Itchen Valley Parish Council

Serving the Communities of Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
held at Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall
on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7.00 pm

Members Attending:

Cllr Appleby (Chairman), Cllr Moffat, Cllr Langford, Cllr Percy, Cllr Riley, Cllr Rosewell.

In Attendance:

Cllr Gordon-Smith, Cllr Power, Cllr Porter (joined at 7:18pm), Richard Doughty (Parish Clerk).

The meeting was opened at 7.06pm

1. **Apologies Received**

Cllr Andrews, Cllr Jeffes, Cllr Wolfe.

2. **Public participation and Declaration of Interest**

There were no members of the public present, and no declarations of interest were made.

3. **Approve the minutes from 5th January 2023**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5th January 2023 were approved by all as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

a) The Council discussed progress on the petition to change to a Single Ward.
b) The arrangements for the litter pick on 18th March 2023 were discussed.

4. **City and County Councillor Reports**

City and County Councillor Reports were discussed and noted.

The Cart & Horses junction was discussed, and the Council noted its concerns regarding engagement with HCC. Further it was noted that the Council could not engage through deputation and had been unsuccessful in arranging a meeting with HCC. It was agreed that the Council write to HCC to explain its concerns regarding the barriers to engagement.

Cllr Porter raised the topic of IVPC's involvement in project management of the work on the Water Cress Way ramp. It was agreed to hold a meeting to discuss this. It was also agreed to hold planning discussions regarding tree planting on the Water Cress Way.

Cllr Appleby briefed the Council on the Southern Water Avington Sewage project.

5. **Financial Matters**

a) To approve the Bills to Pay

The Bills to Pay list was approved and signed.

b) The Council approved the revised *IVPC Financial Processes and Internal Controls*.

Proposed by Cllr Riley

Seconded by Cllr Appleby

All Councillors present approved.

c) The Council noted the Internal Audit date of Monday 12th June 2023.

6. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning Applications received up to Friday 27th January 2022 – None

b) Cllr Langford updated the Council on the Planning Application for a parking space on Avington Park Lane, Easton – **SDNP/22/03349** It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would progress discussions with HCC.

7. **HALC Articles**

Cllr Appleby updated the Council on the discussions regarding the proposed changes to

HALCs Articles and the concern regarding changes to the structure of a quorum.

8. **HCC Tree Planting on Verges**

It was noted that the Parish and the property owners involved had not had any notice that trees would be planted. Cllr Appleby explained that property owners that wanted trees removed had been given the contact details to request this. Cllr Appleby asked Cllr Porter to express the Parish's displeasure with the lack of consultation.

9. **Coronation Celebrations**

The Council discussed Coronation Celebrations.

10. **Environment Working Group**

a) Cllr Percy thanked those that had planted trees on Saturday 28th January 2023.
b) Cllr Percy raised the concept of initiating a group of volunteers focused on environment projects.
c) Cllr Riley and Cllr Percy outlined the environmental café that they had attended.
d) The Council discussed the purchase of a thermal imaging camera.

11. **Rights of Way Working Group**

The Council noted the Rights of Way Working Group report. Cllr Rosewell explained the idea of a volunteer day in the Summer.

12. **Emergency Planning**

Nothing to report.

13. **Portfolio Holders Reports**

a) Open Spaces – Cllr Riley noted the hedge cutting at Couch Green.
b) Highways & Transport – The Council discussed the M3J9 project. Cllr Percy explained that Easton village gateway posts had deteriorated and needed replacement. The Parish Clerk was asked to investigate funding options to replace the gateway.
c) Website – The Parish Clerk confirmed that plans would be progressed to establish a

Councillors area on the website.

d) Law & Order – Cllr Appleby explained he had not had response from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

e) Village Halls – Cllr Percy reported that Easton Village Hall is establishing a small working group to consider the installation of solar panels. Cllr Moffat explained that Martyr Worthy Village Hall was looking at improved insulation and that solar panels may not be viable due to lack of light.

14. **Note Correspondence Received**

Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order (M3 J9)

15. **Items for Consideration at the next meeting**

None

16. **Date and time of next Full Council Meeting:**

Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 7.00pm at Easton Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 8.48pm