

**RECORD OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock**

**Present:** Cllr P Cunningham (Chair), Cllr J Biddlecombe, Cllr R Warren, Cllr H Saunders, Cllr K Learney, Cllr J Burgess, Cllr S Burgess, Cllr L Martin, Cllr D Tozer, Cllr P Highfield and Mrs L Fielding (Clerk).

**Also:** Cllr J Warwick (HCC) and three members of the public.

**19-138 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Weir (WCC).

**19-139 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr H Saunders declared an interest in a planning application (trees) for 10 Harestock Close. It was also noted that the Parish Council planning application for tree work behind the Parish Office was currently being processed by Winchester City Council, and that the Parish Council would not discuss this planning application during this Parish Council meeting.

**19-140 Minutes of the meeting held 9th December 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of 9th December 2019 were presented and it was proposed by Cllr L Martin and seconded by Cllr D Tozer that the minutes be accepted. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 9th December be approved.

Note: These minutes (13th January 2020) are draft until approved and signed at the Parish Council meeting on the 10th February 2020.

**19-141 Matters Arising:**

Nil

**19-142 Public Participation:**

a. Mr G Sallis presented a proposal for a living history project to include the creation of an interactive website detailing the chronological history of the Flowerdown site based on documentation from Mr Brian Middleton. The project would also create a historical storytelling trail at the Littleton Recreation Ground. Mr G Sallis asked if the Parish Council would be able to support the project and specifically to provide a letter of approval that he can use to support the funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase a copy of the Flowerdown Booklet written by Mr Brian Middleton.

b. Mrs A Neilson reported on the progress of the new Parkour facility at the Littleton Recreation Ground. The areas have now been marked out for the Parkour and the netball facility, and the work is due to start on the 27th Jan, depending on the weather, and should take two weeks. Mrs A Neilson is also investigating art work on the concrete surfacing, and she has contacted local Parkour groups to look at options for having demos, or documented guides for users of the equipment. It was agreed that a disclaimer sign, and a sign advertising the locations of the new equipment should be put in place.

**19-143 County Councillor Report:**

Cllr J Warwick (HCC) presented the written report (in italics below) that had been provided prior to the meeting:-

Hampshire County Council The law has now changed meaning opposite-sex couples can legally enter into civil partnerships. Previously only available to same-sex couples this has allowed opposite-sex couples to formalise their relationship as an alternative to marriage. Winchester Registry office has already made

several civil partnership ceremony bookings, following the change of law to allow opposite-sex couples to enter into civil partnerships. To date there has been no change in the funding arrangements for Local Government and HCC will still need to find £80M of savings over the next two years. The rain during December has left many roads damaged further and in need of repair. Also with the flooding in some villages, the drains will need re-cleaning. A Highways programme is now in operation. Wheelabrator, Harewood, Nr Andover The Wheelabrator waste to energy Incinerator planning consultation, which closed on the 12th December 2019, has provoked thousands of letters and email in opposition to the project and very few in favour. There have been suggestions that the consultation did not meet all the conditions to render it as 'adequate'. We now need to wait to see the Wheelabrator response will be but it is expected that they will submit a full national planning application in the spring. Climate change I have taken on the Climate lead role at the County Council. Hampshire County Council endorsed the decision to declare a 'Climate Emergency' in line with the action taken by many authorities in July 2019. In January 2020 Cabinet approved an action plan to provide a meaningful and effective set of measures to ensure that Hampshire moves towards carbon neutrality and greater resilience to the effects of climate change. Following this initiative some parishes have started to create their own Carbon Neutral strategies. I am happy to help promote dialogue and co-operation between Hampshire County Council and the parishes. Household Waste Recycling Centres A new resident permit system will begin operating later this year. It will be controlled by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and will ensure continued free access for Hampshire residents to any of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs to dispose of household waste, while access for non-Hampshire residents will be for a fee of £5 per visit. Charges for non-household waste, including soil and rubble, plasterboard and asbestos remain. Hampshire residents can register up to three vehicles via the Hampshire County Council website. The introduction of this system will allow those living outside Hampshire to continue to use Hampshire HWRCs while making a contribution towards the costs of disposal of their household waste in Hampshire. Hampshire residents, including those who live in Southampton and Portsmouth, will be able to register for free access to any Hampshire HWRC from 19 December 2019 at [www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc). Residents without internet access should call 0300 555 1389 to register. Consultation on the Library Service Strategy commenced on Thursday 9th January via the following link <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations>

A number of local issues were then discussed as follows:-

a. Flooding

Cllr J Warwick and Cllr R Humby will be updated on the Flood Alleviation project on the 29th January, followed by a meeting on the 31st January to present information to the Parish Council. Measures are in place to clear gullies and ditches as ground water levels continue to rise, and the clerk reported that the drains in Main Rd had already been dealt with.

b. Harestock Crossing

HCC officers surveyed the crossing before the end of the autumn school term. The results show an increase in pedestrians but not sufficient numbers to warrant a controlled crossing point. Cllr J Warwick will meet with the school travel team to review the data in detail and see how safety can be improved at this crossing point, potentially by providing a school crossing control attendant.

Cllr J Burgess was concerned that there will be more traffic in the future when Andover Rd is closed, however Cllr J Warwick noted that the main increase was expected on Harestock Rd, and through to Stockbridge Rd.

c. Number 16 Bus

A meeting is planned with the relevant Parish Council's and HCC to support the re-tendering process for the number 16 Bus Service.

d. Climate Emergency Targets

Cllr K Learney was concerned that the County's climate emergency targets for 2050 were not as ambitious as they could be, however Cllr J Warwick noted that they were in line with Government targets.

e. County Councillor Grants

Cllr H Saunders asked if Cllr J Warwick had any budget left for grant applications, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would consider applying for funding for a small grant for playground work, potentially for the bench in Bradley Rd playground

f. Andover Rd

It was noted that there had been a fatality following an accident on Andover Rd. There was concern about the speed limit and Cllr Learney reported she was following up on this, and explained that there was a request made for a crossing at the end of Halls Farm Close. Additionally the Parish Councillors were concerned about the increased HGV usage of Andover Rd, and that the HGV drivers were not following the proper diversion route.

### **19-144 District Councillors' Report:**

a. Sir John Moore Barracks

Cllr K Learney reported that they had received no requirements from public bodies to reuse the Sir John Moors Barracks. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) mixed use plan will be reviewed by the City Council in Spring, currently the proposal is for 800 houses, the re-use of existing facilities, a park and ride plus assisted care living. Cllr J Biddlecombe raised the concern that the infrastructure on Andover Rd/Kings Barton needs to be considered to allow for the increased traffic that will occur as a result of plan for the Barracks.

b. Planning

The City Council is not able to approve planning permission on properties which can't demonstrate nitrate neutrality, and they are following up to get a more detailed explanation from the government on this. It was noted by the Parish Council that this will be an issue for any decisions made on Sir John Moore Barracks as it is a flood area, and nitrates from new buildings are likely to get into the River Itchen.

c. Budget

Cllr K Learney reported that WCC needs to find an extra £7m in savings, and that there is no change in government funding, but going forward they anticipate business rates may change.

d. Council Plan

The council plan will be covered in the council meeting next week. It has a strong focus on the environment with targets for carbon neutrality of 2025 for the council itself, and 2030 for the district. For further details please review the City Council website.

e. District Development Plan

WCC are working on a plan for Winchester to include Harestock and Barton Farm, which will feed into the local plan. Cllr K Learney stated that she will provide details at the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr J Biddlecombe noted that the Parish Council need to be aware of the focus of these plans, and the link to the Sir John Moore Barracks so that the Littleton Village Design Statement can be aligned both in terms of content and required dates.

f. Harestock Car Park

Cllr J Burgess asked if there had been any results from the Harestock car park survey, but unfortunately this has not been completed yet.

### **19-145 Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down**

WO1 (RSM) Scott was not able to be present but he notified the clerk that ATR (Winchester) will be having a Freedom Parade through Winchester City Centre on Sat 21 Mar 2020.

### **19-146 Police Report**

PCSO Bidle was not present however recent crime reports in Littleton and Harestock were discussed and the Clerk was asked to produce a one page Crime awareness leaflet for use on the website/notice boards, similar to the Christmas leaflet already produced.

Clerk

### **19-147 Barton Farm Development**

The next meeting is 21st January. Cllr K Learney and Cllr P Cunningham will be in attendance.

### **19-148 Littleton and Harestock Show**

Cllr R Warren reported that there is a show planning meeting on Wednesday 15th January. Cllr L Martin offered to volunteer to support the show, and it was suggested that the raffle might be an option. Cllr H Saunders noted that this year the show's charitable donation will go to the Parish Council and she made some suggestions on possible items to purchase.

### **19-149 Planning**

#### a. New Applications

The new applications were discussed, and no objections were raised for 19/02632/HOU (The Pines 116 Harestock Road), 19/02623/HOU (92 Buriton Road Harestock) and 19/02591/HOU (Hamptworth New Road Littleton). 19/02805/TPO (Littleton and Harestock Parish Office The Hall Way Littleton) was not discussed as this was an application raised by the Parish Council.

#### b. Existing Applications

It was noted that applications 19/02342/HOU and 19/02272/HOU previously reviewed by the Parish Council have now been approved by WCC. It was also noted that there is a planning appeal, APP/L1765/D/19/3239061 (5 Rockbourne Road Harestock), against a refusal for planning permission by WCC for which the Parish Council had not previously raised any objections.

#### c. Enforcement Matters

It was noted that the Enforcement appeal for 17/00271/USE (Barclays Main Rd Littleton) has now officially started and that the Parish Council will receive documentation on third party comment submission in case they wish to provide further comments.

### **19-150 Finance**

#### a. December Payments List

The latest payments list for December was presented for consideration and, after some discussion, was accepted. It was therefore proposed by Cllr H Saunders, seconded by Cllr J Biddlecombe and RESOLVED that payments totalling £15,561.21 on the December payments schedule should be endorsed.

#### b. Harestock Football Field

The clerk reported that the MOD have accepted the counter offer for the lease at £1000 per year for three years, and in addition they proposed an initial fixed price arrangement fee of £1,000 plus VAT to cover the legal fees. Following a vote the Parish Council were all in favour of these terms, and asked the Parish Clerk to pursue the lease with the MOD.

Clerk

### **19-151 Parish Council Reports**

#### a. Emergency Planning

Cllr S Burgess reported that the Harestock corner borehole data shows that the levels are up 8.5 meters since November. He noted that these figures reflect ground water levels from October and November rainfall, and we have yet to see the increase from December rainfall. Cllr S Burgess warned that we are now entering the flood risk period, and there is some evidence that Fyfield Close is starting to flood and this will be carefully monitored

b. Playgrounds

Cllr H Saunders presented the current plans for the playground and specifically three quotes from MANT for swing barriers at £3,873.00, a bench at £1,520.00, both at Bradley Rd and a fix to the zip wire at Littleton playground costing £660.00. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should instruct MANT to implement the improvements. The annual inspection is due this month and will include an end of life and disability assessment on the playground equipment

c. The Millennium Memorial Hall

The Hall will close in August for refurbishment; the next meeting of the trustees is in the week of January 19th. Cllr L Martin volunteered to help with turning on the heating in the mornings and Cllr J Burgess agreed to follow up on this with the trustees. Cllr J Biddlecombe noted that the Hall Manager had turned up the ambient heating in the hall and this has made a difference to the heat levels

d. Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground

It was noted that the new clock has been installed at the Pavilion and Cllr P Cunningham asked if we needed to make any modifications to the existing plaque dedicated to Ted Wedge, the village policemen. Cllr J Biddlecombe said that he had fully discussed this with the family and proposed that the plaque remain as is, which was agreed by the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk reported that she was unsuccessful in obtaining advice on the Pavilion roof from a resident, and Cllr J Biddlecombe proposed that in that case the quote from MA Hinton to repair the roof tiles and install the weather vane at £900 plus VAT should be pursued, and this was agreed by the Parish Council.

Cllr J Biddlecombe was concerned that cars had been parked in the Harestock football field on Sunday and caused muddy tracks on exit to the road outside which could be an accident hazard. The clerk was asked to investigate with the football teams to identify the key holders, and understand their use of the field.

e. Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering

Cllr J Biddlecombe reported on the retendering of the number 16 bus service and noted that he is due to attend a meeting with HCC and representatives from three other Parish Council to propose a timetable that meets residents' needs. He noted that if a better service would be provided then the taxi-share may not be needed. Cllr S Burgess suggested looking at the number 7 timetable so that the timing of the busses can be spaced correctly. Cllr D Tozer noted that the live bus information display did not seem to be working at the Harestock shops bus stop, and it was agreed that he would contact HCC (Lisa Cook) or report the issue online.

f. Environment

Cllr L Martin presented a proposal for engaging with the local community to suggest ideas that the Parish Council can make to support the environment. In order to support that she also suggested improvements on communications, such as a monthly communication of news that parishioners can self-register for, plus the use of Facebook.

It was agreed that a Communications workgroup would be set up, headed by Cllr S Burgess and supported by Cllr L Martin and Cllr D Tozer. Additionally Cllr L Martin was asked to get further advice on the environment, and produce a terms of reference document for a future working group

g. Winchester Villages Trust

Nil.

h. Pond/Island opposite:

Clerk

## **19-152          Resignation of Parish Council Chair, and election of new Parish Council Chair**

As notified in the previous Parish Council Meeting, Cllr P Cunningham resigned as the Parish Council Chairman, however he will continue as a Littleton and Harestock Parish Councillor. Cllr K Learney proposed a vote of thanks for his work over the past three and a half years which was fully endorsed by all the Parish Councillors. Cllr P Cunningham then nominated Cllr S Burgess to replace him as the Chair. There were no other nominations and the Parish Council voted unanimously for Cllr S Burgess to become the new Parish Council Chair.

Cllr S Burgess then signed the acceptance of office document, and took over as chair for the rest of the meeting.

## **19-153          Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda:**

The Parish Council discussed the Living History proposal from Mr G Sallis covered during the Public Participation agenda item. It was agreed that Cllr S Burgess would draft a suitable Memorandum of Agreement document for review, and then forward it to Mr G Sallis.

## **19-154          Date of Next Meetings:**

Parish Council Meeting: 7pm, 10th February 2020 in the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton

Finance & Resources Meeting: 9:30 am, 4th March 2020 at the Sports Pavilion, Littleton Recreation Ground.