



WINCHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016, AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr A Renshaw (in the Chair), Cllr H Dicks, Cllr P Jackaman and Cllr M Williams
9 members of the public
Mrs C Johnson (Acting Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Gavin-Brown and from Cllr Crampton (HDC), Cllr Glen (HCC), Cllr Southern (HDC), PC Franks and PCSO Whitear.

It was resolved to approve Cllr Gavin-Brown's continuing absence due to illness.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER S33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)

A dispensation has been granted to all Councillors to participate in all discussions and decisions by this Council relating to the emerging Local and Neighbourhood Plans and associated matters until May 2019.

As at previous meetings, the Chairman declared his ownership (with his wife) of 45 acres of land in the parish which had been the subject of overtures from developers. He reiterated that the land is not available for development.

Cllr Williams declared his membership of Winchfield Action Group in relation to items 7 and 8.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman invited members of the public to participate in any of the ensuing discussions through the Chair.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on October 24, 2016, were accepted and signed as a correct record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Community Safety (item 6)

It was noted that since the last meeting the individual who had been living in a vehicle in the canal car park had been arrested and later released on bail in connection with an assault in the vicinity of the canal and various public order offences in Hartley Wintney. The police had advised that residents should be cautious walking along various stretches of the canal towpath including Winchfield in view of reports of people being pushed into the water. The Chairman suggested that this should not unduly deter people from enjoying the facility.

5.2 16/02374/OUT Shapley Ranch planning application (item 15)

The Chairman reported that this application for 7 dwellings on brownfield land was being delayed because of the lack of suitable SANG provision.

5.3 Potholes in Taplins Farm Lane (item 16.2)

Cllr Williams reported that although the repair of the potholes in the vicinity of the railway bridge had apparently been scheduled, work still had not been done and the markings had now been washed away.

6 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

The Chairman reported the appointment of Mrs Alison Ball, Clerk to Ewshot Parish Council, as Clerk to this Council with effect from January 1, 2017. Mrs Johnson would continue to be employed as Acting Clerk until the end of January 2017 to assist with the handover.

Approval was given to the payment to Mrs Ball of a higher hourly rate to match that paid by Ewshot Parish Council (for whom she would be continuing to work); the payment of up to ten additional hours per calendar month if and when required; an allowance for working from home to be agreed; and the provision of office equipment should this be necessary. It was agreed to vire £1,000 from the Parish Lengthsman Fund to cover the resulting shortfall in the Salary budget.

7 HART LOCAL PLAN

The Chairman reported that the anticipated publication of the draft Local Plan spatial strategy had once more been delayed, this time by the unexpected requirement to substantially increase affordable homes provision. Against this background, Councillors who attended the District Council's Local Plan Steering Group on December 13 had suggested that a new settlement at Winchfield should be tested alongside the recommended 'sound and robust' option proposed by East Hants planners which did not include development in Winchfield or at Pale Lane Farm.

It was noted that Hart's Planning Committee had the previous week failed to determine the planning application for 423 new homes at Grove Farm. Ultimately, if the application were granted on appeal, this could result in the loss of the New Homes Bonus to Hart.

After discussion around the likely impact of these events on Winchfield, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the expenditure of up to £2,000 from the Planning Counsel Fund for planning consultant Alan Wenban-Smith to be engaged if and when appropriate to help challenge the new affordable housing requirement.

8 WINCHFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: REFERENDUM

The Chairman reported that the referendum would be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017, and urged all residents to participate, by postal vote if they were unable to do so in person. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee were organising a door to door leaflet drop so that all residents would be aware of the arrangements for the referendum.

Approval was given to payment from the Neighbourhood Plan Fund to Oak Design for the sums of £113.55 (ex VAT) for the printing of 5 copies of the Referendum Version of the Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan and of £106 (ex VAT) for the printing of the leaflets.

9 SOLAR FARMS COMMUNITY BENEFIT PAYMENTS

9.1 Hungerford Farm Community Benefit Payment: investment

At the last meeting Cllrs Williams and Jackaman had been asked to research and recommend how best the Community Benefit Payment lump sum could be invested. Their report was received and approval was given to the recommendation to open a 31 Day Notice Business Savings Account with the Cambridge & Counties Bank.

9.2 Project to upgrade stiles to kissing gates on footpaths in the parish

The Chairman reported that Hampshire's Countryside Access Officer had recommended a larger gate to allow pushchair access. He was sceptical about the need for this but further consideration would be given before the gates were ordered.

Cllrs Dicks and Williams and resident Chris Griffin would be attending a Rights of Way Workshop to be run by the Countryside Access Department on a date to be arranged.

10 PARISH LENGTHSMAN ARRANGEMENTS

Work had started on clearance of vegetation around the bus shelter at The Hurst and the application of preservative to the bus shelter by a contractor employed under the HCC cluster arrangements with Yateley Town Council. Other tasks on the list would be prioritised as soon as possible.

It was noted that continued HCC funding was uncertain for 2017-18 and it was not yet known whether reverting to the arrangement with Hartley Wintney Parish Council would be possible.

11 BEAUCLERK GREEN PROGRESS TOWARDS ADOPTION

The Chairman reported that he had been informed by Nicola Capon that the County Council had produced a list of work to be completed prior to adoption of the estate, to which Bewley Homes had given their agreement. He commended Nicola for all her hard work and tenacity.

12 COVENANT LAND AND SHLAA SITE SHL 262

The latest reply from the District Council in response to this Council's concerns about the questionable worth of covenants made by developers to safeguard land against future development was noted. It was agreed not to pursue the matter further at this stage but to keep it in mind when responding to forthcoming proposals.

13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13.1 Pale Lane Farm: application for development of up to 700 dwellings and associated works (16/03129/OUT)

The date for responses having been extended to early January, it was agreed to ask for a further extension to allow the Council's response to be considered at the January meeting.

13.2 Bigwigs, Taplins Farm Lane: application for construction of replacement field shelter (16/02864/FUL)

No objections were raised to this application

13.3 Winchfield Lodge: discharge of conditions (16/01939/AMCOM)

The Chairman reported that all the conditions had now been discharged but a formal complaint had subsequently been lodged by a neighbour about the way in which the matter had been handled.

14 FINANCE

14.1 Approval of Cllr Williams' attendance at planning training session

Approval was given to Cllr Williams attending a planning training session organised by Hampshire ALC entitled 'Negotiate a Better Planning Outcome' in January 2017 at a cost of £110 (ex VAT). It was agreed to vire £25 from Contingencies to cover the resulting shortfall in the Training budget allocation and his travelling expenses.

14.2 Payments for approval

CPRE	Subscription (S137)	£36.00
Information Commissioner	Registration fees	£35.00
C Johnson	Salary December 2016	£200.00
HMRC	PAYE	£50.00
SLCC	Subscription	£78.00*

* Potentially less if able to be shared with Ewshot PC.

The recommendation by Hampshire ALC that membership fees of the newly formed ALCC should not be met by Councils was noted.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 Items of correspondence detailed in the Clerk's report were received and noted.

16 OTHER BUSINESS

None

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Monday, January 16, 2017**.

The following provisional dates were agreed for future meetings:

March 20

May 22

July 24

September 25

November 27

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm