

**RECORD OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held on Monday 11th November 2019

at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock

Present: Cllr P Cunningham (Chair), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mr R Warren, Mrs H Saunders, Mrs J Burgess, Mr S Burgess, Mrs L Martin, Mr P Highfield and Mrs L Fielding (Clerk)

Also: Cllr A Weir (WCC) and two members of the public

19-107 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Learney, Cllr C Horrill (WCC), Cllr J Warwick (HCC)

19-108 Declarations of Interest

Mrs H Saunders declared an interest in a planning application (trees) for 10 Harestock Close

19-109 Minutes of the meeting held 14th October 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 14th October 2019 were presented and it was noted that the location of the meeting was incorrectly recorded. It was proposed by Mr J Biddlecombe and seconded by Mrs L Martin that, with that one correction, the minutes be accepted. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 14th October 2019 be approved with one correction.

Note: These minutes (11th November 2019) are draft until approved and signed at the Parish Council meeting on the 9th December 2019.

19-110 Matters Arising: Nil

19-111 Co-option of New Councillors

The Parish Council discussed an application from Mr David Tozer to join the Parish Council which was voted on and all were in favour.

The Declarations of Acceptance of Office was then signed and countersigned by the clerk.

The current duties and responsibilities list was reviewed, and Mrs L Martin volunteered to replace Cllr P Cunningham on both Environment concerns in Littleton, and reviewing planning applications in Littleton. Mr D Tozer volunteered to focus on Environment concerns in Harestock and to join Mr R Warren reviewing planning applications in Harestock.

19-112 Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down

WO1 (RSM) Scott was not present and no matters were raised concerning the military. However Mrs J Burgess was pleased to report that she attended the remembrance service at St Catherine's Church, Littleton with soldiers from the Sir John Moore Barracks in attendance. She presented a wreath, for which a donation was made by the council to the Royal British Legion allowable under section 137 of the local government act 1972. Cllr P Cunningham reported that he had attended the remembrance service in the Cathedral, and also that there was a two minute silence at the Winchester Guildhall steps on the 11th November.

19-113 Public Participation

Mrs A Neilson, a previous Parish Councillor, was pleased to report that Winchester City Council had awarded the full £18,000 grant that she had requested in November 2018 to support a new Parkour area (96 square metres) at Littleton recreation ground. On the request of the Parish Councillors she has also investigated an improvement to the basic surface included in the original quote, plus the addition of a netball hoop and she has received a quotation for an additional £15,500 on top of the original quote which she is hoping to negotiate on. After some consideration of the Parish Council finances and reserves position the Parish Council resolved (6 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions) that they would pay up to a maximum of £15,500 for the additional work. Mrs A Neilson also reported that WCC would pay the grant based on invoices, and that the Parish Council needed to pay the

deposit of the third of the total cost in advance in order to get the work completed before Christmas. The Parish Council therefore resolved (8 for, 1 abstention) to pay a maximum of £11,167 as deposit to the playground contractors.

The Parish Council thanked Mrs A Neilson for her hard work in getting the grant from WCC and investigating the options for the Parkour area, and they are very much looking forward to the equipment being put in place.

19-114 Police Report

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

This report details incidents from 09/09/2019 – 11/11/2019: Anti-Social Behaviour: 12/10/2019 ASB reported, male found sleeping in shed refusing to move. Littleton Lane, Sparsholt. Burglary: 28/09/2019 Henry Beaufort school reporting 3 youths on the roof of the school, entry gained to the gym. Under investigation. Criminal Damage: Between 07/10/2019-13/10/2019 Deane Down Drove, Persons have gained entry to informants land and have cut down a tree without permission. Under investigation. Drugs: No reports of Drugs in Littleton or Harestock. Theft from motor vehicle: 11/09/2019: Access gained to car, searched but nothing taken. Harestock road. 11/09/2019 Access gained to car, coins taken. Rewlands Drive. 12/10/2019 Rucksack taken from insecure car, Upton Grey Close. 10/09/2019: Suspicious persons seen on CCTV looking around vehicle, Orient Drive. 21/10/2019: Access gained to car, Lansdell road. Theft of pedal cycle: No reports of Theft of pedal cycles. Theft of vehicle: No reports of Theft of Vehicle.

19-115 Planning

The planning schedule for October was circulated and discussed. The Parish Council raised an objection for 19/02132/HOU (16 Appleshaw Close Harestock), and no objections were raised for 19/02205/HOU (12 Orient Drive Harestock) and 19/02166/TPO (8 The Hall Way Littleton). Applications 19/01955/HOU, 19/01823/HOU, 19/02031/TPC and 19/01416/TPO previously reviewed by the Parish Council have now been approved by WCC.

Mr R Warren reported that the Parish Council had raised a request for a Planning committee meeting to discuss 19/01707/FUL (29 Priors Dean Rd); however the meeting would be delayed as all applications which might cause damage to water quality of the Solent by increasing nitrate levels are being held in abeyance by WCC. Mr R Warren agreed that he could represent the Parish Council at the planning committee meeting, and Cllr A Weir noted that there was a similar application in Weeke and potentially a joint approach on HMO's in Weeke and Harestock could be considered. The clerk was asked to forward correspondence on the Harestock application to Cllr A Weir.

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19-116 Barton Farm Development

Cllr P Cunningham reported on information from the most recent Barton Farm forum, specifically that Phase 1a is now linked with Andover Rd, and 1b will be linked up in the future. There will be a central hub/square with a large car park, pub, an open space for live markets, a supermarket and five mixed use shops. The school is expected to open in September with 30 pupils in year R, and will slowly grow each year with another intake in year R.

Mrs J Burgess raised the concern that families moving in to the area with different age group children would need to send children to separate schools.

19-117 Littleton & Harestock Show

Mr R Warren reported that the show AGM and show dinner was held on 8th November, and the presentation included the highlight that the show made a profit of £7,589 compared to 2018 when it was £6,195. Mr T Ormston has agreed to continue as chair with changes being made to the organisation to reduce the workload, and delegate more duties. This will include limiting the programme size and not distributing it to every household. At the dinner £1,500 was presented to both of the charity beneficiaries, Winchester GO LD, and Winchester Talking Newspapers.

19-118 County Councillor's Report:

Cllr J Warwick was not able to attend but sent the following report:-

Local Updates

- I have asked the HCC School Travel team to reassess the safety of the crossing point outside Tesco Express, close to the bus stop as part of the regularly used route to Harestock School via Priors Dean Rd
- Following a helpful meeting between Cllr Biddlecombe and HCC transport we are in discussion with Kings Somborne, Crawley and Stockbridge Parish Councils to see if we can agree an additional week day for the Taxi Share Scheme currently operating on Thursday afternoons.

Hitting the Cold Spots If you or someone you know is struggling to stay warm and well this winter, please contact an adviser on Freephone 0800 804 8601 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) or email staywarm@environmentcentre.com. Winter Flu Vaccinations A winter flu jab is considered essential protection for the over 65s, young children, pregnant women and carers, as well as those with pre-existing long-term health conditions or a weakened immune system. The virus can spread fast in families, schools, care homes or hospitals, and lead to serious complications. The vaccination is available free of charge from GPs and pharmacies for these eligible groups. Budget 2020-2021 HCC faces an £80m funding gap as there is a growing demand for services with an ageing population requiring social care and high numbers of vulnerable children. The financial strategy includes working with other authorities to reduce costs and lobbying central government to enable charging for some services.

19-119 District Councillors' Report:

Cllr A Weir reported that Cllr M Tod has joined the cabinet as member for service quality and transformation and taken over responsibility for bin collections. He is currently focusing on performance and putting a tracking and recording system in place which currently shows that 0.3% of bin collections were missed last week and that 313 tonnes of glass were picked up however there are still a few glass boxes to be delivered due to obscure address details.

There were some concerns that elderly people, who are not able to move heavy bins, are no longer having bins collected which are easily visible in their garden but not at the roadside. Cllr A Weir suggested that potentially a more formal process needs to be in position for these customers, and agreed to look into it.

Cllr A Weir reported that the Station Approach project is currently on hold due to legal action and that WCC are waiting for a decision. Unfortunately this has impacted funding availability, and marketing of the site has been halted. The Draft Council strategy is available with a consultation period until 29th November, and it focuses on key areas such as climate emergency, housing, the local economy, services and living well with access to open spaces for physical and mental wellbeing.

19-120 Sub-Committees and Other Reports

a) Finance

- i. The latest payments list for October was presented for consideration and, after some discussion, was accepted. It was therefore proposed by Mr S Burgess, seconded by Mr J Biddlecombe and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £8,957.56 on the October payments schedule should be paid
- ii. The proposal from the MOD estates team for an annual cost of £1,500 to renew the 3 year license on the Harestock football field was discussed, but a decision on the counter offer was not conclusive and it was agreed to get further expert advice on a realistic valuation of the land.
- iii. The clerk noted that the Nationwide Building Society Savings Account is now in place, and following a vote where all were in favour it was agreed to transfer £50,000 from the Lloyds Bank into the savings account.

iv. The clerk confirmed that the auto-enrolment pension was now set up with True Potential and that she had fulfilled the requirement to report to the Pensions Regulator regarding re-enrolment information. The clerk will now arrange to pay in the Pension payments which were on hold.

b) Environment: Nil

c) Playgrounds:

Mrs H Saunders reported that she is currently investigating work in the two playgrounds to include new swing barriers, improvements for disability access and replacement of two problematic outdoor adult gym pieces of equipment.

d) Millennium Memorial Hall:

Mr J Burgess was pleased to report that an additional afternoon has been found for the playgroup to use, and investigations for improving the heating are ongoing.

e) Emergency Planning

After reviewing the current rainfall and the level in the borehole Mr S Burgess reported that it is unlikely that we will have an imminent flood in Littleton however this will be reviewed again next month. It was agreed that the clerk should distribute the latest version of the proposed Emergency Planning and Flood website information to the Parish Councillors for their review, with feedback to be received by the end of the month.

f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:

Mr J Biddlecombe noted that he had a successful meeting with WCC to discuss the bus services in Littleton, where it was agreed that Wheelers would be approached to improve the timing of busses, and an additional taxi-share was proposed but a contribution of £2000 from the four parishes would be needed. Mr J Biddlecombe has subsequently followed up with Crawley, King Somborne and Stockbridge Parish Clerks asking if their Parish Councils could consider a contribution of £500 each. Additionally he proposed that Littleton and Harestock Parish Council make a £500 contribution towards the additional taxi-share, which was voted on and all were in favour.

g) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:

Mr J Biddlecombe reported on the quotes for the repair or replacement of the pavilion clock. The preferred solution costs less than £1000 and therefore can be approved by the chairman. He also noted he has spoken to Mrs Iris Wedge who donated the money for the original clock who is very happy for the work to go ahead. Mrs H Saunders reported that the deposit for the weather vane has been paid and she expects it to be delivered before Christmas. The clerk noted that she had two estimates for work to the Pavilion roof, and it was suggested she also speak to a local Littleton expert with regard to moss damage on the roof.

h) Winchester Villages Trust

Mrs J Burgess asked if anyone was aware of families in Littleton and Crawley who might need help with £40 vouchers at Christmas.

i) Pond/island opposite: Nil

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19-121 Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda: Nil

19-122 Date of Next Meetings:

Parish Council Meeting: 7pm, 9th December 2019 in the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton

Finance & Resource Meeting: 9:30 am, 20th November 2019 at the Sports Pavilion, Littleton Recreation Ground