

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 9 January 2017  
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock**

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

Also: Cllr C Horrill (WCC)

16- **Apologies for Absence**

138 Cllr P Bailey (HCC), Cllr J Byrnes and Cllr A Weir (WCC), WO1 (RSM) J McGrory and PCSO Bidle sent their apologies.

16- **Declarations of Interest**

139 Mr Biddlecombe lives near to Paddock View, to be mentioned later.

16- **Minutes of the meeting held 12 December 2016**

140 The minutes of the meeting of 12 December were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Fountain and seconded by Mrs Neilson that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 12 December 2016 be approved.**

16- **Matters Arising:** Nothing mentioned.

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

142 WO1(RSM) McGrory was not in attendance. But Mr Biddlecombe reported that last week there was a full blown military training exercise that took place in the MoD land just beside the Littleton Recreation ground. There was a lot of weaponry used as well as plenty of noise created which he personally witnessed as upsetting a number of members of the public, especially young children, who were adjacent to the field at that time. There was no notice or warnings given that such an exercise was to take place to let the public know and it was agreed that the Parish Council are to write to the Commanding Officer of the barracks to ask for an explanation and request that any repetition of this be forewarned so that the public are aware. It was also suggested that any members of the Parish Council who have not yet toured the barrack facilities should take the opportunity to do so to better understand what is in there.

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16- **Public Participation**

143 No members of the public were present.

16- **Police Report**

144 PCSO Bidle produced the following report: **This report details incidents from 12/12/2016 – 09/01/2017. Anti-Social Behaviour:** No reports of ASB. **Burglary in a dwelling:** Burglary reported Woodgreen Road, Harestock. Between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Front door found insecure, nothing taken. Burglary reported Main Road, Littleton. Between 1300hrs and 2200hrs 30/12/2016. Forced entry, untidy search and valuable items stolen. Under investigation.

**Non-Dwelling Burglary:** Between 30/12/2016 and 02/01/2017 attempted burglary to 3 garages in Woodgreen Road. Damage to door handles. **Criminal Damage:** No reports of criminal damage in Harestock or Littleton. **Drugs:** No reports of drugs in Harestock or Littleton. **Theft from motor vehicle:** No reports of theft from motor vehicles from Harestock or Littleton. **Theft of pedal cycle:** No reports of theft of bicycles. **Theft of vehicle:** No reports of theft of vehicle. If you have any information relating to the incidents above, please call us on 101. Alternatively if you have any information you wish to pass to us then again call us on 101, email on address below or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Also in the wider area recently we have had a few reports of burglary, they have entered via insecure windows and doors. If everyone could please bear this in mind and make sure properties are secure. Cllr Learney will be attending the next PACT meeting next week and will voice the concern of the Parish Council about these recent local incidents.

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145 **Planning**

The planning schedule for December was circulated and discussed. Mr Warren mentioned that WCC planning appear to be now using another planning application category “HOU” for possible permitted development applications but this is not clear. Cllr Learney is attending a meeting with WCC Planning next week to discuss why a dormer window refused in a planning application was actually allowed in the end to be installed in a property in Harestock.

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146 **Barton Farm Development**

Mrs Saunders attended the December Barton Farm Forum meeting as did Cllr Learney. The first home is to be occupied in April but there was also concern voiced from Littleton residents about the possible increase in traffic volumes through the village as the development grows. It was agreed that the Parish Council would approach WCC’s Barton Farm implementation officer about setting a specific meeting to discuss traffic and transport issues. It was also mentioned that there is a lot of mud on the Andover Road from the development.

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147 **Littleton & Harestock Show**

Mr Warren reminded the Parish Council that it needs to select a project for the proceeds of the next show that are to come to the Parish Council. It was suggested that the provision of new benches in recreation or playgrounds might be the best thing. This would be confirmed.

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148 **County Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Bailey was not able to attend but reported that the one area he wanted to update the Parish Council on since the last meeting, was regarding the Flood Prevention measures. He has arranged an update meeting in the next couple of weeks with the Flood team at HCC to establish what the latest position is. Then hopefully the Parish Council can be given an update with the latest position, or if we can all get round the table for a formal update and an agreed plan moving

forward. Grass Cutting and Interactive Maps - he has not heard back on this, so he has chased this up and will report back when an answer is provided.

**16-149**      **Community Communication**

Following the representation by local Littleton residents last month requesting that the Parish Council consider producing a periodic hardcopy newsletter for local residents, the matter was discussed at length. The Parish Council was pleased to receive positive feedback on the council's website and format (its main communication vehicle) and the wide range of up to date information and content regarding community and council matters. It was also encouraging to hear of the significant increase of website traffic or "Hits" accessing the Council website in recent months. The website delivers comprehensive monthly coverage, reports and council minutes which serve to effectively communicate to the Parish information covering Planning, Playgrounds, Recreation Grounds, Finances, Highways traffic and transport, Barton Farm, Government Review, Sir John Moore Barracks, County and City Councillors reports, Police and Community reports, Environment, Millennium Hall, and other matters as they arise. To revert to a quarterly hardcopy paper format would be costly, would not be able to carry the depth of information now required to be covered in the website format and would be a retrograde step for little, if any additional coverage. Having discussed the matter at length, the council unanimously decided that it would not be changing its overall policy on this as it was felt that the current communication mechanisms of the website, and the availability of the Parish Clerk and office if needed, were more than adequate. It was felt that a greater effort should be made to publicise the Parish Council's website address through the local Winchester newspapers, and that an email dissemination system used in Sparsholt Parish Council for its local residents would be investigated.

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**16-150**      **District Councillors' Report**

Cllr Horrill reported that WCC is going to have to find additional funding in its budget meeting scheduled for February as central government continue to reduce their funding. There was some good news recently in that TESCO have agreed to sell their land at Bar End to WCC for recreational use. However, there is no decision yet as to what is to happen to the River Park area once that is finally vacated. Cllr Learney mentioned that Cllr Weir has been trying to obtain night bus usage figures but has yet to be given them. She also mentioned that Badger Farm Parish Council have agreed to make a contribution of £500 towards the cost of the night bus service. This Parish Council would still like to see some usage figures before it decides on this matter for itself. Mr Warren wished to congratulate WCC on showing car park space information on its website although every time he looked there were no spaces! Mr Fountain mentioned that there are a couple of vehicles being constantly parked outside property at the bottom of Bradley Road on the corner on double yellow lines which need to be addressed by the relevant enforcement body as they are causing considerable traffic problems at that point of the road.

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**Sub-Committees and Other Reports**

- a) Finance:** The latest payments list for December was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Fountain and seconded by Mr Biddlecombe and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £4,781.73 on the December payments schedule should be paid.** The Parish Clerk mentioned that a new Parish cleaner, Mr S Covill, has now been appointed and started work.
- b) Environment:** Mr Cunningham then reported that he, the Parish Clerk and Mr Biddlecombe had attended an informal meeting with WCC on 19 December in Winchester to discuss what the Parish Council is prepared to see happen to the land owned by the MoD (Crown Estate), currently known as Sir John Moore Barracks, which is to be released by the MoD by 2021 for disposal. He explained that the Parish Council is adamant that the local gap is remain between Harestock and Littleton, but that there is a difficulty in that part of that gap has been legitimately been built on by MoD for single accommodation blocks. He hopes that when WCC meet the MoD in February to discuss this further that the MoD's expectations on the amount of money that can be raised from disposal will be reduced as WCC have a local plan in place which states clearly that there is no need for any additional housing locally. WCC are in a strong position to do this because there is a local plan in place and Cllr Horrill explained that WCC do wish to find a working solution to this with MoD that meets everyone's requests, as far as possible. Saying no to everything simply won't work. Mr Biddlecombe then mentioned that the Paddock View new sewerage system is now apparently meeting Environment Agency reading requirements, but there is still no date for the end to this long running saga in terms of the removal of the temporary tank and tidying up the outside area where the work has taken place. He is to write to the Chief Executive of Hyde Housing about this as they have not managed this whole project at all well and this now needs to come to a satisfactory conclusion. He will copy his note on this to WCC as agreed with Cllr Horrill, the Housing Portfolio holder for WCC.
- c) Playgrounds:** Mrs Neilson reported that a quote has been obtained to put the specialist rhino-mulch down under the last two play items at Littleton playground, which were accepted; this means that everything will have been brought up to date at both playgrounds. The remainder of the unspent playground budget would be carried forward into the new financial year (2017/18). Discussion then took place on possible wording for new signs to be produced for the recreation and playgrounds which would be finalised.
- d) Millennium Memorial Hall:** Next meeting on 23 January at which Mr Fountain will be resigning and need replacement.

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**e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** Mr Sallis is to meet the secretary of the football club shortly to discuss provision of pitches as they football club seek to find additional pitches. **GS**

**f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Mr Biddlecombe reported that HCC Highways have carried out a review of all the traffic signs in Littleton and will be replacing and removing some, as well as putting down extra new road markings to encourage drivers to slow down. Mrs Burgess requested that the report of the recent HCC work on flood mitigation be sent to her and the results made known to the local community, as no-one outside the Parish Council was aware of what had happened. Mr Biddlecombe agreed to approach HCC for this. **JB**

**g) Pond/island opposite:** A hold has been placed on the installation of a filter in the pond as HCC Highways are going to drain it in the near future as part of their preventative maintenance work. Planting on the island opposite is also to take place over the next few weeks.

**16-152** **Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**  
Nothing mentioned.

**16-153** **Date of Next Meeting**  
Monday 13 February 2017 in the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton at 7.00pm.