



Itchen Valley Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

held at Martyr Worthy Village Hall

on Thursday 29th September 2022 at 7.00 pm

Members Attending:

Cllr Appleby (Chairman), Cllr Moffat, Cllr Langford, Cllr Riley, Cllr Percy, Cllr Rosewell, Cllr Wolfe joined 7:06 pm.

In Attendance:

Alex Skinner and Rachel Groves of Volker Fitzpatrick – M3 J9 Project

Three members of the public, Richard Doughty (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies Received**

Cllr Jeffes, Cllr Gordon-Smith, Cllr Isaacs, Cllr Power

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

a) Presentation on Updates and Latest Modifications to M3J9 Scheme

Rachel Groves and Alex Skinner presented the plans for the M3J9 Scheme that are to be included in the Development Consent Order application. They discussed various aspects of the plans and answered questions. The presentation concluded at 7.30 pm. Rachel Groves, Alex Skinner, and the members of the public left the meeting.

b) Cllr Appleby declared interest in the discussions regarding the Council's purchase of a ride on brush cutter.

3. **Approve the minutes from 7th July 2022**

The [Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 1st September 2022](#) were approved by all as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.



Matters Arising:

- a) Single ward petition. Cllr Appleby emphasized the need to obtain the required number of signatures. Cllr Wolfe asked for clarification of the benefits to Parishioners. The benefits were discussed.
- b) The notification from Hampshire County Council regarding the Ash Dieback was discussed.

4. **City and County Councillor Reports**

There were no City and Councillor reports due to the change to the Council meeting schedule.

Cllrs Wolfe and Langford outlined the concerns regarding the lack of action/improvements following surveys and reports. Surveys have been conducted in 2017, 2019 & 2022. Cllr Langford explained that he believed there have been no cycling improvements in the last 10 years.

5. **Financial Matters**

- a) To approve the Bills to Pay

The Bills to Pay lists was approved and signed.

- b) Note Conclusion of Audit Letter and AGAR Section 3 Certificate for YE 31 March 2022
The Council noted the Conclusion of Audit Letter and AGAR Section 3 Certificate for YE 31 March 2022. It was noted that there were no external audit comments raised from the audit.

- c) Confirm Notice of Conclusion of Audit for YE 31 March 2022

The Council confirmed that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit be posted on the website and on Itchen Abbas Notice Board.



d) Appoint Internal Auditor for YE 31 March 2023

The Council appointed Do the Numbers as Internal Auditors.

Proposed by Cllr Riley

Seconded by Cllr Appleby

All Councillors present approved.

e) Agree Date for Internal Audit for YE 31 March 2023

It was agreed that Parish Clerk arrange the date for the Internal Audit.

f) Review Management Accounts – FY up to 31 August 2022

The Management Accounts were presented for review.

6. Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications received up to Friday 23rd September 2022

i. **Case No: [SDNP/22/04228/LIS](#)**

Location: Martyr Worthy Place Bridgets Lane Martyr Worthy Winchester SO21 1AW

Proposal: Demolition of garden wall

Comment by: 6th October 2022

No Comment

ii. **Case No: [SDNP/22/04365/HOUS](#)**

Location: Paidon Avington Park Lane Easton Winchester Hampshire SO21 1EE

Proposal: Add a new small home office in the garden area of the property

Comment by: 21st October 2022

Support with suggestion that environmental ecosystems could be enhanced by including solar panels/heating and measures in support of the dark skies reserve.



7. **Environmental Matters**

Nothing substantial to report. It was agreed to make another announcement to advertise the environmental survey.

8. **Rights of Way Working Group**

The Council noted the Rights of Way report. Cllr Rosewell announced that considerable work had been done with other organisations and volunteers to resurface Footpaths 12 & 50. She explained that the Vineyard path required mowing. She outlined the quotes for Footpath 26.

Cllr Rosewell explained that the Council had been offered a sit on lawn mower for the cost of £100. Cllr Appleby stated his pecuniary interest in the sale and temporarily stood down from the Chair, Cllr Moffat assumed the Chair. It was agreed that the Rights of Way Working Group complete a risk assessment and establish operating procedures. The Council approved the purchase.

9. **Emergency Planning**

No updates to report.

10. **Portfolio Holders Reports**

a) Open Spaces – Cllr Riley explained she is in the process of obtaining quotes for the hedge at Couch Green. Cllr Langford asked about the actions outlined in Sarah Kiss' tree report. The ramp at Couch Green was discussed. It was noted that the bench remains in need of repair.

b) Highways & Transport

- i. Twenty is Plenty. Cllr Wolfe outlined that the feedback given regarding the motion was that it was supported in principle but that it needed to be targeted. Cllr Wolfe outlined that the size of signs at the entrance to villages had been raised for consideration. The data from studies with speed



indicators was discussed.

ii. Bus Shelter. Cllrs Appleby and Langford stated that progress was being made and that they intended to complete work by the end of October.

iii. Cllr Wolfe confirmed that the letter to Cllr Heron regarding cuts to bus services had been finalized.

c) Website – Training options continue to be evaluated.

d) Law & Order –Cllr Appleby confirmed he sent an invitation to the Police & Crime Commissioner on the official site.

e) Village Halls – Village Hall funding opportunities were discussed. Cllr Percy announced that Robert Hall, the Chairman of Easton Village Hall is retiring after close to twenty years in post and that there would be a small retirement function at the Village Hall.

11. **Note Correspondence Received**

None

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

a) The availability of dog waste bins.

b) Cllr Langford described the work being carried out at Avington War Memorial.

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

3rd November 2022 at 7.00 pm at Itchen Abbas & Avington Hall.

The meeting was closed at 8.52 pm