

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
at the Henry Beaufort School, Harestock.**

**Present:** Cllr P Cunningham (Chairman), Mr J Biddlecombe, Mr R Warren, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs A Neilson, Mr D Fountain, Mrs L Fielding (Clerk)  
Also: Cllr C Horrill (WCC) and Cllr A Weir (WCC)

**18-166 Apologies for Absence**

Mr J Mead, Mrs H Saunders, Cllr K Learney and Cllr J Warwick sent their apologies.

**18-167 Declarations of Interest**

Mrs J Burgess declared an interest in a planning application for 7 North Drive.

18-168 Minutes of the meeting held 11th February 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 11th February 2019 were presented and it was proposed by Mrs A Neilson and seconded by Mr J Biddlecombe that the minutes be accepted. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 11th February be approved.

Note: These minutes (11th March 2019) are draft until approved and signed at the Parish Council meeting on the 8th April 2019.

**18-169 Matters Arising:**

Nil.

**18-170 Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks/Worthy Down**

WO1 (RSM) Scott was not present and no matters were raised concerning the military.

**18-171 Public Participation**

Nil.

**18-172 Police Report**

PCSO Bidle was unable to attend. However incident report had been received from the Winchester City Neighbourhood Watch Representative and the Parish Council noted an incident reported on Rewlands Drive. Additionally it was noted that there had been an assault in Littleton and an arrest has been made which is going through due process.

**18-173 Planning**

The planning schedule for February was circulated and discussed. There were no objections raised for applications 19/00186/HOU (8 North Drive, Littleton), 19/00285/FUL (15 Buriton Rd, Harestock) and 19/00402/HOU (24 Buriton Rd, Harestock). Mrs J Burgess then noted an interest and left the meeting during the discussion of planning application 19/00337/FUL (7 North Drive, Littleton). This application was discussed in detail and following a unanimous vote it was decided to submit an objection on the grounds of potential flooding to neighbouring properties. It was decided that 19/00495/LDC (Winchester Stables, Littleton) needed further investigation.

Mr R Warren noted that previous council remarks for 12 Southwick Close were not on the planning portal, the clerk agreed to pursue with the planning team. It was also noted that the dying tree on the corner Buriton Rd/Priors Dean Rd has been cut down.

## **18-174 Barton Farm Development**

Nothing to report.

## **18-175 Littleton & Harestock Show**

Mr R Warren reported that the show committee are making good progress; potential beneficiaries will be decided at the April meeting. This year they are considering the use of portable toilets to reduce queue in the millennium hall. The show committee would like to put up a memorial for Hugh Platt, who has contributed greatly to the show.

## **18-176 County Councillor's Report**

Cllr J Warwick was unable to attend but sent the following report:-

Schools: More than 98% Hampshire pupils got their preferred choice of secondary school this week. The County Council received 14,351 on-time applications this year – an increase of 370 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2018. Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their chosen schools have been allocated a place at a school near to where they live, with available spaces. Parents have the right to appeal in these situations and their child's name will be added to the waiting list for their preferred schools. Places do become available if parents change their mind, or families move home. The admissions team is now processing primary school applications with offers due to go out to parents on 16 April 2019.

Movement Strategy This month both Hampshire County and Winchester City Councils will consider the Winchester Movement Strategy at their Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet committees before deciding whether it can be formally adopted. The Strategy aims to reduce congestion and improve air quality in central Winchester by measures such as improving the Park and Ride offer and creating dedicated bus lanes. £500,000 has been committed by Winchester City Council commence some early scoping works. The document can be seen here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/winchestermovementstrategy>

Waste Following recent publication of the DEFRA Waste Guidelines Consultation Hampshire County Council has restarted work on the business case for investing in a new materials recycling facility (the Super MRF) to be able to recycle a larger amount of plastic waste including pots, tubs, trays and Tetrapak materials. Options around the business case for an AD plant for food waste will also be included.

## **18-177 District Councillors' Report:**

Cllr C Horrill reported that the budget has been approved for the year ahead, and that the city council tax rise is 0%. The new leisure centre has been approved at Bar End with financial support from Hampshire County Council, the Pinder Trust, and the University of Winchester. It is expected to be open in 2021 and work starts on the site next week. Chesil Lodge and Bailey Close are now open, and 1000 council homes are planned in the next 10 years. Cllr C Horrill reported that Winchester City Council are campaigning on litter, and will be supporting the Keep Britain tidy village clean up, and have recently cleaned up the High St. They have also focused on local A roads and paid contractors to collect litter on the A33, A32 and A31. The A34 needs to be closed prior to a litter collection; however Mr D Fountain noted that Berkshire council have collected litter without closing their section of the A34. Cameras are being positioned at known fly tipping area, and the city council will prosecute any offenders. With regard to planning, the housing numbers are not yet released; however the council expect this to be in the order of 1000 extra by 2036 which is manageable. Cllr C Horrill stated that 8 out of the 10 proposals for the movement study are going forward; the two not being taken forward are the western bypass, and congestion charging. It is planned to keep Andover Rd open as there is intent to introduce a large Park and Ride near the Three Maids Hill roundabout, which was well received by the Parish Council due to the limited bus service in Littleton. Cllr C Horrill also confirmed that the road through Kings Barton is still on the plan. Mr J Biddlecombe noted that he had seen some fly tipping on the road to Stockbridge just past Crawley. He also proposed that Winchester City Council investigate the use of big open bins on the exit of Motorway service stations, which Cllr C Horrill stated was part of the campaigning for the Keep Britain Tidy team. Mrs J Burgess suggested that the volunteer litter pickings which

regularly clean up in the Romsey Rd area should be commended, and was it possible for Winchester City Council to recognise them in some way.

Cllr A Weir reported that the town forum will be held next week and that they will renew the contract for the night bus which has been a great success. Mr John Biddlecombe asked how much money is collection from the clothing bins, and it was noted that £25,000 had been donated to the Air Ambulance from collections from the Winchester City Council bins over 3 years.

## **18-178 Sub-Committees and Other Reports**

### **a) Staff and Pensions**

i. Following a unanimous email vote of all of the Parish Councillors, Cllr P Cunningham reported that the Parish Clerk is now confirmed in her position as she has passed the probationary period, and that her salary point would rise in April from 24 to 26 (which equates to 19 on the new scale). Additionally it was confirmed that the cleaner's salary would increase to £10 per hour in April which had already been approved at the December Parish Council Meeting.

ii. Cllr P Cunningham reported that he had received an actuary report from the Hampshire County Pension Scheme which shows a surplus, and therefore the council do not need to pay any deficit.

### **b) Finance:**

i. The latest payments list for February was presented for consideration and, after some discussion, was accepted. It was therefore proposed by Mrs A Neilson, seconded by Mr J Biddlecombe and RESOLVED – That payments totalling £4,346.55 on the February payments schedule should be paid. It was then proposed by Mr J Biddlecombe, seconded by Mr R Warren and RESOLVED to authorise payment for the Night bus subsidy grant of £500 in April.

ii. The clerk noted that the Finance committee had proposed that earmarked reserves of £15,000 for the expected Pension deficit should be moved back to un-earmarked reserves, CIL funding of £6642.52 should be earmarked for projects next year, and £3000 using surplus from this year's budget should be added to the playground reserves for next year. This was unanimously approved.

iii. The clerk reported that a proposed new Financial Regulation document had been reviewed during the Finance Committee meeting, and that following some updates would be distributed to the council for consideration at the April Parish Council meeting.

c) Environment: It was noted that the large pot hole in the Hall Way has now been filled in, and the work to clean off the algae on the sign in Stud Lane leading to Three Maids roundabout has been passed to a contractor.

d) Playgrounds: Mrs A Neilson reported that Vitaplay will be doing minor repairs in the playgrounds and a jet wash at Littleton playground. The annual inspection has now been completed and all issues raised are either low risk or very low risk which is a marked improvement from previous years. The proposal to provide an area for teenagers aged 12-17 at the Littleton playground has been submitted to Cllr J Warwick, and Mrs A Neilson is also planning to submit it to other Winchester City Council funds. Mrs J Burgess suggested a netball shooting area which was well received as there are few sports facilities which are predominately for girls.

e) Millennium Memorial Hall: The trustees reported positive comments on the adult exercise equipment, and positive feedback as also received for the new parish clerk. A 20 year anniversary is planned for the 22nd June, which includes entertainment, and a bring your own picnic. This was approved by the Council but they asked to receive a more detailed plan, and information about insurance for the event.

f) Pavilion, Sports Club & Recreation Ground: Mr J Biddlecombe reported that a new Sports Club Management agreement is currently being drafted, and charges to the club will be calculated annually and separated from the agreement itself. The Sports Club chair has reported that 7 Pavilion door keys have been lost, and the Parish Council approved unanimously to change the lock.

g) Transport, Traffic & Civil Engineering: Cllr P Cunningham reported that white lines will be added to sections of the roads in the Hall Way, North Drive, South Drive and Bercote Close with the aim to reduce inconsiderate parking. It was noted that the figures received from Cllr Warwick with regard to accident numbers on Andover Rd/Well House Lane Junction did not seem to cover all the issues, and it was thought that potentially people are not reporting the accidents to the police. The issue raised on HCC online system for improving the white lines at the junction has been rejected, and Cllr P Cunningham asked the clerk to update it with a further remark about the Keep Clear wording. Cllr P Cunningham reported that there is a planned drain survey in April by Winchester City Council in the North Drive and Pitter Close area to investigate flooding issues.

h) Pond/island opposite: Nothing to report.

### **18-179 Parish Elections**

The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had an appointment with the Electoral Services Manager on Monday 1st April 11am, and that any councillors wishing to stand should deliver the forms to her by Friday 29th March.

### **18-180 Items for noting, AOB or for inclusion on next month's agenda**

Mr D Fountain reported that he would not be standing for re-election, after 7 years on the council he felt it was time for a change.

Cllr P Cunningham reported that he has been elected Deputy Major as from May this year. This was well received by the Parish Council, and they offered him their congratulations.

### **18-181 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 8th April 2019 in the Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton at 7.00pm