Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
held at Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall
on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 7.00 pm

Members Attending:

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

In Attendance:

Cllr Porter, Cllr Power, Cllr Gordon-Smith (Joined 7.19pm), Gary Brown WCC (Left 7.48pm), Richard Doughty (Parish Clerk).

The meeting was opened at 7.06pm.

1. **Apologies Received**

Cllr Beresford, Cllr Andrews, Cllr Isaacs.

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 2nd March 2023**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2023 were approved by all as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

4. **Fly Tipping**

a) Gary Brown, the Fly Tipping Officer for Winchester City Council gave an overview of the situation regarding fly tipping (the deposit of controlled waste) situation in the district including incident numbers, deterrence, and education.

b) The Council discussed counter measures with a focus on education, prevention, detection, evidence gathering, prosecution and conviction.

5. **City and County Councillor Reports**

a) City and County Councillor Reports were discussed and noted.

b) Cllr Porter outlined the funding available for pothole repair. The Council discussed standard temporary repair.

c) Cllr Power and Gordon-Smith discussed the project to select a partner for Silver Hill.

6. **Financial Matters**

c) To approve the Bills to Pay

The Bills to Pay list was approved and signed.

d) F & GP Workplan

i. VAT 126 Refund – Complete and received up to 31 Jan 23.
ii. The Practitioners Guide Accountability & Governance March 2022 has been posted on the website.
iii. Review and update Asset Register – The updated valuations had been distributed. It was agreed to discuss these in detail at the next F & GP Committee.
iv. Annual Review of Financial Regulations – deferred to F & GP
v. Annual review of TOR for F&GP - – deferred to F & GP
vi. Annual Review of Discipline and Grievance Policy - deferred to F & GP
vii. Annual Governance and Accountability Return was discussed, and it was noted that BDO was the auditors.

7. **Planning Matters**

a) Southern Water Pipeline

Case No: SDNP/23/00706/FUL - Comment by: 12th April 2023

Case No: HCC/2023/0083 - Comment by: 12th May 2023

Location: Land in Itchen Valley and Candover Valley Hampshire
Proposal: Construction and operation of an approximately 8.1km raw water pipeline, predominantly as a permanent below ground pipeline (approximately 7.2km) but with five temporary above ground sections of pipeline (approximately 900m) and other temporary accesses, hard standings, plant (including temporary water booster pumping station) and equipment capable of installation, removal, storage and re-installation in advance of and operation during severe drought events over the period to the end of 2030. Provision of a new permanent pole mounted high voltage power supply.

The Itchen Valley Parish Council support the principles of this planning application by Southern Water, but with caveats. This scheme will give the SWA access to a temporary reserve of drinking water for southern Hampshire should there be a drought up to 2032. Between now and then they plan to have implemented their Water for Life proposals which take treated sewage outfall water from Budds Farm, Havant, and pipe it to top up a reservoir at Havant Thicket, or to the Otterbourne water supply works. The Water for Life proposals do not yet have statutory consent and there is therefore a danger that if these are rejected, or there are financial implications because this proposal is cheaper, then this scheme becomes permanent. The environmental quality of the Itchen can be measured by the quantity of invertebrates in the river, and there is strong statistical evidence from the Environment Agency between the flow of water and invertebrate level; low flows result in poor river quality. If water is taken from the Candover aquifer to supplement the Itchen at Itchen Abbas, this may improve flow temporally, but unless the aquifer is topped up later by sufficient rainfall the low flow will be extended and have long term environmental consequences. For this reason, permission should only be granted on a temporary basis and specific conditions attached that the apparatus is removed or permanently decommissioned by 2032, or earlier if the Water for Life alternative is in place.

b) Planning Applications received up to Friday 24th March 2023.

i. Case No: SDNP/23/01109/HOUS

Location: Winton House Chillandham Lane Itchen Abbas Hampshire SO21 1AS

Proposal: On the south facing wall of the property to replace a pair of ground floor full length 200cm x 150cm wooden French windows. In place of them, to extend the existing level of brickwork found under the side windows all the way across, so 60cm high and 150cm wide. Above this to install a single PVC window. Both the brickwork and new window would be in identical style and replicate the remainder of the existing property. The wooden French windows are also prone to rotting and offer notably poor insulation as the prevailing weather blows from the southwest.
Comment by: 13th April 2023

No Comment

ii. Case No: SDNP/23/01110/HOUS

Location: 3 Baxter Cottages Station Close Itchen Abbas Hampshire SO21 1AY
Proposal: Loft conversion with new dormer window on rear elevation, ground floor kitchen/family room extension.
Comment by: 13th April 2023

We do not object to the principle or design of the application.
The Policies in SD2 & SD9 of the SDNP adopted local plan could be adhered to better. The Ecosystem Services Statement could be more comprehensive (more than water butts and an unknown area of wildflowers) There is guidance in the SDNP Ecosystem Services Technical Advice Note householder and the actions should be specific to this site. A new roof gives the opportunity for the buildings energy consumption to be provided by solar power. The new glazing and outside lighting should comply with the SDNP Dark Skies Policies in SD8 of the SDNP adopted local plan.

iii. Case No: SDNP/23/01075/HOUS

Location: Mansard House Easton Lane Easton Hampshire SO21 1DQ
Proposal: Erection of a garage on existing hard standing
Comment by: 14th April 2023

Object. We do not object to the principle of the application, but the design

and materials used should follow the SDNP adopted Design Guide specifically at C13 Architectural Detail the style of garages should reflect the main building, not be constructed of painted block with metal roofing. A new roof gives the opportunity for the buildings energy consumption to be provided by solar power.

iv. Case No: SDNP/23/00866/FUL

Location: Lovington House Lovington Lane Ovington Alresford Hampshire SO24 0RD
Proposal: The development is a Freestanding Solar Array consisting of 80 'all black' solar panels using an environmentally friendly ground mounted system. These are 400W panels made by Longi Solar creating a 32 kWp solar panel system. The ground mounting system is designed to easily screw into the ground, eliminating the need for concrete bases. The solar power will be connected via a ducted cable to the Plant Room of the main house. Our DNO (Distributor Network Operator) is Scottish and Southern Electricity and they have given permission for this Solar Array because it is greater than 3.68KW. There will be a natural hedge planted, consisting of 8 species, to enclose the solar array and prevent being seen by any public roads/footpaths.
Comment by: 18th April 2023

We support the contribution towards climate change mitigation.
The site is part of the National Habitat Network All Habitats Combined (England), within a SSSI impact zone, adjacent to a SSSI and near a SAC. A professional Phase II Habitat Survey should be obtained, and Natural England consulted on the application to confirm that the development will not harm nature, including damage caused by concentrated rainwater runoff.

8. **Environment Working Group**

a) The Council noted the Environment Working Group report.

b) Cllr Percy confirmed that the Coronation Hedge had been planted in Easton and it was agreed that the Council write to the King.

c) Cllr Percy outlined the planning for the Green Homes Fair being organised for Sunday 18 June 2023.

d) Cllr Appleby thanked everyone for their involvement in the annual litter pick. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk source hoops for the plastic bags and signs for the roads at the next letter pick.

e) It was noted that Cllr Appleby had attended a talk by the Chair of the Environment Agency.

9. **Rights of Way Working Group**

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

b) Cllr Rosewell outlined the work to be done by the end of March.

c) Cllr Rosewell reported that work of Footpath 52 was likely to be completed by the end of the summer.

10. **Portfolio Holders Reports**

a) Open Spaces – Cllr Langford highlighted the need for two trees to be cut down at Couch Green. It was agreed to get a contractor. Cllr Rosewell asked about Lengthman's dates. The Parish Clerk explained that the dates for May would be distributed soon.

b) Highways & Transport

i) M3/J9 - It was confirmed that the Council register as interested parties for the project.

ii) Cart & Horses Junction – It was confirmed that the Police investigation had not been concluded and it was unlikely that action would not be planned until the report is available to HCC. The Council discussed the delay in dealing with the junction.

iii) 20 is Plenty – It was agreed to send the motion passed at the previous FCM to the HCC.

c) Website – Nothing to report. It was noted that webmail was not functioning

properly.

d) Law & Order – The Deputy Crime and Police Commissioner is to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

e) Village Halls –Nothing to report.

11. **Note Correspondence Received**

None

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

None

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

Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.00 pm at Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall

The meeting was closed at 8.47 pm.