D Fountain mentioned that the existing problem with the kerb stones opposite the shops was getting worse as there are now three additional loose kerb stone. The clerk proposed that she would update the existing issue with Hampshire highways to add the new information. Mr D Fountain had also received a report from a local resident about drug dealing in the car park by the shops, and damage to a car by unknown persons, the resident wondered if CCTV could be put in place by the city council. Cllr K Learney agreed to check if this was possible.

d) Playgrounds:

Mrs A Neilson reported that she has applied for CIL funding to Winchester City Council to support the planned new play area for teenagers at Littleton. The application will be evaluated in April and discussed at a cabinet meeting between July and September. Mrs A Neilson is optimistic but asked the city councillors at the meeting to support the application. Mrs A Neilson, Mrs H Saunders and the clerk visited Littleton and Bradley Rd play areas to assess the repairs done by Vitaplay and the additional work identified in the annual inspection. The clerk has provided a report and will meet with Vitaplay to pursue.

e) Millennium Memorial Hall:

The annual general meeting is planned for 13th May prior to the Parish Council Annual Assembly, and the trustees are looking forward to the 20 year anniversary on 22nd June. Mrs J Burgess reported that the pre-school will be full for the first time after Easter.

f) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:

Mr J Biddlecombe reported the new Sports Club Management has been signed, and use of the Pavilion for sporting related events has been reinforced. It was agreed that a new padlock for the barrier (with a mastered key) should be put in place at the same time as the new Pavilion door lock. Mr J Biddlecombe noted a recent incident at the recreation ground when an ambulance was required, and he reported that the Sports club emergency procedures worked very well.

g) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:

Mr J Mead stated that he had reported the additional pot holes in the Hall Way to Hampshire highways. Cllr K Learney noted that the Junction 9 consultation meeting is making good progress and the work is expected to start on site in 2021, and finish in 2023. They are also planning to

improve the path between Kingsworthy and the junction in order to have a full cycle and walking path which will provide loops into the National Park. Cllr P Cunningham reported that work on the white lines on sections of the roads in the Hall Way, North Drive, South Drive and Bercote Close will commence in the next few weeks. It was agreed that a notice on the white lines would be added to the website.

h) Pond/island opposite: Nothing to report.

#### **19-014 Parish Elections**

Cllr P Cunningham reported that the Parish Elections were uncontested and that the three vacancies in Littleton were filled, and that three of the eight vacancies in Harestock were filled leaving five open vacancies in Harestock. It was noted that it will be possible to co-opt councillors as early as the Annual Parish Assembly.

#### **19-015 Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**

Mr R Warren proposed a vote of thanks for Mr J Mead, Mrs A Neilson, Mr D Fountain and Mr G Sallis who are leaving the Parish Council after much good work.

#### **19-016 Date of Next Meeting: The Annual Parish Assembly**

Monday 13th May 2019 in the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton at 7.00pm; flyers will be distributed to all residents to notify them of the Annual Parish Assembly.