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## **MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL ON 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 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, R Gedye

**BY INVITATION:** City Councillor H Lumby, County Cllr R Huxstep, James Heppell (IT)

**APOLOGIES:** City Cllr L Ruffell and G Silk

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Two members of the public until 8.05pm

### Wmpc 1941 **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.

The Chairman extended the Parish Council's deepest sympathy and condolences to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and family on the death of His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

### Wmpc 1942 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair opened the meeting and two members of the public addressed the Parish Council on the planning applications items Wmpc 1946 b and c SDNP/21/01656/PA3O and SDNP/21/01687/FUL.

This item was brought forward for discussion and the Parish Council agreed to raise **Objections**.

### Wmpc 1943 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Online Parish Council Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 were signed and **approved**.

### Wmpc 1944 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUXSTEP**

County Councillor Huxstep's report as previously circulated was received, see Appendix A.

Cllr Huxstep gave his condolences and a tribute to Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Cllr Huxstep gave an update on latest reports on the Covid virus and information on the closure of the High Street in West Meon, advising that roadworks were carried out involving patching the road.

Cllr Huxstep advised he would chase information from HCC on the Beech Tree and ditch on Station Road.

## Wmpc 1945 **CITY COUNCILLOR LUMBY**

City Councillor Lumby's report as previously circulated was received, see Appendix B. Cllr Lumby reported on bin collections in West Meon and on the upcoming Police and Crime Commissioner's election.

## **TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS**

### Wmpc 1946 **PLANNING**

- a) **SDNP/20/05585/FUL The Old Store House High Street West Meon Hampshire GU321LN Proposal: Change of use for two existing garage bays to be used for Class A1 use, as hairdresser/barbershop, product mixing and preparation, and retail with ancillary office (Retrospective)**

West Meon Parish Council agreed the following comments:

There have been no parking issues associated with the premises to date. If SDNP are minded to granting retrospective permission, the Parish Council would like to see a condition attached to the planning permission to ensure that:

1. The Barbers shop premises must not be sold, let or be separated from the main dwelling on the site, the Old Storehouse, and can only be used by the owner and not be let to a third party or sold on. The property is situated in the High Street where there are ongoing parking problems, and the Parish Council would not like to see on street parking problems in the High Street be exacerbated by more vehicles.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Further to West Meon Parish Council's comments on the Old Storehouse, additional comments are added as WMPC has concerns are about when Covid restrictions are lifted and barbers/hairdressers are open once again.

West Meon Parish Council has received complaints about the number of excess vehicles parked adjacent to the barbershop entrance when the premises were open. Complaints have also been received from adjacent properties, next to the barber saying that the owners of the barbers are parking their own vehicles outside their property and blocking their entrance. Complaint should have been made directly to SDNP. Also, the owners have two vehicles, their employee the barber has a vehicle which takes up the three parking spaces within the barber's shop area. Therefore, there are no customer spaces, so customer parking should be incorporated within the site as well as staggered appointments. There is FREE parking at the village hall, a short walk away.

- b) **SDNP/21/01656/PA30 Loomies Alton Road West Meon Petersfield Hampshire GU321JX Existing caravan has been used for Office space for business. Would like to repurpose as living accommodation. 20.4.21.**

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to **RAISE OBJECTIONS** to the planning application to reuse the caravan for living accommodation on the grounds of:

1. The site is outside the defined Settlement Policy Boundary of West Meon as adopted by Policy SD25 of the SDNP Local Plan and there are no exceptional circumstances to support residential accommodation in this rural, countryside location. By introducing a

residential use on the site, this would lead to a permanent established residential use which is contrary to adopted SDNP countryside policies.

**c) SDNP/21/01687/FUL Loomies Alton Road, West Meon GU321JX. Planning permission for a Loomies Workshop and storage space on the site. The workshop will be inside four containers. 23.4.21.**

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to **RAISE OBJECTIONS** to the planning application for four containers, office and workshop space.

1. The containers are considered to be inappropriate buildings by reason of their design and siting, being located in such a sensitive and prominent position outside the settlement policy boundary (SPB) of West Meon and within the countryside of the South Downs National Park boundary. The proposed containers represent a highly visual intrusion into this countryside despite the attempts to screen the containers. The introduction of a workshop and storage uses within the four containers will be detrimental to the visual appearance of the countryside, and will intensify the use of the site, which is contrary to adopted policies SD1, SD4, SD5, SD6, SD7, SD25 and SD38.

2) The proposal will increase the number of motorcycles and traffic on the premises resulting in an intensification of the use of the site, where there are already ongoing noise issues. The proposal is contrary to adopted SDNP countryside policies and will degrade the tranquillity of this part of the South Downs National Park.

NB It is noted that no noise survey was submitted with the planning application.

**d) SDNP/21/00942/LIS Meon Springs Whitewool Farm Whitewool Lane East Meon Petersfield Hampshire Proposal: Rethatching. 20.4.21.**

The Parish Council agreed to raise **NO OBJECTIONS**

### **Wmpc 1947 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

- It was **agreed** to instruct Silks to repair the damage to the flint wall based on the quote of £1,295.00 + VAT.
- Cllr Trenchard advised that the pothole damage is on the junction of Knapshard, Church Lane to Lippen Lane, and starts from the school.
- Ditch and Beech Tree on Station Road: no updates received from County Councillor.

### **Wmpc 1948 COMMUNITY HOUSING AND RECREATION**

- A request has been put forward to the Parish Council on crowdfunding towards new play equipment. This was discussed and it was not considered appropriate as it was the Parish Council's responsibility.
- Repairs have been carried out in the play area to the basketball and play equipment.
- Consideration was given to a proposed bike rack in the centre of the village, but the Parish Council considered the location not suitable. The problem should improve now the café is open.
- Cllr Edwards will report when there is any news on the lease agreements and the village hall.
- Proposals are being considered for a petanque area on the recreation ground and information will be reported on costs and interest.
- The tennis club are proposing to put in a grant for repairs.

### **Wmpc 1949 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- The Clerk to check payment towards the Meon Valley Trail signs.
- The bus shelter rebuilding is complete and thanks to be given to Silk Services for keeping it under budget.
- It was agreed that W Hillier would carry out work on the broken step and trim the overgrown footpath.
- War Memorial Trust have approved works for the cross.

**Payments 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

T Hickmore Repairs telephone box	£220.00
T Hickmore Basketball repair	£152.00
T Hickmore play area	£253.00
WCC Play inspection	£89.00
M Edwards Reimbursement Silk Services bus shelter	£2,340.00
C Waller Reimbursement plaque	£30.00
BACS D Heppell salary	
BACS HMRC	£26.60

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

Wmpc 1950 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Parish news, lease agreement, potholes, Dave Compton Plaque, Beech Tree

Wmpc 1951 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chair .....

## Appendix A

### Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for:

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#### West Meon Parish Council Meeting

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh 10 June 1921 to 9 April 2021

On behalf of our residents, the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire and Hampshire County Council offer deepest sympathies to the Royal Family on the death of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh.

At the Hampshire headquarters buildings in Winchester, flags have been lowered to half-mast.

Book of Condolence

- Flowers
- Church services
- Funeral
- Statement issued on behalf of HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire and Hampshire County Council

“We have learned with great sorrow and profound grief, of the sad news of the death of His Royal Highness, which will be felt keenly across the nation and beyond. On behalf of the people of Hampshire, we will be writing to Her Majesty the Queen, to express our deepest sympathy, and our humble and heartfelt condolence for the loss the at Her Majesty and the Royal Family are experiencing at this time.”

At the Hampshire headquarters of the Hampshire Lieutenancy and Hampshire County Council in Winchester, flags have been lowered to half-mast.

COVID:19: Testing without symptoms available for all Hampshire residents Following the Government’s announcement that free rapid tests will be offered to everyone in England from 9<sup>th</sup> April, local residents are being urged to start collecting their test kits from Friday and get into the habit of regular testing and recording their result. The County Council’s Director of Public Health, Simon Bryant, said: “As we see the number of positive cases decline, it’s tempting to think that COVID may soon be a thing of the past, but the virus transmits so easily from person to person, and if we do not continue to exercise caution and do all we can to minimize spread, we may have to live with some form of restrictions for the foreseeable future. “Don’t forget that one in three people may have the virus but not experience any symptoms, so alongside the COVID-19 vaccine and following ‘hands, face, space’, regular testing will continue to be essential to preventing further spread, helping us to get back to a normal way of life.” I am therefore urging Hampshire residents to take up the offer of free, regular testing –and make Test-Record-Repeat part of your weekly routine. “Where to get a lateral flow device (LFD) test kit from 9<sup>th</sup> April, anyone could access free, rapid lateral flow tests for themselves and their families to use twice a week. Kits can be collected from testing sites across the county. Collection from community testing sites (enter your postcode in the NHS site map to find your nearest site and opening times). To take a supervised LFD test at a community testing site, drop in on the day or book an appointment online. You must not go to these sites if you have any symptoms. Collection from the Regional Testing Site at Southampton Airport and walk-through Local Testing Sites, listed below (afternoons only)–opening times are available on the County Council’s website. These sites offer symptomatic testing during the

morning and, following a deep clean, are open again in the afternoon for collection of test kits for people without symptoms. It is important not to attend these sites outside collection times.

Aldershot –Parsons Barracks car park

Basingstoke –Churchill Way long stay car park –due to open from 11 April

Fareham –Cams Alders car park

Gosport –Walpole Park car park

Havant –Havant Civic Centre car park

Winchester –Worthy Lane car park

Andover –Shepherds Spring Lane car park

Ringwood –The Furlong car park

For those who cannot access these options a new online ordering service has a supply of test kits for home delivery. Visit [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) or call 119.

Residents may also be eligible for regular asymptomatic testing through their workplace. The County Council is continuing to work with the Department of Health and Social Care to roll-out pharmacy collection in Hampshire over the coming weeks. What to do after the test

- Record your result online or by phone. Instructions on how to do this are included in the test kit. If the result is positive, you and your household must self-isolate and you must book confirmatory PCR test.

- If the test is negative, continue to follow preventative measures for stopping the spread of the virus, including 'hands, face, space, fresh air'. There is more information about test results and what to do on the NHS website.

Simon Bryant added: "I would remind everyone who is testing regularly at home that it is very important to record your test result. Secondary school pupils and college students should continue to test regularly throughout the holidays, and should take a test the day before or morning of the first day of summer term, before returning to education." Children of primary school age or younger are not being asked to test regularly. Any adult or child with symptoms of COVID-19 should get a test: book a test online or call 119.

Cllr Roger Huxstep

Member for Meon Valley Division

Hampshire County Council

## Appendix B

### Winchester City Councillor Report April 2021

#### 1. His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh

We are all saddened by the death of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. Winchester City Council, like every other principal council, will be flying the Union Flag at half-mast at the Guildhall until the day of the funeral. A wreath has been laid at Abbey House in Winchester on behalf of all residents of the Winchester District and a letter of condolence is to be sent to the Queen and the Royal Family. The pandemic regulations mean that, as elsewhere, the Council will not be able to organize a book of condolence. However, a virtual book of condolence is available online on the Buckingham Palace webpages to capture thoughts and memories of the late Duke, and messages of sympathy to the Royal Family. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, residents are also politely discouraged from laying their own floral tributes at locations within the District. Instead, you may wish to consider making a small donation to a charity supported by the Royal Family at this time.

#### 2. Southampton Airport expansion

Eastleigh Borough Council have approved Southampton Airport's planning application for a 164 metre extension to his runway.

#### 3. M27 Junction 4 - 11 works

Residents should be aware that there will be a number of overnight junction and lane closures on the M27 during April to allow for technology installations and surfacing activities. Diversions will be clearly signposted. Details can be seen at [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com).

#### 4. May elections - postal and proxy votes reminder

The deadline for registering for postal votes for the 6th May 2021 elections for Hampshire County Council and for the police and crime commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is 5pm on Tuesday 20th April. New regulations will apply to polling stations as result of the pandemic and residents may therefore find it easier to apply for a postal or proxy vote. This can be done by following this link <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/elections/absent-votes>.

Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumby