Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

held at Easton Village Hall

on Thursday 1st February at 7.00 pm

Members Attending:

Cllr Appleby (Chairman), Cllr Langford, Cllr Rosewell, Cllr Moffat, Cllr Wolfe, Cllr Beresford (joined 7.18 pm)

Absent:

Cllr Jeffes

In Attendance:

Cllr Gordon-Smith, Cllr Porter (joined 7.40 pm), Richard Doughty (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies Received

   Cllr Andrews, Cllr Isaacs, Cllr Power,

2. Approve the minutes from 11th January 2024

   The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th January 2024 were approved by all and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interest

   Cllr Appleby in Item 7a

4. Public participation

   No public participation

5. City and County Councillor Reports

   The City and County Councillor reports were noted. The Council discussed the Winchester Hampshire Hospitals Consultation.

6. Financial Matters

a) The Bills to Pay were reviewed and signed.

b) The review of the Risk Register was deferred.

7. Planning

a) Planning Applications received up to Friday 26th January 2024

Application No.	SDNP/24/00111/HOUS
Location	Itchen Grove, Main Road, Itchen Abbas, Hampshire, SO21 1AT
Proposal	Construction of detached 2-bay car port and garage with home office/ancillary floorspace above
Comment	
No Comment	

Application No.	SDNP/24/00178/HOUS
Location	Rosebank Cottage, Church Lane, Easton, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 1EH
Proposal	proposed ground floor rear extension, garage conversion, external storage, and alterations to the interior and exterior
Council Comment	
No Comment	

Application No.	SDNP/24/00179/LIS
Location	Rosebank Cottage, Church Lane, Easton, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 1EH
Proposal	proposed ground floor rear extension, garage conversion, external storage and alterations to the interior and exterior
Council Comment	
No Comment	

Application No.	SDNP/22/03349/FUL
Location	Land at Avington Park Lane, Easton, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 1ED
Proposal	Appeal: Creation of Parking Space on land parcel.

Council Comment:

Itchen Valley Parish Council strongly objects to this development in the countryside. There is significant disapproval by the local community, it is one of the more contentious development proposals seen in recent years.

The development does not comply with any of the policies of the 2019 adopted South Downs National Park plan. It is development in the open countryside outside any settlement boundary and it does not:

- *Protect and enhance the landscape character and scenic beauty of the National Park*
- *Conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the National Park.*
- *Respect the historic environment and cultural heritage of the National Park.*
- *Support the rural economy and the needs of local communities.*
- *Promote sustainable transport and reduce the need to travel by car.*
- *Minimise the use of natural resources and mitigate and adapt to climate change.*
- *Meet the highest standards of design and construction.*

The Environment Act 1995 states that National Parks have specific purposes that are enshrined in law:

- *To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage.*
- *Promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of national parks by the public.*

This development does not comply with the legislation.

The Land Registry does not show that the applicant as the registered owner of the site and if not, the application form is incorrect as the relevant notices have not been served. There is a registration that has been pending for some time, but we suspect this has not been confirmed for lack of documentary evidence.

The land is therefore unregistered and has been used as community property being open roadside verge as evidenced by the google street map attached. Historically it is also known locally as a sheep wash, for cleaning a sheep's wool prior to it going off to market in Winchester.

The land is shown on the Hampshire County Council maps as adopted highway maintainable at public expense – it is unlawful for it to be enclosed for private purposes.

The applicant has not defined the extent of the site and there is a paucity of detail on the development, materials, heights, sizes, elevation plans, colours, finishes.

Natural England's comments are irrelevant to planning permission, they do however confirm that the

development is only partially within an SSSI, and the work will not interfere with this or the adjoining SSSI.

The applicant states that the development is needed to provide parking for 16 three hour visits a year. This is a very minor need, there is ample off-road parking less than 10m away on the opposite side of the highway, the application site will not protect a vehicle from break-ins any more than there.

We suggest that as appeal is unreasonable and unnecessary and without evidence and consequentially has wasted planning officers time, and that their costs should be awarded against the appellant.

Cllr Porter joined the meeting at 7.40 pm and the Council discussed parking enforcement, 20 mph speed limits, improvements to road repair reporting system, minerals and oil production, flooding, and regenerative farming.

8. Environment Working Group

a) Nothing to report.

b) It was agreed to meet on the same night as Planning Committee in the future.

9. Rights of Way Working Group

a) The Council noted the Rights of Way Working Group report.

b) Cllr Rosewell explained that Hampshire County Council is to work on Footpath 25 from 29th January 2024 for 2 weeks. This includes work on the bridge in green oak.

c) The surface work on Footpath 26 has been moved to 4th March 20024 because of the work on Footpath 25.

d) The Council discussed the DEFRA permissive paths grants and agreed to highlight the scheme to landowners.

10. Portfolio Holders Reports

a) Open Spaces – Cllr Beresford outlined the play area inspection reports.

b) Highways & Transport

i. Cllr Appleby confirmed that the Elan City speed indictor had been ordered.

ii. It was confirmed that the lengthsman was to work on two areas on roads in Easton that are prone to flooding during the March lengthsman visit.

c) Website – It was agreed the website had some updates.

d) Law & Order – It was agreed to invite the Parish Constable to a Council meeting.

e) Village Halls

i. Easton – It was agreed Cllr Wolfe is to be the representative on the Easton Village Hall Committee

ii. Itchen Abbas – Cllr Langford updated the Council on boreholes.

iii. Martyr Worthy – Cllr Moffat briefed the Council about booking levels.

11. Items for Consideration at Next Meeting

Hampshire Hospitals Consultation

Councillor vacancies and the ransom strip

12. Date and time of next Full Council Meeting:

Thursday 4th March 2024 at 7.00 pm at Easton Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 8.43 pm.