



# West Meon Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF THE WEST MEON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM IN WEST MEON VILLAGE HALL**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Cllrs A Trenchard (Chair), J Nicholson (Vice Chair), M Edwards, C Adams & C Waller

**BY INVITATION:** City Cllr L Ruffell (until 8.30pm) & County Cllr H Lumby (until 8.30 pm)

**APOLOGIES:** R Gedye & G Silk

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Three, two from Metis Homes (until 8.00pm)

### Wmpc 1990 **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 1991 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were **approved**.

### Wmpc 1992 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was opened to the public and representatives from Metis Homes addressed the meeting, giving an outline of their proposed construction works, access and parking for the site. Metis submitted a detailed proposed that was previously emailed to Councillors.

### Wmpc 1993 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR H LUMBY**

Cllr H Lumby had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

He advised of the recent planning permission at Loomies SDNP/21/03384/FUL for storage, and that the accommodation application was withdrawn.

Cllr Waller advised of the issue with inadequate bathroom facilities and the need for wet rooms to be installed in WCC properties in Long Priors, and requested that Cllr Lumby report this to WCC.

Cllr H Lumby advised that the HCC grant scheme was now open.

### Wmpc 1994 **CITY COUNCILLOR L RUFFELL**

Cllr L Ruffell had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Parish Council requested that Cllr Ruffell approach WCC Highways department for the provision of double yellow lines at the junction by the butchers. Cllr Edwards provided a map.

## Wmpc 1995 **CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE**

- The end of year audit has been **approved** and Littlejohn has sent an invoice of **£240.00**.
- SDNP Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation: comments on draft SPD comments **have been submitted**. by 11.59pm on Monday 6 September 2021.
- VAT returns claim 2020/21 for West Meon has been **approved: £1790.00**.
- Letter of introduction emailed to all councillors from Donna Jones, Police & Crime Commissioner, Hampshire & The Isle of Wight. Cllr Waller to reply.

## **TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUPS**

Wmpc 1996

The Chair brought the **Community, Housing and Recreation** item: **Petanque Court** update forward, so the representative could address the meeting on the information circulated to the Parish Council on the proposals.

The Parish Council **agreed** that a Petanque group should carry out a survey, giving feedback on the uptake on the proposal from parishioners. Flyers should be circulated.

The Parish Council agreed that the proposed groundworks are too big an undertaking with 4,000 tons of spoil.

## Wmpc 1997 **PLANNING**

1. SDNP Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation: the **Planning Subcommittee** comments on draft SPD comments that were submitted by 11.59pm on Monday 6 September 2021 **were ratified**:

### **West Meon Parish Council comments on Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation – opportunity to comment on draft SPD**

a) The design guidance does refer to Village Design Statements and local community planning documents like parish plans, but states that they provide guidance and does not explain how much weight that guidance has in the planning process or give a value to it in relation to any developer's plans.

b) Whilst the document more closely defines what a small development is ie down to one house, it does not define a large development or give examples. Therefore, in West Meon, is the recent Metis development a small development or a large development? The size should be described or illustrated to show what is meant by large development in small, medium and large parishes/towns.

c) There is much about Dark Skies but overall not much about other aspects of sustainability in building new developments. For example, there is one paragraph on solar tiles/panels. There ought to be more on this simple solution to generating energy in future builds. In a world struggling to provide better sources of energy, stronger support for home generation and energy saving in house design should be front and centre, not buried at the back of the document.

d) The purpose of the document is to put the landscape, built and natural, at the heart of all future development and redevelopment. This is fine but we are not sure the document as a whole is radical enough. We are not sure what Hampshire or West Meon will look like in 25 years' time and this document seems to assume that development may continue as now,

but we don't think it will. How we live our lives, cars and public transport, building materials and design won't be like it is today. Will most people still have cars or a car or need a garage? This document doesn't necessarily meet that challenge.

2. Planning appeal SDNP/19/05568/LDE Sutton Park Barn, Lowlands Farm, Polly Glovers Lane, West Meon, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU321JS. It was **agreed** to object to the proposal.

#### Wmpc 1998 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Cllr Lumby has **agreed** to meet Cllr Edwards to check the position of the beech tree and ditch that requires clearing.

#### Wmpc 1999 **COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND RECREATION**

- a) It was **agreed** that Cllr Waller would get three quotes for a replacement bus shelter at West Meon Hut.
- b) The Chairman had received a letter from the Petanque group which was circulated. It was **agreed** that the chairman, Hugh Morris, and a representative of the Petanque group would meet on site to discuss the proposals. Cllr Nicolson raised the point that the area by the village hall is used as overflow parking by the theatre group.
- c) It was **agreed** that the parts for the adult gym should be ordered at a cost of £55.00.
- d) Cllr Waller gave an update on the cleaning of the war memorial.
- e) Cllr Edwards gave an update on the Lease agreements with the Village Hall and Rifle Club. He is liaising with the Parish Council's solicitors on this matter and he has a copy of the agreements.
- f) Cllr Adams reported issues with bonfires on Doctors Lane, and the Clerk advised residents to contact WCC Environmental Health to register a complaint.

#### Wmpc 2000 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Cllr Edwards updated on the lease agreements, advising that the land needs to be registered, and it was agreed that Branson and Childs solicitors would continue with this. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Edwards for all of his work on the leases.

The Parish Council considered dates for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee fete, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. It was agreed that this would be an item for the Parish news.

Cllr Nicolson presented the budget which was **agreed**.

No candidates were present to carry out co-option.

#### **Schedule of payments**

##### **7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

HALC Hampshire ALC Membership fee	£327.00
Littlejohn External Auditors	£240.00
BACS D Heppell salary	
Expenses D Heppell	£21.70

BACS HMRC

£26.80

**Grants**

Rifle Club

£500.00

**It was resolved** that the schedule of payments listed above be **approved**.

Wmpc 2001 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING**

Ditches, petanque, Platinum Jubilee, lease agreement, cleaning of the cross, co-option, walk around parish assets.

Wmpc 2002 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021, all at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9.35

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Chair .....

**Hampshire County Councillor report September 2021**

**1. Return to school measures**

The County Council is prioritising supporting pupils and students so they can safely return to face-to-face learning. The following guidance has been issued for parents and carers of school-age children:

- Bubbles are no longer required: Students will no longer be required to form bubbles or limited groups.
- When to wear a face covering has changed: Face coverings are no longer required for pupils and staff in school, which means a return to singing and playing brass instruments in school settings. However, face coverings are still recommended when using public transport to and from school. Changes to who needs to self-isolate and when: Under 18s and fully vaccinated adults who are identified as close contacts do not need to self-isolate unless they have COVID-19 symptoms. Close contacts should instead take a PCR test. If positive, NHS Test and Trace will inform the individual what to do next.
- Regular asymptomatic testing at home should continue: Secondary school pupils and college students are encouraged to continue taking Lateral Flow Device tests twice each week. At the start of term, schools will carry out two rapid flow tests on the school premises for each person; after this, tests should continue at home.
- Additional age groups can get vaccinated: Anyone aged 16 or 17 can now get vaccinated. Children aged 12-15 with underlying health conditions or who live with someone that is clinically vulnerable can also be vaccinated.
- Children and young people should stay home if they are at all unwell and not use public transport. Even if they don't have COVID-19 symptoms or their COVID-19 test is negative, they may still have an illness which could be passed on to other people. Schools will get in touch directly with parents and carers if they have put any extra precautionary measures in place, such as staggering school start times.

**2. County deals**

The Prime Minister announced in July new 'County Deals' as part of his vision for 'levelling up' across the UK with the aim of benefitting local communities. Hampshire County Council has registered a formal expression of interest to be one of the early pilots for a County Deal. These aim to bring decisions and powers closer to people and places. The County Council is not committed to anything at stage but will now start discussions with government. The cities of Portsmouth and Southampton, the Isle of Wight and the district councils within Hampshire are all expected to join these discussions.

### 3. Afghan Refugee Support

Local authorities across the country are working with the Home Office and local partners to assist Afghan families moving to the UK to re-settle as part of the Government's Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy programme. As part of this, the County Council is working alongside district councils, NHS, support providers and local charities, to help re-settle a number of families into longer term accommodation in Hampshire, with associated service support. In addition, temporary accommodation is being procured prior to them being offered permanent resettlement into housing either in Hampshire or anywhere in the country. Many offers of support and donations have been received from across the county and these are very much appreciated, especially offers of practical support. If individuals or community organisations wish to make donations, they are encouraged to visit the website of registered local charity Community First who are co-ordinating collections across the county. In addition to signposting to donation points, Community First is also publishing a list of priority items that are needed first and foremost. It is requested that items are either nearly-new or in good second-hand condition. The Community First website can be found at <https://www.cfirfirst.org.uk/donating-to-help-afghan-evacuees/> and they can be emailed with offers of practical support at [support@cfirfirst.org.uk](mailto:support@cfirfirst.org.uk). For offers of accommodation, the County Council is working with district councils to establish a co-ordinations process.

Cllr Hugh Lumby Hampshire County Councillor

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## **Winchester City Councillor Report**

### **September 2021**

#### **1. Central Winchester regeneration**

Winchester City Council's long running regeneration plans to revitalise its city centre have taken another step forward. It is currently undertaking an evaluation process to bring forward a mixed-use development for the area, with new homes, flexible workspaces, a night-time economy and new public spaces.

The Strategic Outline Case (SOC) for the scheme has now been approved; this is the first stage in the formal process of business case development. The document set out the aims, provided an option appraisal for delivery options and then set out the preferred way forward for the proposed development site. Subject to further review in the next stages, proposals for this phase of development incorporate the site of Winchester Bus Station, Kings Walk, the old Friarsgate Medical Centre and Coitbury House.

An Outline Business Case will now be prepared for consideration in the Autumn; this will look in more detail into the delivery route and financial viability. Extensive fees have been incurred to date and will continue to be incurred going forward, these are also being investigated.

Proposals to repurpose the existing Kings Walk building as a creative quarter have been dropped. Instead short term improvements to the ground floor and public areas surrounding Kings Walk, including new outdoor eating spaces and improved seating have been agreed. This should improve provide temporary amelioration to a long neglected area of town.

The wider regeneration is likely to be brought forward with a development partner who will need to go through a formal selection process. It is likely that the main development is still therefore some way off.

## 2. Covid-19 support for businesses

Winchester City Council has received extensive funds from the Government to help support local businesses through the pandemic, much of which has now been distributed. Two additional grant schemes have just been launched as part of this, targeted at businesses and organisations who have been impacted by COVID-19. These comprise a new COVID-19 Business Challenges (CBC) grant programme and a further round of the Transformation, Adaptations and Diversification (TAD) grant.

The one-off CBC grant aims to compensate organisations and businesses based in the Winchester district for loss of income during the six week period from 1 July to 16 August 2021. For further information about the CBC grant visit: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/business/business-grants>. The deadline for CBC applications is Monday 27 September 2021.

The additional TAD grant funding is being made available to help those who have or plan to make adaptations to their services and/or to diversify or transform their services, products and business model to reach new customers and markets, including new practices that support longer term resilience. Priority will be given to those who have not previously applied or been awarded a TAD grant. The deadline for TAD applications is Monday 13 September 2021.

Laurence Ruffell Hugh Lumby