

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 12 March 2018  
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock.**

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

Also: Cllr J Warwick (HCC) & Cllr A Weir (WCC)

17- **Apologies for Absence**

168 Cllr K Learney (WCC), Mr G Sallis and Mr J Mead sent their apologies.

17- **Declarations of Interest**

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17- **Minutes of the meeting held 12 February 2018**

170 The minutes of the meeting of 12 February were presented and accepted. It was proposed by Mr Biddlecombe and seconded by Mrs Saunders that the minutes be accepted. **RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 12 February 2018 be approved.**

17- **Matters Arising:** The Parish Clerk reported that the community  
171 governance review work has now been commenced by WCC who are to send out a leaflet to all households in the parish informing them of this process and inviting them to attend either of two public consultation meetings: one at the Littleton Sports Pavilion on 24 March from 10-2pm and/or one in Prague Classroom at Henry Beaufort School on 26 March from 5-7.30pm. All households are to receive this leaflet by post by the end of this week informing them of these events and the reasons behind the review. Subject to the final outcome(s) being agreed, a reorganisation order would be put in place by the end of March 2019 to reflect final agreed changes to the Parish Council.

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

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17- **Public Participation:**

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17- **Police Report:**

174 **This report details incidents from 11/02/2018 – 09/03/2018. Anti-**

**Social Behaviour:** 28/02/2018, report from Rewlands Drive of Nottingham Knockers: police deployed but no persons found.

03/03/2018, reports of a group of young males fighting Priors Dean Road, the group dispersed prior to police arrival. **Burglary in a**

**dwelling:** 14/02/201, report of Abbots Ann Road burglary, entry gained through internal garage door and items stolen. This is currently under investigation. **Non-Dwelling Burglary:** 14/03/2018, report of two pedal cycles stolen from garage Winslade Road.

**Criminal Damage:** No reports. **Drugs:** No reports. **Theft from motor vehicle:** No reports. **Theft of pedal cycle: See above under non-dwelling burglary:** No other reports. **Theft of vehicle:** No reports. 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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175 **Planning**

The schedule for the month was discussed and, as the parish council has not withdrawn its objection to the application for a new dwelling to be built at 116 Harestock Road, this will be discussed at the WCC planning committee this week. Mr Cunningham will represent the Parish at that meeting. Mr Warren then mentioned that it is taking WCC planning far too long to send out hard copy planning applications to give the Parish sufficient time to consider them and respond. A note would be sent to the Head of Development at WCC asking for a better service. In addition and quite separately it was mentioned that, allegedly, the owner of Barclays, Main Road is now intermittently living in the garage annexe to that property which is in clear breach of the planning consent there that has already been identified by WCC and no remedial action appears to yet have been taken about this by WCC. This too would be reported to Head of Development at WCC for urgent action. Mr Biddlecombe then mentioned in respect of the Littleton village design statement document that was produced in 2009, that he had spoken both to local residents who had helped put that document together and also to WCC Strategic planners as to whether the document needed to be refreshed. The answer was a clear, no, it is still a perfectly valid document. It was also confirmed by WCC that the recent ward boundary change along Harestock Road has absolutely no impact on the planning boundaries, they remain as they are. There is then no further action required on this document which remains part of WCC planning policy documentation.

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176 **Barton Farm Development**

Next meeting is scheduled for 22 March. Mrs Saunders mentioned that she cannot attend the next one in June and asked her deputy, Mr Fountain could do so.

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177 **Littleton & Harestock Show**

Next meeting is tomorrow night. At the last month's meeting it was reported that there had been some recruitment success and it was hoped there would be further recruitment in the near future. The possible charity beneficiary for the next show has still to be determined, but the Hants & IOW Wildlife Trust has now been suggested as it is responsible for the new reserve on the far side of the Barton Farm. The new memorial bench for recreation ground has been put in place as has the picnic bench for Bradley Road, both funded by donations from the last show proceeds. The family for whom the memorial bench has been procured have asked if a short dedication service for it might be possible just before the next show. This would be taken forward by Mr Warren for discussion by the show society.

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**HCC Report**

**County Councillor Grants:** This year I have been pleased to support

17- the following local schemes out of my annual grant funds allocated to  
178 me: Sparsholt Memorial Hall Refurbishment £1000; Hursley Youth  
Football Club Equipment £500; Winchester Live at Home Scheme  
£500; Sparrowgrove and Oakwood Copse £480; Oliver's Battery  
Film Club £500; Winchester Basics Bank £1000; CAB Winchester  
Digital Advice Project £500; Badger Farm Toddlers Club £250;  
Thrive Café Lonely Christmas Lunch £300; Oliver's Battery Parish  
Plan printing £1000. The next County Councillor grant applications  
will open in June 2018. **Hampshire Highways:** Following the recent  
cold weather and snow the Highways team have been out salting  
Hampshire's main roads. Priority one routes cover a third of the  
county road network but carry the majority of Hampshire's traffic.  
The County also salts major bus routes, roads to hospitals and other  
key emergency hubs, large schools and colleges, areas of high traffic  
concentration and public transport interchanges. The snow and ice  
has caused many potholes and there will be a multi-million pound  
repair bill. Pothole Busters gangs have out making interim repairs.  
Please report any potholes or defects on:

[www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems](http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems)

**Council Tax Precept:** Hampshire County Council has agreed a  
5.99% increase in the Council Tax precept for 2018/19 (this included  
a 2.99% core council tax increase and 3% to support adult social  
care). Local services such as school crossing patrols, community  
transport and Household Waste recycling centres have been retained  
within this budget. A £530m capital investment programme includes  
£146m for new and extended school buildings, £120 road and bridge  
maintenance and £133 for integrated transport schemes to key  
employment areas.

17- **WCC Report:** Cllr Weir stated that she has had discussions with  
179 planning enforcement about the rubbish lying on the ground beside  
the fencing of 22 Priors Dean Road. It has been decided to keep an  
eye on this until late May at which point a decision will be taken  
about whether any enforcement action is necessary to tidy up the  
area. She then mentioned that she hoped the Parish Council would be  
able to contribute £500 to the local night bus service for financial  
year 2018/19. This was confirmed. Mrs Neilson mentioned that the  
problems with the paving and loose railings reported outside the  
Harestock shops last August still remain without any action taken to  
put them right. Cllr Weir agreed to chase this up with WCC Estates.

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#### 17- **Sub-Committees and Other Reports**

180 **a) Finance:** The latest payments list for February was  
presented for consideration and accepted. **It was  
therefore proposed by Mr Fountain and seconded by  
Mrs Saunders and RESOLVED – That payments  
totalling £6,955.08 on the February payments  
schedule should be paid.**

**b) Environment:** Mr Cunningham reported that HCC  
highways have now just finished desilting the pond. The  
Parish Council has also now purchased the new front  
door for the recently adopted BT red telephone kiosk in  
Littleton which is yet to be put into place at the kiosk.

- c) **Playgrounds:** Mrs Saunders reported that the annual inspection reports on both playgrounds had finally been received and graded both as very low risk with only very minor suggestions for remedial work which will be followed up. There is scope for making one further purchase in this financial year which would either be an extra piece of adult outdoor exercise equipment or an outdoor table tennis table. The two winning posters created by local schoolchildren are now being made into permanent notices to be put up in the two Parish Council playgrounds.
- d) **Millennium Memorial Hall:** Mrs Neilson reported that the hall is gradually having its own WiFi installed, but it is not yet operational. The Trustees are looking to find someone who will take their meeting minutes for which they will pay.
- e) **Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground:** Mr Fountain was unable to attend the last Sport Club Committee meeting but reported that the junior football club are now able to use two pitches within ATR(W).
- f) **Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering:** Mr Cunningham was pleased to report that the Fyfield Residents Company had given HCC permission subject to certain conditions to link their possible pipe to theirs for flood alleviation. HCC is hosting a meeting on 22 April on the next steps regarding their north Winchester flood alleviation scheme. Mrs Burgess reported that the Parish Council emergency plan has still to be updated.
- g) **Pond/island opposite:** Nil.

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**Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**

The Parish Clerk mentioned that as the current Chairman is to be away in May when the Parish Council meets to elect a Chairman for the next civic year, he had written to HALC for advice on how to go about ensuring that there is a Chairman elected as there are no other candidates who wish to be considered. The advice back from HALC stated that there is no statutory requirement for the nominated councillor to be present in May, but the parish council must agree to permit the proposed Chairman's declaration of acceptance is complete at or before the first meeting after he is elected. The declaration must be made in the presence of a member of the council or the proper officer (the Parish Clerk) and delivered to council. With this advice given to all, a vote was taken and it was agreed, unanimously, that the current Chairman, Mr Cunningham to be permitted to do this so that he can become the Chairman for 2018/19. The Parish Clerk then added that, in view of Mr Cunningham's absence in May, it would be very helpful if all councillors could consider what areas of responsibility they would like to undertake for 2018/19 and come back with these to the next Parish Council meeting. This was also agreed.

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**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 9 April 2018 in the Millennium Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.