



## Full Council

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held electronically on

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00pm.

#### Members Attending:

Cllr Appleby (Chairman), Cllr Langford, Cllr Riley, Cllr Rosewell, Cllr Moffatt, Cllr Andrews, Cllr Legat, Cllr Stirrup, Cllr Jeffes, Cllr Percy

#### In Attendance:

Michelle Leadbitter-Allen -Clerk, Cllr Jackie Porter-HCC (left meeting at 7.30 pm), Cllr Power. A resident of Itchen Abbas was also present.

#### 20.001 **Apologies Received: None**

#### 20.002 **Approval of the [Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2019](#)**

The minutes of the meeting were approved by all members as a correct record of the Annual Parish Meeting which took place on the 25 April 2019.

Proposed by: Cllr Langford

Seconded by: Cllr Riley

#### Matters Arising:

The resident inquired whether there was to be a refurbishment of the bus shelter in Itchen Abbas.

Cllr Appleby informed the resident that although the council had received some quotes before the pandemic lockdown began, and a contractor appointed, the contractor failed to start the work.

The refurbishment of the bus shelter remains a priority for the council.

#### 20.003 **Councillor Reports**

##### 21.003.1 **Chairman's Report**

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting was not held in April 2020 due to Covid Restrictions set out by the Government.

Cllr Appleby thanked all Councillors both Parish and City & County Councillors for their contribution and hard work over the last year. He believed that the length of the report reflected how eventful & busy a year it had been.



## 21.003.2 Financial Report

Cllr Riley reported that the Council's finances had been under a degree of pressure as it had lost a significant proportion of the income through cancellation of pitch rental at KGVth Field and the loss of the Boomtown Grant. This presented as an accumulative loss of circa £10 000. The expenditure did not reduce in the same proportion as the clerk's salary was increased as set out in the contract as well as significant overtime payments due to increased workload. There were also additional costs of equipment maintenance to reopen the play areas. These have caused a £3800 deficit for the year ending 2021.

Cllr Riley thanked the Clerk for working so hard especially for dealing with the Lengthsman dispute which took a lot of time and effort. Additionally, Cllr Riley said that the Clerk had transformed the accounting system and was incredibly pleased with the outcome of the Internal Audit.

## 20.004 City & County Councillor Reports

The Clerk had received and circulated a City Councillor and a County Councillor Report with the agenda. Cllr Appleby thanked Cllr Power and Cllr Porter for their submission.

Cllr Power said that the WCC Grant for businesses changing their business model or the fabric of their business due to the pandemic would open for applications on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The grant would allow businesses to apply for funds from £5000 to £20000.

Cllr Appleby said that IVPC had completed the Local Plan Survey but had found it extremely difficult to complete and others had found it difficult to complete on a personal basis. Cllr Power said WCC were aware of the problems that users had experience and that this was the first of many parts to the survey.

Cllr Riley thank Winchester City Council for supplying IVPC with signs which assisted with the reopening of the play parks.

Cllr Appleby asked if anyone had any questions regarding the County Report for Cllr Porter.

The elector present thanked Cllr Porter for HCC keeping the No67 bus service during the pandemic. Cllr Porter explained that they were building services back up but currently there was only capacity for 18 passengers on the bus. There were no indications as to whether this would be relaxed in June or not.



Cllr Langford commented that there seemed to be lack of support from HCC on Highways Issues. Cllr Porter said that if IVPC had a query/problem that was taking a long time to resolve to forward it to her.

Cllr Power said that she has seen this problem reflected across the parish. Cllr Power said that she was putting together a Joint Task Group to tackle Highways Issues and is inviting parish councils to become members. Cllr Power said that she would forward the Groups Terms of Reference for our information.

Cllr Porter left the meeting at 7.31pm.

## 20.005 **Questions & Discussions**

The resident of Itchen Abbas present thanked the Parish Council for all their work.

There was a discussion regarding planning permission for planting of hedges in Grade II listed parks.

Cllr Power thanked the Parish Council for being an active council supporting the electorate very well.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm