

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes Monday 4th March 2013 7.30pm

Present	In attendance	Apologies
Cllr Norman	E Billingham - Clerk	
Cllr Dibden	Cllr Hindson (HCC)	
Cllr Thornton	Cllr Coates (WCC)	
Cllr Reeve	Member of public	
Cllr Higham		
Cllr Thistlethwayte		
Cllr Birdwood		

Subject

204/12 - Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

All Councillors were present.

205/12 - To adjourn for public participation

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

205.1/12 - To receive Police Report

No report

Cllr Coates reported there had been two daytime burglaries, one in Speltham Hill and another in Glidden Lane
Residents were urged to be alert to unusual activity and report anything on 101.

205.2/12 - To receive the County Councillor's report.

Cllr Hindson reported:

HCC budget had been agreed. Shared Space was included in the budget at £1 million.

Nil increase in Council tax and there had been no increase for 4 years.

Savings in place to meet Gov. reduction in funding; HCC have made arrangements to achieve a stable financial basis.

Further Gov. reductions will take place in 2015/16.

Director of Children Services has now also been appointed IW Director Children Services

Savings have accumulated to allow the Capital budget of £600 million over three years. This will be spent in the Hampshire economy and used to create/extend 512 units of extra care, seven new schools, extension to existing schools, Operation Resilience, Super fast broadband, rural footpaths, Shared Space schemes and support for rural centres and Village Halls. There will be extended Meals on Wheels for anyone over 55 with a need. The contract had been given to a commercial service. Volunteer support was still needed.

Wind Farms are not permitted on HCC land holdings, however schools would be allowed wind turbines. HCC had met the Carbon target. There was hope to create a district energy network.

There was a question about publicising the changes to Meals on Wheels. Cllr Hindson noted that there would be press releases from HCC and it might be prudent to wait before placing an article in the Hambletonian.

Cllr Higham updated the council on the Hambleton Infant school change of status to Primary School. It was noted in order for the Primary School status to be successful, HCC needed to apportion in its budget appropriate finances to enlarge the teaching area within the school house.

It was noted that the April meeting would be Cllr Hindson's last meeting as HCC Councillor.

205.3/12 - To receive the District Councillor's report.

Cllr Coates would produce a written report within the next few days.

It was noted that Full Council had approved the Winchester City Council budget for 2013/4

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205.4/12 Other public participation:

No other public participation. _

206/12 To co-opt Bella Birdwood on to the Parish Council

AGREED to co-opt Bella Birdwood onto the committee.

Cllr Birdwood filled out the acceptance of office.

207/12 - To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2013.

Agreed as a true record and signed.

208/12 - Matters arising from these minutes

Item 85.3/12 – Planting of oak tree. ACTION Clerk to instruct Chris Martin to plant the oak tree. Cllr Thornton would be willing to assist.

Item 162/12 – Ditches and hedge cutting near Lotts Store – Cllr Higham discussed with Chris Lait. Digger use had been approved by HCC to clear the ditch. HCC to liaise with the landowners.

208/12- Planning Applications and Decisions.

208.1/12 Matters Arising:

Item 165.3/12 St Peters Farm

Thanks were made to Officers and Cllr Coates for attending the meeting regarding St Peters Farm.

It was noted that the environmental health issues can be addressed; residents were asked to monitor the situation. There was currently not enough evidence of any other breaches such as business activity.

WCC planning department had stated that there was currently not enough evidence of planning breaches to take action (e.g. business activity). It was suggested that an option might be a letter of complaint to the Chief Executive noting that the Council felt that the parish's concerns had not been taken seriously. It was also suggested residents I could write to the local Govt. ombudsman.

It was noted that hard standing had been built in November 2011. This should be considered as engineering works and didn't have planning permission – further clarity was required.

It was felt that residents' concern as to the siting of the large caravan and storage of vehicles had still not had a satisfactory answer from WCC.

ACTION: AGREED to write to the Chief Executive. Cllr Dibden.

Item 165.2/12 - Meadow Farm letter – Habens Lane – Written to WCC and had not received a response.

ACTION: Clerk to resend and ask for response.

Item 194.2/12 - Meadows Farm – Menslands Lane – Letter had been written after the last meeting. WCC will serve a Section 215 notice.

Item 191.5/12 – Valeo – Cllr Dibden had spoken to the resident. The adjacent site with a caravan had rights of way over the land at Valejo.

The other site – adjacent to Downlands had a derelict caravan on site. Cllr Dibden had reported it to Enforcement.

Item 208.2/12 - To receive planning applications from Winchester City Council and agree response

SDNP/13/00769/APNB - Vineyard – Does not need full planning application but can make representations.

Previously the council have asked for a whole farm plan; this request to be reiterated in a letter also requesting the spoil at western end of the site and chalk on northern side be removed and ask what access route would be used to serve the new building. It was noted that if access was changed it would need a planning application.

ACTION Cllr Dibden

SDNP/13/00121/FUL Cams Hill – No objections – Clerk to respond

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SDNP/13/00678/TCA 4 The Maltings – No comments.

Item 208.3/12 - To receive planning decisions

SDNP/12/02386/TCA - Cams Hill Wood, Cams Hill Lane, Hambledon, PO7 4SP

APPROVED - 1no. Leylandii reduce height of crown by 30ft

SDNP/12/02410/TCA - Fairfield House, East Street, Hambledon, PO7 4RY

APPROVED - 50no. Yew fell

SDNP/12/02771/HOUS - Rushmere Farm, Rushmere Lane, Hambledon, PO7 4SG

APPROVED - Two storey extension and replacement conservatory

208.4/12 - To receive appeals

None

208.5 – Update on Enforcements.

Monitor

208.6/12 Village Design Statement.

Item 180.5/12 – Working Party update. Cllr Dibden to make further enquiries of residents wishing to be involved.

ACTION Cllr Dibden

National Park planning meeting update. – SDNP Working on Planning document for Core Strategies. Consultation will take place later in 2013.

209/12 - Finance and Parish Council management.

209.2/12 To approve payments

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL PAYMENTS -Mar 2013

CHEQUE PAYMENTS

Date	Cheque number	Company		VAT amount	Total
04/-3/13	30	Parrs	Grit bin church		143.22
04/03/13	31	Kennet Carpentry	Remove bench		80.00
04/-3/13	32	Multisport Surfaces	20% Dep	1288.60	7731.60
04/03/13	33	E Billingham	Mileage		77.40
				Total	

PAYMENTS – Standing Order

E Billingham – Clerk Feb 2013 £.....

Bank balance : £15981.36

Cash book (incl uncleared cheques) – £15102.46

After payments £6654.64

Open Spaces due £8652.96

Balanced

209.3/12 To review expenditure versus budget update feb.13.

The council budget was on plan.

VAT and Open Space money were due to be paid into the account.

209.4/12 - Website Update

The Clerk explained that the approved company were not responding to emails or calls.

It was agreed the working party would discuss the options including second preference.

It was felt an online booking service for the tennis courts would be an added service.

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209.5/12 - Matter arising: Item 181.6/12 – Benches on West Street Cllr Norman

Carried Forward

209.6/12 - Grant Applications:

Grants none

209.7/12 AGM and APM – To agree items to be included in the AGM and APM

AGREED:

AGM – 13th May 2013

APM – 20th May 2013

ACTION: Clerk to book the hall for these meetings and 2013/14 and copy in Councillors.

ACTION: Refreshments – Peoples Market – Wine and Lotts Store – Juices and snacks. Cllr Dibden and Cllr Norman.

Suggested topics: Chris Lait/Flooding update, Village Design Statement and the Website.

ACTION – Hambledonian – Article:- Cllr Norman

ACTION: Cllr Higham to invite Chris Lait.

210/12 - Village Maintenance

210.1/12 - Lengthsman Update

Update: Work had been completed on the grips and ditches and other works.

It was noted that communication had been a problem with the Lengthsmen and this would be addressed.

ACTION: Cllr Higham to contact HCC requesting that the sandbags be removed.

208.2/12 - Village Maintenance Contractor

Done – See below

208.3/12 - Village Hall maintenance update

The Clerk had distributed a proposed specification.

AGREED to invite quotes once certain areas were clarified and agreed outside the meeting.

One off Spring clean up: Cut back Laurels – 6 – 8 feet away from the fence and rake leaves. Gravel area needs weeding. Other areas needed to be cut back.

AGREED – C.Martin – to do work to catch up. It was noted a weekly inspection was needed on the play equipment.

AGREED That the Village Walkround would be on 9th March 8.30 am for breakfast at Village Hall.

ACTION: Cllr Norman would discuss the Biannual clean up with the Village Hall.

209/12 - Flood Action Group

Flood warnings lifted on 25th February.

Minutes of the meeting with Chris Lait will be sent out soon from Cllr Higham

ACTION – Sandbag removal: – Cllr Higham

210/12 - Play Areas

210.1/12 -Play inspection - To discuss regular play area inspections.

The Clerk received regular checks from C Martin. There were no areas of concern.

It was noted the lid to the sand box was stiff to open and it was hoped this would get better in the drier weather.

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210.2/12 - Update on Village Hall play area refurbishment

Remove as an agenda item as refurbishment is complete.

210.3/12 - Update on proposed tennis courts

The Council were awaiting the lease document from Carter Jonas; once received Sports England would release funds. The contract was signed; work was due to start 11th March.

ACTION Cllr Higham to contact C Martin to remove branches of over hanging trees.

211/12 - Footpaths

Footpath – It was noted that a footpath style was broken.

ACTION Cllr Higham would clarify which footpath. It was noted that the footpath between Vicarage Lane and church was overgrown and muddy

ACTION Review on the walk around and Cllr Higham would report to Alison Perry at HCC.

212/12 - Highways

212.1/12 – SLR

Cllr Norman would make sure that the SLR charged.

AGREED to offer to Beech Parish Council for approximately £750.

212.2/12 - Signs Audit

Item 171.2 Update on removal. – Signs have been removed by WCC. Next stage would be to complete the audit throughout the whole village. There was a discussion regarding the number of bus stops.

Junction Green Lane – There were a number of signs at this junction. It was agreed a clearer and neater version could be arranged. The Council would agree to pay for finger posts. ACTION Cllr Thornton to discuss with HCC/WCC.

212.3/12 - Salt Bins

The church grit bin had been ordered.

213/12 - Parish Plan

ACTION: Cllr Dibden – cf objectives.

Projects could be brought forward for the APM.

214/12 – Correspondence

School – It was noted the school did not currently have the capital budget for expanding into the schoolhouse. The need for an extra classroom would not be until 2015.

Community right to bid – Localism – Cllr Norman wished to note the Parish Council / other bodies could nominate a service or building they might wish to own or run for public benefit. They would then get first call if the service or building were offered for sale. Grants were available from WCC for the community right to bid.

215/12 - Date and time of next meeting and items for the next agenda.

The meeting ended at 21.55pm Date of next meeting: April 8th – due to bank holiday.