



Itchen Valley Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall on Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7.00pm.

Members attending:

Cllr Appleby (Chairman), Cllr Andrews, Cllr Beresford, Cllr Jeffes, Cllr Langford, Cllr Moffatt, Cllr Swinstead, Cllr Wolfe.

In attendance:

Victoria Richardson (Clerk), Two members of the public and one resident of the parish.

1. Apologies received:

Itchen Valley Parish Council (IVPC) Cllr Johnston
Winchester City Council (WCC) Cllrs Gordon-Smith, Pinniger and Power
Hampshire County Council (HCC) Cllr Porter

2. Declaration of interest:

None

3. Public participation:

Two members of the public (the applicants) spoke regarding planning application 26/01122/Ful item 11. c) and one resident of Itchen Abbas regarding item 10 only.

4. Minutes of the last meeting:

Resolved: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4th June 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman, with one text amend to wording on 10.b)

5. City and County Councillor Reports:

Noted: Reports from WCC and HCC were noted.

6. Council Matters:

- a) **Noted:** The meeting noted the report and update from the Clerk regarding Hampshire Association of Local Council (HALC) Local Government Reform Forum.
- b) **Noted:** The report from the Clerk regarding WCC Parish Liaison Meeting
- c) **Noted:** Cllrs Wolfe and Swinstead are continuing discussions with residents of Easton to join the Parish Council but to date no one has agreed.
- d) **Noted:** The change to venues for the September and May Council meetings.
- e) **Noted:** Cllr Appleby unable to attend the licensing service for Revd. David Cooke, the new Rector for Itchen Valley Churches, and will ask Cllr Porter to represent IVPC.

7. Financial Matters:

- a) **Resolved:** Cllr Andrews reviewed and signed the Q1 Bank Reconciliation (attached)
- b) **Resolved:** The meeting noted Q1 bank balances as Current account £12,794.83 and Deposit account £43,797.16



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- c) **Resolved:** Cllrs Andrews and Wolfe reviewed and signed the Bills to Pay (attached)
- d) **Resolved:** To approve the donation of £42.00 to Alresford Men's Shed for repairs to Easton noticeboard, which includes £12.00 for materials and £30.00 for labour. Proposed by Cllr Langford and seconded by Cllr Andrews.
- e) **Resolved:** To pay Itchen Valley Churches £20.00 for venue hire for the rescheduled May meeting.

8. Highways & Transport:

- a) **Noted:** Cllr Wolfe continues to contact HCC to arrange a meeting regarding all ongoing issues with traffic in Easton. Cllr Beresford also speaking to Tim Lawton, Assistant Director (Highways, Engineering and Transport) HCC to try and coordinate a meeting with IVPC to discuss all the issues that have been raised over the past two years, where the standard response has been that diversions are responsibility of National Highways. Cllr Appelby will send letter to Cllr Steve Forster, the new Executive Member for Highways and Passenger Transport HCC to also try and arrange a meeting. Cllr Appleby also noted that on the regular Teams meeting with Volker Fitzaptarik/Balfour Beatty where IVPC raised the issue of traffic light phasing at Winnall/Easton Lane, the Fire Brigade supported a change to the phasing as they are having issues with getting out of the station to attend calls.
- b) **Noted:** Three residents will be attending the 16th July HCC FCM to present the Deputation regarding Easton traffic issues and Cllr Wolfe has met with the group to brief them ahead of the meeting. Cllr Jackie Porter also intends to meet with them before the HCC FCM.
- c) **Resolved:** To endorse Hampshire Bus Action Group's Vision (Hambag) regarding improvements to local rural bus services. Proposed Cllr Wolfe, seconded Cllr Appleby. Cllr Wolfe still awaiting a response from Andrew Wilson, Passenger Transport Manager HCC, who had previously agreed to meet to discuss the issues with bus 67.

9. Website:

Noted: Cllr Wolfe still trying to recruit webmaster.

10. Law & Order:

A resident of Itchen Abbas requested IVPC support in addressing speeding issues through the village. As a parent who walks to school and experiences dangerous driving behaviors, they along with several other local parents, are considering driving to the school as it is too dangerous to walk.

Noted: IVPC will investigate costs, available grants and community support to run Community Speed Watch group. Cllr Appleby requested assistance to move the current SID and to obtain the data from the device to send to the police to encourage additional attendance of camera vans. Cllr Appleby will raise this issue with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

11. Planning applications received up to Thursday 25th June 2026 and any other planning matters.



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Location	Shroner Hill Farmhouse, Basingstoke Road, Martyr Worthy Hampshire SO21 1AG
Proposal	The construction of an attached oak frame carport/garage with space for two vehicles
Comments	No comment

Application No.	SDNP/26/02202/HOUS
Location	Beech Hill, Avington Park Lane, Easton, Hampshire, SO21 1ED
Proposal	Erection of part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension
Comments	Object

Itchen Valley Parish Council (IVPC) does not object to the physical design of the proposed extension itself. However, IVPC objects to the application on the grounds of the loss of permanent housing stock within the community. The property is currently being actively marketed as a commercial holiday let (via www.avington.com/properties/beece-hill/). Consequently, this development is for a Class C5 (short-term let) commercial use rather than a standard C3 (dwelling house) residential use. This change of use conflicts with Strategic Policy SD26 (supply of homes) of the South Downs Local Plan, which seek to protect and maintain the National Park's permanent housing stock to meet local needs. Removing a permanent home from the local market to facilitate a commercial holiday enterprise undermines the sustainability of the local community. This property has always been a permanent residence, and we feel this background outweighs Strategic Policy SD23 (Sustainable Tourism). If the local planning authority is minded to approve this extension, IVPC request that strict planning condition be attached restricting the property's use solely to a permanent, primary residential dwelling (class C3) to prevent the loss of local housing.

Application No.	26/01122/FUL
Location	The Bushes Barn At Folly Hill Farm, Northington Road, Itchen Stoke, Hampshire
Proposal	The Demolition of two existing barns and erection of a single replacement barn to facilitate use as a rural wedding and events venue,
Comments	Support



Itchen Valley Parish Council has **no objection** to this application, conditional upon the following safeguards being formally secured by the Planning Authority via a Section 106 agreement or robust planning conditions:

1. **Noise Mitigation:** The noise restriction measures proposed within the application must be made legally binding and enforceable, preferably through a conditioned Noise Management plan.

2. **Traffic Routing:** To protect local road networks and residents, an Event Traffic Management Plan must be secured. This should legally obligate the venue operators to direct all guest and operational traffic to and from Northington Road, supported by appropriate directional signage and booking instructions.

The applicant agreed to these legally binding contracts at a public Parish Council meeting on the 2nd July 2026.

12. Environment Working Group (EWG):

Noted: Tree maintenance to be carried out by the group at Couch Green orchard on Monday 6th July.

13. Rights of Way Working Group (ROWWG):

- a) **Noted:** The broken plank on southern bridge on Footpath 25 has been repaired.
- b) **Resolved:** IVPC agreed for Cllr Jeffes to replace the hedge trimmer for a more substantial model up to the value of £435.00
- c) **Noted:** Cllr Jeffes has mown 2 miles of footpaths in June.
- d) **Noted:** Cllr Jeffes to investigate the issues regarding footpath 25 kissing gate access and options to help improve the access.

14. Open Spaces:

- a) **Noted:** The report from the Clerk regarding WCC/Hampshire FA Football Pitch workshop and the need for a pitch before applying to Hants FA for funding and assistance with pitch management.
- b) **Noted:** Cllr Beresford noted the Winchester Playing Pitch Strategy from WCC highlighting the need for youth football pitches in Winchester area. The Clerk noted the advice from WCC regarding CIL funds which is to wait and see outcome of SDNP application before applying to WCC for Couch Green development project funds.
- c) **Resolved:** To approve Foard Maintenance Services quote for £265.00 to install new beam and fixings on the Nest Swing at Couch Green.



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- d) **Noted:** The Clerk to obtain a second quote to replace the timber legs on swings at Old School Field, Easton and in the interim Cllr Appleby to proceed with repair.
- e) **Resolved:** To provide South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) with codes for gate access at Couch Green. Cllr Appleby to write to the residents of Couch Green to ask them not to park in front of the northwest vehicle gate so the Ambulance Service always has access to the fields and playground. Cllr Appleby to investigate the whereabouts of the No Parking sign for this gate.
- f) **Noted:** Cllr Appleby to look at locks and gates at Couch Green to check all in working order.

15. Village Halls:

Itchen Abbas & Avington- Cllr Langford noted that IAAVH has signed up to Axle Energy to have electricity taken from its batteries when required by the grid at peak demand periods for which it is being paid £1 per kwh.

Martyr Worthy- Nothing to report

Easton- Car boot sale will be going ahead on 13th September and Cllr Wolfe noted the need for the hall to generate additional funds.

16. Items for consideration:

The Clerk noted the next meeting for residents regarding Boomtown will be on 28th July 6-8pm at The Flower Pots, Cheriton. Cllrs Moffatt and Langford will be attending on behalf of IVPC.

17. Date and Time of next Full Council Meeting:

Thursday 3rd September at 7.00pm at Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall

18. Councillor Wolfe:

Cllr. Wolfe will be leaving IVPC at the end of July. He was thanked for the considerable amount of work and effort he has put in, especially on Highways and Transport and as Webmaster.

The meeting was closed at 9pm.

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Prepared by: Victoria Richardson
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Date: 01/07/2026

Approved by: Stephen Andrews
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Date: 2/7/2026

Bank Reconciliation at 30/06/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		50,297.85
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		20,805.29
			71,103.14
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		15,132.75
A	Cash in Hand 30/06/2026 (per Cash Book)		55,970.39
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 30/06/2026	0.00	
	Unity Trust Current 30/06/2026	12,794.83	
	Unity Trust Reserve 30/06/2026	43,797.16	
			56,591.99
	Less unrepresented payments		621.60
			55,970.39
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		55,970.39
A = B Checks out OK			

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PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
40 Open Spaces	05/06/2026	FCM 4th June 2026 7.c)	Unity Trust Current		Grounds Maintenance	Green Smile Ltd	S	222.93	44.59	267.52
41 Highways	08/06/2026	FCM 5th February 8.c)	Unity Trust Current		fingerprint Installation	Rocon Contractors Ltd.	S	775.00	155.00	930.00
42 Open Spaces	08/06/2026	FCM 4th June 2026 14.b)	Unity Trust Current		Playground maintenance	Foard Building & Maintenanai	Z	176.40		176.40
43 Audit/Payroll	08/06/2026		Unity Trust Current		Accounting	JLK Accounting Ltd.	S	30.00	6.00	36.00
44 Open Spaces	15/06/2026	FCM 4th June 2026 7.c)	Unity Trust Current		Inspections	Infinity Playgrounds Ltd.	S	90.00	18.00	108.00
45 Subscriptions	01/07/2026		Unity Trust Current		Membership Fees	Clfr Chris Jeffes	X	31.50		31.50
46 Notice Boards	01/07/2026		Unity Trust Current		Notice Board Repairs	Sydenhams	S	27.87	5.57	33.44
47 Website	18/06/2026	FCM 4th September 2025 9.a	Unity Trust Current		Website Hosting	Local Authority Tech CIC	S	518.00	103.60	621.60
48 Staff Costs	19/06/2026		Unity Trust Current		Staff Costs	Victoria Richardson	X	1,206.84		1,206.84
49 Staff Costs	19/06/2026		Unity Trust Current		Pension	Nest Pensions	X	55.48		55.48
50 Training & Travel	01/07/2026		Unity Trust Current		Staff Costs	Victoria Richardson	S	1.92	0.38	2.30
51 Office Expenses	01/07/2026		Unity Trust Current		Office expenses	Victoria Richardson	S	3.67	0.73	4.40
52 Technology	01/07/2026		Unity Trust Current		Adobe	Victoria Richardson	S	16.64	3.33	19.97
53 Staff Costs	01/07/2026		Unity Trust Current		PAYE/NI	HMRC	X	208.28		208.28
54 Audit/Payroll	01/07/2026		Unity Trust Current		Accounting	JLK Accounting Ltd.	S	45.00	9.00	54.00
55 Bank Fees	30/06/2026		Unity Trust Current		Service Charge	Unity Trust Bank	X	7.00		7.00
Total								3,416.53	346.20	3,762.73

Prepared by: Victoria Richardson Date: 02/07/2026

Name and Role Clerk/RCFO

Approved by: David Wolfe Date: 2/7/2026

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Approved by: Stephen Andrews Date: 2/7/2026

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