

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 13 March 2017
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock**

Present: Mr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mrs A Neilson, Mrs H Saunders, Mr J Mead, Mr G Sallis and Mr C Tee (Clerk)

Also: Cllr P Bailey (HCC) and Cllr C Horrill (WCC)

16- Apologies for Absence

169 Cllr A Weir & Cllr K Learney (WCC), WO1 (RSM) J McGrory, Mrs J Burgess, Mr R Warren, Mr D Fountain and PCSO Bidle sent their apologies.

16- Declarations of Interest

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16- Minutes of the meeting held 13 February 2017

171 The minutes of the meeting of 13 February were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Biddlecombe and seconded by Mr Mead that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 13 February 2017 be approved.**

16- Matters Arising: Nothing mentioned.

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16- Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down

173 There was no military representative or report, but the recent visit to the barracks by six Parish Councillors to see the facilities inside there for which the Army had been thanked, was considered to have been extremely worthwhile.

16- Public Participation

174 No members of the public were present.

16- Police Report

175 PCSO Bidle did not produce a report.

16- Planning

176 The planning schedule for February was circulated and discussed. Mr Warren sent, in his absence, a report in relation to an application for a property in Harestock which includes, amongst other things, a dormer window which the Parish Council do not endorse, as these are not supposed to be installed in property in Harestock.

16- Barton Farm Development

177 Mrs Saunders reported that the latest the Barton Farm Forum meeting had been cancelled and had yet to be given a date by the Barton Farm Implementation officer for a separate meeting to discuss transport and traffic issues. She would continue to press for this and also for a bilateral meeting between the Parish Council and the Implementation

Officer to be held in the Parish. The first new residents of the Barton Farm estate are due to move in at the end of this month, with sales beginning to now take place of the property being built there.

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Littleton & Harestock Show

In Mr Warren's absence, Mrs Saunders reported that she had been in contact with the organiser of the flower show from the Show Society to discuss the idea of a possible competition for schoolchildren at local schools to design posters which might then be made into signs for the Parish Council's two playgrounds, the idea of which had been well received. She would now be promoting this competition in the local schools for judging of entries to take place at the flower show.

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County Councillor's Report

Cllr Bailey reported that, on 16 February, HCC had agreed a 4.99% rise in its council tax for 2017/18 and so set its budget; there are HCC elections coming up on 7 May, but Cllr Bailey stated that he would not be standing again. He had also agreed the grant of £1,600 to be paid to the Parish Council, as previously discussed. Mr Biddlecombe then mentioned that he had not heard anything back from HCC Highways about his suggestion to force traffic to slow down near the Running Horse public house to make it safer there for pedestrians with suggested build outs to be put in the road. Cllr Bailey agreed to chase this up.

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District Councillors' Report

Cllr Horrill reported that WCC council tax will be going up by £5 per annum on Band D properties, as funding from central government is reducing and they need to try and plug a hole in their finances. The proposed new recreation facilities project at Bar End is gaining momentum, in partnership with the University of Winchester and the Pinder Trust, who are giving money to help provide a specialist swimming facility for rehabilitation purposes, with, it is hoped, the new facilities to be open in Autumn 2020. WCC are also talking to MoD to gain knowledge from them as they are closing their Headley Court rehabilitation centre. The recently appointed new Chief Executive of WCC is settling in; new parking charges for central Winchester had also recently been put in place. WCC had also recently met representatives from the MoD to discuss what the MoD wishes to see happen to the Sir John Moore Barracks when the military vacate them, as planned, in 2021. That meeting discussed various options although WCC made it clear that, as the WCC Local Plan had recently been found to be sound by HM Inspector, the site would be best suited to use as a place of employment or business which the MoD representatives had been instructed to support. The MoD are now in the process of putting together a technical planning advisory team to engage with local Winchester authorities to take this idea forward over the coming months and years before the site is finally vacated. It is expected that the MoD and WCC will meet again sometime in late April to take discussions further forward on this. Cllr Horrill agreed to keep the Parish Council informed of all developments on this. There is at present no indication of a land swap between central government departments in Winchester, as far as she

is aware.

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Sub-Committees and Other Reports

- a) **Finance:** The latest payments list for February was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mrs Neilson and seconded by Mr Mead and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £9,020.21 on the February payments schedule should be paid.**
- b) **Environment:** Mr Mead had brought with him two examples of information boards near to where he works for the Parish Council to consider as possible templates for use as a design for an information board to be put up in the Littleton Recreation Ground in the conservation field about the history of the local area, one of which looked very suitable. Mr Biddlecombe is still gathering information for this possible information board. Mrs Neilson reported that the planting of the island at the end of South Drive had now just recently successfully taken place.
- c) **Playgrounds:** Mrs Neilson reported that a quote is being obtained for the replacement of the wooden pirate climbing pole which was found broken in half recently at Littleton playground. It is intended to replace the pole like for like and put it back into use as soon as possible. It is not known who was responsible for this damage but unwanted adult users are suspected to have caused this to happen as it was early on a Saturday morning that the damage was first discovered. Two brand new additional large green litter bins have been ordered, one for each playground which will be cemented into place when delivered. It is also intended to replace the aging rocking horse equipment at Littleton in the near future. It is also possible that the area around and underneath the adult exercise equipment at Littleton might be covered in more user friendly and attractive rhino-mulch in the near future. CT
- d) **Millennium Memorial Hall:** Next meeting is in April.
- e) **Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** Mr Cunningham reported that new Parish Council information/warning signs have now been put up around the recreation ground in regard to the car park, dog fouling and playground use. He also reported that there are to be new disabled parking signs to be put up at the top of the overflow car park as a question had been recently raised by the sports club committee about whether disabled persons who might wish to make use of the sports facilities are presently being disadvantaged by the current parking and access arrangements at Littleton Recreation Ground. He does not believe that is the case but, to double check, the WCC Sports Liaison Officer has been invited to come to Littleton and look over our arrangements to see if the Parish Council is falling short of its responsibilities under the Disabled and Discrimination Act 2010. CT

- f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Mr Biddlecombe reported that HCC Highways will be installing some new road signs, removing others and putting down some new “slow” road markings through Littleton before the end of March, following their recent survey/audit of all the road signs and road markings locally.
- g) Pond/island opposite:** Nil.

16- **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month’s agenda**
182 Nothing mentioned.

16- **Date of Next Meeting**
183 Monday 10 April 2017 in the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton at 7.00pm.