

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 14 August 2017
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock.**

Present: Mr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mr R Warren, Mrs A Neilson, Ms K Learney, and Mr C Tee (Clerk)

Also: Cllr Horrill (WCC)

17- **Apologies for Absence**

060 PCSO Bidle, Cllr Warwick (HCC), Cllr Weir (WCC), Mrs H Saunders, Mr G Sallis, Mr D Fountain, Mr J Mead and Mrs J Burgess sent their apologies.

17- **Declarations of Interest**

061 Mrs Neilson mentioned she owns 28 Main Road which is on this month's planning schedule.

17- **Minutes of the meeting held 10 July 2017**

062 The minutes of the meeting of 10 July were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Warren and seconded by Mrs Neilson that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 10 July 2017 be approved.**

17- **Matters Arising:** Letter to central government complaining about the lack of funding being made available locally for flood alleviation work when £30m is being given to Africa for flood insurance. This was discussed and a vote taken on whether to send such a letter complaining about this to central government. It was agreed unanimously not to do so, but to keep up the pressure locally to have flood mitigation measures implemented.

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

064 WO1 (RSM) McGrory was not able to be present and no matters were raised concerning the military.

17- **Public Participation**

065 Nil.

17- **Police Report**

066 PCSO Bidle was unable to attend but produced the following report. **This report details incidents from 10/07/2017 – 14/08/2017.** **Anti-Social Behaviour:** 16/07/2017 & 21/07/2017 Incidents reported of a group singing, playing guitar and shouting in the woods at the Flowerdown Tumuli, this was assessed and not deemed ASB. 22/07/2017 Report of a Mini Moto racing around Harestock, behaviour stopped prior to police attendance. 04/08/2017 Report of small fire at the Flowerdown Tumuli, Hants Fire and Rescue Service did not attend, informant extinguished fire. No police deployment needed. **Burglary in a dwelling:** None reported. **Non-Dwelling Burglary:** 26/07/2017 The Holmes Nursery Littleton reported offices broken into overnight, cash stolen. Investigation completed. **Criminal Damage:** No reports in Harestock or Littleton. **Drugs:** No

reports. **Theft from motor vehicle:** No reports. **Theft of pedal cycle:** No reports of theft of pedal cycle in Littleton or Harestock. **Theft of vehicle:** No reports of theft of vehicle in Littleton or Harestock. 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.

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Planning

The planning schedule for July was circulated and discussed. The application for 98 Priors Dean Road has now been withdrawn. Correspondence continues between the Parish Council and the applications for 10 Lyndhurst Close and 105 Harestock Road, both of which have been objected to. Mr Warren then mentioned that he is aware of a planning pre-application being made by WCC in respect of replacing a number of underutilised garages with brand new council houses owned by WCC in Rowlings Road East on Weeke estate abutting Harestock.

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Barton Farm Development

The WCC hosted Barton Farm Forum took place on 12 July at the Guildhall and Mr D Fountain attended as the Parish Council's official representative; he was unable to attend this meeting however to provide any feedback.

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Littleton & Harestock Show

Mr Warren reported that according to the show society last week everything is going to plan. The only matter still outstanding for the Parish Council is how to get hold of the children's posters submitted for a competition as suggested by the Parish Council. Mrs Saunders needs to talk to the Flower Show Co-ordinator about how she gets hold of the entries after they have been judged.

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County Councillor's Report

Cllr Warwick reported by email the following: **Outer Winchester Flood Alleviation:** Following the meeting with officers from HCC and the Parish Chairman in early June it was agreed to hold a public information event on Friday 6th October at the Littleton Memorial Hall from 3:00 – 7:00pm. The event will outline proposals for detailed feasibility work critical to resolving the flood risk issues at Littleton, Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy. Cllrs Horrill, Godfrey and Warwick will also attend the event for the latter part of the afternoon. **Hampshire Highways Contract:** Skanska have been awarded the new highways contract, which officially started on 1st August. The contract covers highways maintenance work on Hampshire's 9,600 miles of roads and footways, including resurfacing, winter salting, drainage and road repairs. There is an option to extend the contract for up to a further five years, subject to factors such as contract performance. Skanska have invested in new

fleet and equipment to deliver this service including their innovative pothole-patching machine, the 'Dragon Patcher'. The patcher is five times faster than traditional methods, saves money and is safer because it is operated from the vehicle's cabin. It is nicknamed the 'dragon' because it expels flames to de-ice and dry out the road surface. It is then cleaned with compressed air and sealed with a stone mix and hot bitumen emulsion. With the surface repair completed in just two minutes, the patcher can move on to the next repair. Potholes (and other highways issues) can be reported as usual via the HCC website.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

Review of Cladding Materials on HCC Buildings: The County Council can confirm that of their 9,000 council-owned properties, including 526 school sites (some of which include numerous buildings) – a small percentage of Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) is contained on a few buildings. These buildings are non-residential, single storey, brick-built and the material has been typically used for rain screening. Following advice from the Hampshire Fire Service, HCC is not required to make any immediate changes although they will keep the situation under review should there be a review of the national building regulations.

District Councillors' Report

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Cllr Learney reported that the review of WCC's constitution is currently underway by a consultant who, it was understood, would then be engaged to undertake the work for the Parish Council's local community governance review. However, it now transpires that that consultant does not wish to do that and WCC need to find another to undertake the work for the Parish Council. Cllr Horrill agreed that she would chase this up. She then reported that WCC has, as regards the station approach redevelopment, provisionally appointed an architect, but their name is not able to be released yet. Their brief is able to be amended, subject to agreement by all involved. The priority is the Carfax area next to the station, but the Cattle Market area, it is hoped, will also form part of any redevelopment in the area. Local sports clubs are making their views known at present regarding the sports centre redevelopment at Bar End. Work also continues on the central Winchester regeneration and, in September, WCC are hosting a meeting for interested local commercial organisations to come forward with what they would wish to see happen for that. The Winchester Bus Station building has now been demolished and a temporary arrangement for all bus services is in operation in the Broadway until September when these will be relocated to the other side of the former bus station closer to the one-way traffic system. Flood mitigation work for the Dergate in Winchester is underway, but Cllr Horrill also stated that WCC is not forgetting the local flood work needed in north Winchester. Finally she mentioned that the waste collection contract is to be retendered in early 2018 in concert with their East Hampshire contract partners. Mr Biddlecombe then asked about whether the current green bag waste collection system could not be changed as in other council areas to using a green wheelie bin, as the green bags are really quite unsuitable; this would be considered agreed Cllr Horrill. Mr Biddlecombe then mentioned that despite a legal notice being placed on Main Road about the pond and its associated soakaways being drained for periodic maintenance,

this work has not been undertaken: this would be reported to HCC Highways. Finally he made the point that as a matter of some urgency WCC need to find another consultant to undertake the local governance review for the Parish Council as the full review is supposed to be completed within 12 months of its being requested last November.

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Sub-Committees and Other Reports

- a) Finance:** The latest payments list for July was presented for consideration and accepted. **It was therefore proposed by Mr Biddlecombe and seconded by Ms Learney and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £5,302.50 on the July payments schedule should be paid.** The Parish Clerk then stated that the external auditors BDO had recently reviewed the Parish Council's annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017 and reported that there were no issues. The Parish Council were very pleased that this was again the case for the sixth year running and thanked the Clerk for his work in achieving this. It was therefore proposed by Mr Biddlecombe and seconded by Ms Learney and **RESOLVED – That the Parish Council's annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017 be accepted as audited and now closed without any issues raised.**
- b) Environment:** Mrs Neilson reported that she has recently contacted the Grounds Maintenance contractor to remind them about the agreed need for new planting outside the Harestock shops in the autumn. She also agreed to contact them to cut back the growth on the island opposite the pond, avoiding the newly planting shrubs there.
- c) Playgrounds:** Mrs Neilson reported that the proper parts are still awaited for the brand new see-saw at Bradley Road; these are due to arrive soon and be installed. The newly renovated pirates' mast at Littleton is now considered to be much improved and safer. The existence of the adult exercise equipment within the Littleton Recreation Ground needs to be better publicised within the recreation ground and so signs will be put up in the car park area to do this. Depending on whether this increases usage, will determine whether to pay for the installation of rubber rhino mulch under the equipment to make it more user friendly and appealing.
- d) Millennium Memorial Hall:** Mrs Neilson reported that a full renovation of the interior of the building is taking place in August, as it is once every three years. The hall will be closed while that takes place. The new overhead projector has now been successfully installed in the main hall.
- e) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** The Parish Clerk has put instruction signs up inside the sports pavilion on how to control the heaters and weed killing of plantains took place today on all the recreation ground fields to keep them under control.
- f) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Mr

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Cunningham was pleased to report that new Harestock signs have been put in place to replace the old ones at both ends of Harestock Road. Mr Biddlecombe then mentioned the continuing use of Harestock Road by excessively large articulated vehicles which he will continue to report to HCC Highways as being a totally inappropriate use of that road. He has also left a voicemail with the owner of the field adjacent to the Running Horse public house asking for him to contact us once again about the possibility of using his field as a permissive path alongside Main Road to try and improve pedestrian safety there.

g) Pond/island opposite: Nothing to report.

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Nil, except apologies from Mr Biddlecombe for the next meeting.

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074 **Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 11 September 2017 in the Henry Beaufort School at 7.00pm.