

**RECORD OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 8th July 2019
at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton**

Present: Cllr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr R Warren, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs H Saunders, Cllr K Learney and Mrs L Fielding (Clerk)

Also: Cllr J Warwick (HCC), Cllr C Horrill (WCC), Cllr M Craske (WCC) and two members of the public.

19-045 Apologies for Absence

Mr J Biddlecombe.

19-046 Declarations of Interest

None.

19-047 Minutes of the meeting held 12th June 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 12th June 2019 were presented and it was proposed by Mrs J Burgess and seconded by Mrs H Saunders that the minutes be accepted. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 12th June 2019 be approved.

Note: These minutes (8th July 2019) are draft until approved and signed at the Parish Council meeting on the 12th August 2019.

19-048 Matters Arising

None

19-049 Co-option of New Councillors

Mr Stephen Burgess applied via email to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. His application was discussed and voted upon and it was agreed unanimously that Mr Stephen Burgess would join Littleton and Harestock Parish Council. He then signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office and it was countersigned by the clerk.

The clerk also noted that there had been interest from another parishioner who is hoping to apply in August.

19-050 Public Participation

A playground volunteer for the Parish Council noted that the CIL application that had been made for new teenager equipment was now under consideration and she asked the HCC and WCC councillors at the meeting to support it during any discussions. She agreed to forward the details of the proposal to the relevant councillors at the meeting.

19-051 Police Report

PCSO Bidle was unable to attend but sent the following report:-

This report details incidents from 10/06/2019-08/07/2019

Anti-Social Behaviour: No reports of Anti-social Behaviour in Littleton or Harestock. Burglary: No reports of Burglary in Littleton or Harestock. Criminal Damage: Between 06/06 – 08/06/19 damage to person's car reported, Main road, Littleton. Under Investigation. Drugs: No reports of Drugs in Littleton or Harestock. Theft from motor vehicle: Between 29/06/19 – 06/07/19 power tools stolen from inside a van, Bramshaw Close. Theft of pedal cycle: No reports of Theft of pedal cycles. Theft of vehicle: No reports of Theft of Vehicle

19-052 Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down

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

19-053 Planning

The planning schedule for June was circulated and discussed. There was an objection raised for the revised application for 19/01029/HOU (2 Dale Close, Littleton), and no objections for 19/01164/HOU (5 Rockbourne Road, Harestock), 19/01203/HOU4 (Orient Drive, Harestock), 19/01080/HOU (Hawstead, 10 North Drive Littleton) and 19/01327/TPC (3 Church Lane Littleton) . Applications 119/01030/TPO and 19/00474/FUL previously reviewed in the last council meeting have now been approved by WCC. The clerk noted that the appeal for the enforcement case (17/00271/USE) is still under consideration and that staffing changes at WCC have delayed pursuing enforcement case 18/00222/WKS and it is now out of the 6 month window for prosecutions. Ivan Girdler has been asked to assess the current situation and decide if a replacement tree is required.

19-054 Barton Farm Development

The next meeting is on the 15th July, and Mr R Warren agreed to attend in place of Mrs H Saunders. Mr R Warren asked if the Parish Council should promote a viewpoint on the Andover Rd closure at the forum, and after some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not take up a position on this matter until more details of the WCC movement strategy are released.

19-055 Littleton & Harestock Show

Mr R Warren reported that the show chairman is standing down next year. He noted that the show committee are investigating reducing single-use plastic usage and that King Alfred busses are unfortunately not able to run busses this September. Mr R Warren then asked the council if the show could bring a fire engine onto the recreation ground which was approved unanimously.

The Parish Council agreed that they would run one of the game stalls instead of their regular pitch as it was thought this would be a better way to promote the council. The Parish Council will put up banners at the stall and wear Parish Council badges. Mrs H Saunders asked if there had been any progress on a logo for the badges, and Mr S Burgess agreed to hunt out the logo competition winning entry from the previous competition in 2013.

19-056 County Councillor's Report

Cllr J Warwick reported on the following issues:-

Protecting Wildlife in the Verges: Many verges across Hampshire offer a vital refuge for rare species of plants and other wildlife. Maintenance of these areas seeks to preserve wildlife habitats as far as possible, without impacting on road safety. Rural grass verges are cut once a year, usually during summer, with the cutting of some verges is timed to allow rare species to flower and seed. Almost 200 of these verges are home to bees, butterflies and moths that rely on flower rich grassland to provide a source of nectar and pollen. Protected species (such as orchids, Cudweed, Tower Mustard, glow worms and Lychnis moth caterpillars) need to remain uncut throughout their flowering and seeding seasons, so they can survive and reproduce. Conventional cutting throughout summer would result in a decrease in biodiversity interest over time. Protected areas are therefore cut in April and/or late September, depending on the species present.

Surface Dressing helps protect the road surface by providing a waterproof seal to prevent potholes and restore any lost skid resistance. Surface dressing treatments are applied when the road is dry. It is a quick process with most sites taking less than a day to complete. A thin layer of new stone chippings improves skid resistance and also reduces the risk of aquaplaning. Drivers are advised to slow down to avoid damage to their cars (and to others) when a road has just been treated. The road is swept to remove loose chippings as soon as possible after treatment and before the road markings are repainted. Issues that relate to surface dressing operations can be addressed by the Customer Contact Centre on 0300 555 1388.

Thinking about volunteering at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens? The gardens are an unrivalled collection of trees and shrubs set in 180 acres near Romsey, in Hampshire. If you have a few hours to spare

on a regular basis then please do consider volunteering. There are opportunities both inside and outside and no previous experience is required. For further information is available from the Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01794 369305

Ofsted have graded Hampshire County Council's Children's Service as outstanding in all areas. The service received the top score for overall effectiveness, the impact of leaders on social work practices, for children who need help and protection, and those in care and care leavers. The report found that social workers are highly skilled at building meaningful relationships with children. It also highlighted the council's political and corporate support as well as financial investment. Hampshire's response to vulnerable young people at risk of exploitation is described as highly effective.

Cllr P Cunningham noted that he had received a number of residents reports of cars speeding from both ends of Main Rd and asked if Littleton could be put on the speed trap schedule . Cllr K Warwick agreed to contact Hampshire Constabulary on behalf of the Parish Council.

19-057 District Councillors' Report:

Cllr C Horrill reported that WCC have announced a climate change emergency and a detailed action plan is due to be provided in six months time. WCC are also updating the Economic Development Strategy document. Cllr C Horrill was delighted to see the Chesil Lodge award being shared online, and hi-lighted the council's continued commitment to Housing development, and in particular delivering houses of different tenures. The Sports and Leisure park development is on schedule and expected to open early 2021. Cllr Horrill reported that the SHELAA sites are now available, and although it does not mean a commitment to build, Parish Councils should pay attention to where the sites are as there may be impacts for the Parish. Cllr C Horrill reported on a local burglary at Sparsholt post office where the criminals used slight of hand to steal £300 during money changing for a large transaction. She reported that the criminals are targeting post offices and that Littleton and Harestock Parish should be aware.

Cllr K Learney reported that the new bin contract is coming up for tender and they are hoping to use this as an opportunity to fix the recent problems with bin collections which are diminishing now. There is also a potential to add food waste collection which the council understands may be a compulsory requirement from the government in 2023. Glass collection will start in October and there are currently 40,000 plastic containers ready to distribute in September.

Cllr M Craske reported on the petition that he presented at the last WCC council meeting which seeks to investigate how local development in St Barnabas can be better managed and involve local people. He noted that the mechanism of the town forum with a link to the planning progress may be a good solution. Cllr M Craske would like to see better management of the planning resources, e.g. having the right people with the right skills.

The Parish Councillors also raised a concern about the staffing in the planning office and Cllr C Horrill reported that the Winchester office is proving to be a very good training ground for planners who then leave to take up more lucrative positions. However she reported that packages for all staff have been reviewed and the pay structure has been improved. It was also felt by the Parish Council that if the Parish Council is the only objector then less notice is paid to the specifics of the objection, whereas when there are more objectors more attention is paid by planners.

19-058 Sub-Committees and Other Reports

a) Finance

The latest payments list for June was presented for consideration and, after some discussion, was accepted. It was therefore proposed by Cllr K Learney, seconded by Mrs J Burgess and
RESOLVED – That payments totalling £4,016.85 on the June payments schedule should be paid

b) Environment:

Mr R Warren reported that the BT phonebox has been released in Harestock and that it is available to purchase. It was noted that the work on the Littleton phonebox had proved quite costly to convert to a library, and it was agreed that the condition of the Harestock phonebox should be reviewed and then a potential purchase should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Mr R Warren also reported that the M3 junction 9 public consultation is in progress and the proposals indicate a

much improved layout, however he is concerned about safety issues at the junction as it is not planned to be lit even though it is quite complicated with lots of signs. The consultation is due to end on 27th August and the Parish Council agreed to review it at the next meeting.

c) Playgrounds:

Mrs H Saunders reported on the work that needs to be done at the playgrounds. Vitaplay have been asked to prioritise the Bradley Rd gate as it currently does not hinge shut properly. The clerk was asked to get two quotes for a gate in the Littleton playgrounds from Vitaplay and South Coast Fencing., and to get a short-term repair to the gap in the hedge. The clerk mentioned that the goal posts in the top field had fallen over on the weekend and she agreed to get this repaired as soon as possible.

d) Millennium Memorial Hall:

Mrs J Burgess reported that Simon Kingston is the new chairman of the trustees, and that the next meeting is on 15th July. Additionally, the 20th anniversary event on the 22nd June went very well, and that she and the clerk had represented the Parish Council at the event. The wall outside the hall has now been rebuilt, and she is proposing that a steel brace is added to protect it in the future.

e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:

Mrs J Burgess reported that the sports teams are doing well with full membership of both the croquet and bowls clubs, and a waiting list for the under 7's football team.

The clerk reported that she has had a number of positive comments about the wild flowers in the conservation area and that David Strugnall has suggested a new "Nature Reserve" sign which the council approved.

f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:

The next flood alleviation meeting with Gloria Kwaw is on 3rd September (11am-1pm). It was agreed that Mr S Burgess would take over responsibility for Emergency Planning.

g) Pond/island opposite:

The clerk has asked a local expert for some advice on the green algae in the pond.

19-059 Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda

For next month's agenda:-

- Harestock BT Phonebox potential purchase
- M3 Junction 9 discussion

19-060 Date of Next Meeting:

12th August 2019 at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock at 7.00pm