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## **MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL ON 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM (DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC)**

**THOSE PARTICIPATING:** Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), C Adams, C Waller, M Edwards and R Gedye

**BY INVITATION:** County Cllr R Huxstep until 8:10pm

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs G Silk, L Ruffell, H Lumby

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

### Wmpc 1870 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda.

### Wmpc 1871 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair opened the meeting to the public but there were no issues arising. A letter sending sincere apologies was received from the gentleman who damaged the bus shelter.

### Wmpc 1872 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Online Parish Council Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were **agreed**, signed and **approved**.

### Wmpc 1873 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

Hampshire County Cllr Huxstep presented his report, see Appendix A.

The Parish raised issues of parking in the High Street and whether new white lines could be painted outside the village shop.

### Wmpc 1874 **CLERK'S REPORT**

- WMPC has won a 'Local Hero Award', an award from the Mayor of WCC for playing their part in the commitment to public service during the Covid 19 pandemic, to be displayed on the notice board.
- Following advice from WCC outdoor gyms are to close, and a notice to be put on the Parish Website and noticeboard.
- Half Year audit completed and has been sent to the internal auditor.

- PC Comments on Planning White Paper emailed to central government.
- Thank you letter was received from Citizens Advice for grant payment.

## **TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS**

### Wmpc 1875 **PLANNING**

i) SDNP/20/04391/HOUS 8 Knapps Hard West Meon GU32 1LE Proposal: Single storey extension and ground floor refurbishment. **No objection**

ii) SDNP/20/04877/FUL Cleverleys Farmhouse Doctors Lane West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1LR Proposal::Re-instating gate for agricultural purposes only. **No objection**

### Wmpc 1876 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Cllr Edwards advised of the cost of Rook damage to the surface of the Recreation area, and that the cost of repair would be approximately £4,000. It was **agreed** that the work be approved.

It was agreed that Cllr Waller would submit a grant to the War Memorial Trust for cleaning the war memorial.

#### **Schedule of Payments 10.11.2020**

Will Hillier	£670.70
Little John External Auditors	£240.00
BACS D Heppell salary November	
BACS Expenses D Heppell	£43.48
HMRC	£26.80

It was unanimously **agreed** to approve the schedule of payments.

### Wmpc 1877 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

SDNP advise that a Section 106 contribution of £4,028.14 is available for repairs to the car park. Cllr Edward advised that there is the raised hump and the hedge requires removal. It was **agreed** that quotes would be sought for these works.

### Wmpc 1878 **COMMUNITY, RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Edwards advised of the Beech Tree at Station road dangerously overhanging the Road. He has contacted HCC but to no avail. It was **agreed** that Cllr Trenchard would contact arborist for a quote to tree works on this and on the Holm Oak at Church Lane.

Cllr Trenchard reported on a request from a parishioner about introducing a skate park on the recreation area. The Parish Council **agreed** that they did not consider this a viable scheme.

It was agreed that 6 x 3ft Christmas trees should be ordered and put up on the weekend of the 28th/29<sup>th</sup> November.

Wmpc 1879 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

AGM, Village Hall Car Park, Parish News, Parking Issues in West Meon.

Wmpc 1880 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. All online meetings until further notice.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chair .....

**Appendix A**

**Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for:**

**West Meon Parish Council**

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**Business as usual for Hampshire’s Household Waste Recycling Centres and Road Improvements.**

Hampshire’s Household Waste Recycling Centres will remain open through the second lockdown, re-introduced to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.

There is clarity from the Government in for this lockdown, the national guidance defines waste services as essential. It is also good news that the Government has said that construction is not expected to close operations down. The booking system at the HWRCs has been operating well for some time now. There are social distancing measures in place to ensure each of our sites is able to operate in a COVID safe way. It is also confirmed that improvement works on Hampshire’s highway network will continue. Covid-safe working standards were implemented earlier this year and all highways maintenance work on Hampshire’s roads is carried out in line with the Construction Leadership Council’s Site Operation Procedures, which is based on Public Health England guidance. It is therefore business as usual for our work to improve Hampshire’s road network. With an anticipated drop in traffic, good use will be made of this quieter time on the roads to press ahead with improvements across the county. This includes our Operation Resilience programme to make the roads more resilient to the impact of severe weather, as well as new schemes, such as those at Stubbington, the BRT busway extension in Gosport, and new cycling and walking provision at Whitehill and Bordon.”

Booking slots are available seven days in advance at each of Hampshire’s 24 HWRCs, and can be made online at [www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment](http://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment) or, for those without internet access, by phone on 02380 179 949, between Monday and Friday 9am to 5:30pm.

Visiting a Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centre:

- There is no need to bring confirmation of the booking to the site, the site will have information on confirmed bookings.
- Site staff will check registration plates upon arrival – people will need to arrive in the vehicle specified in the booking.
- Anyone turning up without a confirmed booking will not be allowed entry to the site.

- People wishing to cancel or amend a booking can do so via the link received on the confirmation email. This link enables residents to either cancel a booking or reschedule it to another available date and time.
- As per government guidelines, residents in the specified vulnerable category (those who are clinically extremely vulnerable, people over 70 and pregnant women) are strongly advised not to visit a site.
- Specific parking arrangements are in place with site staff guiding vehicles, from a safe distance, into spaces
- As far as possible, only one person per household should leave their vehicle during their visit to the HWRC.
- Due to social distancing measures, site staff will be unable to provide any assistance with unloading material or carrying material. Residents are asked to bring only the amount of waste they can comfortably carry and empty into containers.
- Everyone must always observe social distancing and keep at least a two-metre distance from others.
- Most waste materials will be accepted.
- Reuse sales areas will unfortunately have to be closed, in line with Government restrictions on non-essential shops. Where possible, please continue to store items of furniture which could be reused, donate to local furniture charities, or use online platforms (e.g. Freegle / Facebay / Gumtree). Please see the [Smart Living](#) website for more information on furniture reuse.

## **Local support for families in need in Hampshire this half-term.**

Hampshire County Council is working with partners to immediately distribute £150,000 of funding which the Authority announced on 27<sup>th</sup> October to support food banks and charities that are helping support the most vulnerable families in Hampshire this half-term

Councillor Andrew Joy, Hampshire County Council Executive Member for Communities, Partnerships and External Affairs said: “We are very grateful for the support of the voluntary sector in helping us to reach the families in most need. In particular, our thanks go to Community First who will distribute this funding via the established local networks. This will ensure that the money is targeted and allocated swiftly to existing food assistance projects and organisations across Hampshire.”

Tim Houghton of Community First said: “There has been a huge wave of collective support across Hampshire this half-term, and food banks, charities and organisations are pleased to be playing a crucial role in helping families and children impacted by the many effects of Covid-19.”

Any vulnerable family in need of support with food at this time can visit the Hampshire County Council webpages - [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) - where they will find local contact details for their nearest source of support.

## **Consistently high level of school attendance in Hampshire schools.**

High attendance levels at primary and secondary schools in the Hampshire County Council area have continued into the second half of the autumn term 2020, despite the number of cases of COVID-19 rising across the county.

Early years childcare providers, nurseries and pre-schools are similarly reporting that the number of children they are looking after has been steadily increasing since the beginning of term, indicating parents’ and carers’ confidence in the measures that have been put in place to minimise the spread of infection. Councillor Roz Chadd, Hampshire County Council’s Executive Member for Education and Skills, said: “Childcare and education settings have worked extremely hard to ensure their environments are COVID-19 secure - and my sincere thanks for all they have done. While a proportion have had some positive cases, and this has led to other members of their settings’ community needing to self-isolate, the numbers are relatively low.

“To maintain this stability, and to #KeepHampshireSafe, it is vitally important that we all continue to follow the new national guidance to continue social distancing, minimise social contact and avoid mixing with other households, as well as regular handwashing. As a mum of school age children myself, I know how tempting it is to stop outside the school gates and gather for a catch-up with other parents but, in doing so, we all need to be vigilant in making sure we stay two metres apart with anyone outside our household or support bubble. We all want to see this period of enhanced national restrictions come to an end on 2<sup>nd</sup> December – so please stick to the rules, and together we can get back to the freedoms enjoyed during the summer and early autumn months.”

Parents and carers are asked not to send their children to school if they have any of the most common symptoms of COVID-19 – high temperature, new and continuous cough or loss or change to sense of smell or taste. If a child has one of those symptoms they should be tested and then kept at home until the test result is confirmed. Children should only return to school if the result is negative or, when it is positive, after they have completed their period of isolation and are completely well.

Government COVID-19 childcare and education guidance for children, setting leaders, teachers, parents and carers can be found on the [gov.uk Coronavirus web pages](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## **Remembrance Day.**

Hampshire County Council will work with its partners to ensure that any events taking place are able to go ahead safely and are planned in accordance with government guidelines. Where events do take place, strict social distancing must apply with public attendance carefully managed by the event organisers. Parades are strongly discouraged because of the potential for mixing of large numbers of people and the risk of infection spreading from other areas of the community. The County Council will work with the faith community to provide continued support, particularly with regards to special ceremonies and support for our armed forces and veterans. Overall, wherever possible, private moments of remembrance and reflection are encouraged.

**Cllr Roger Huxstep**  
**Member for Meon Valley Division**  
**Hampshire County Council**

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

## **Appendix B**

### **Upper Meon Valley November 2020 report** **New COVID-19 testing site opens at Worthy Lane car park**

A walk-through, appointment only, COVID-19 testing facility is opening today (Thursday 29 October) at **Worthy Lane car park** in Winchester, as part of government measures to increase testing and reduce the spread of the virus. The site was offered up by Winchester City Council so that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, can access a free swab test that takes less than a minute. Tests should be booked or ordered as soon as symptoms begin at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119 and you can expect your result from the walk-in facility the following day. Testing at the new site will start on 29 October, with more appointments becoming available each day. Anyone testing positive for the virus in England will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace to help them track their contacts. This will help people to identify who they may have been in close contact with, protecting others from further transmission. Close contacts of those testing positive will also hear from NHS Test and Trace, advising them to stay at home for 14 days to

prevent them from unknowingly spreading the virus. They will be advised to also book a test if they develop symptoms.

**How to get a test** Book online or by calling **119 from 7am to 11pm.**

When booking online, make sure you complete the form in full. This includes confirming that you have read and agreed to the terms and conditions. You will then be sent a QR code which is required to enter the testing site.

### **Winchester Guildhall becomes a ‘Nightingale Court’**

Guildhall Winchester will now be the site of a new regional Nightingale Court from 19 October through to June 2021.

The Guildhall was chosen because of its prominent city centre location and reputation as a civic hub with the layout of the building being ideal to adapt to a conventional court format while also allowing compliance with COVID-19 social distancing measures.

Nightingale Courts are being set up across the UK to manage a backlog of legal cases that have built up due to limited capacity in existing courts of law and the social distancing requirements now in place due to the pandemic.

The Guildhall Nightingale Court will hear civil cases which have been on hold since March with court sessions being held in the Bapsy Hall, King Charles Hall and Conference Chamber.

### **Former goods shed in Winchester set to offer small business accommodation**

A former goods shed is set to be transformed as part of plans to help small businesses in the Winchester district.

Winchester City Council have agreed to progress the redevelopment of the former Goods Shed in Bar End, which was previously occupied by TJ Waste. The suggested conversion to self-contained offices will help reframe the Bar End area in Winchester as an important employment area in the city. . Additional employment space for small businesses in the district is a priority for the council, and the former Goods Shed at Bar End is an ideal location to do this. Not only is it a sustainable site given its proximity to Winchester City Centre, it also offers good connectivity with easy access to the M3. The news comes as the council is converting the former depot in Bishop’s Waltham into business units to boost the economy further south in the district

### **Coitbury House to be transformed into affordable accommodation**

Winchester City Council is to use a vacant building to create affordable accommodation for key workers and young people. Coitbury House, in the Central Winchester Regeneration area, will undergo an internal refurbishment to create short term residential units.

Plans to reinvigorate the Central Winchester Regeneration area are taking shape. To see Coitbury House open its doors once more to offer much needed affordable accommodation to local people. This is something local people asked the Council to consider

"There’s more on the way with more proposals for the Central Winchester Regeneration area set to be shared with the public in the coming months.

**Hugh Lumby Laurence Ruffell**