

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 17 November 2016

Member:

Cllr Sue Wood (Chairman)	P
Cllr Stewart Wooles (Vice Chairman)	P
Cllr S Annesley	
Cllr Katy Cobbold	
Cllr John Little	P
Cllr Andrew Osmond	
Cllr Richard Summerfield	
Cllr Nigel Reid	P
Cllr Pete Chadwick	P

P = present at the meeting

In Attendance:

Mrs J Judge (Clerk), Cllr C Horrill (part), PSCO K Croutear (part), PSCO Amey Stevens (part)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Annesley, Cllr K Cobbold, Cllr A Osmond and Cllr R Summerfield. County Councillor P Bailey had also sent apologies.

Police Liaison

The police report was taken at the beginning of the agenda to enable the officers to return to work. PSCO Kerry Croutear and her colleague PSCO Amey Stevens updated the meeting (report attached). The Neighbourhood Watch email alert was working well. Both were thanked for attending the meeting.

2. To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and Other Significant Interests (OSI's) from members concerning specific items on the agenda.

Councillors present declared no interests.

3. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 20 October

To approve and sign the minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October were agreed, and duly signed as a true record.

To deal with any matters arising not on the agenda

All matters were covered by agenda items.

5. To deal with any matters arising from meeting held on 15 September 2016 which are not on the agenda

All matters were covered by agenda items.

6. County and City Councillor's Reports

City Councillor Horrill reported that

- News was expected on Solent Devolution proposals the following week
- An update on Devolution and Winchester City Council's 2017/18 Budget would be given on 7 December (Cllrs. Wood and Wooles will be attending)
- Community Strategy documentation was being rewritten. This would be published in the New Year. The aim was to provide a focussed and objective account of what the Council was going to do and not going to do against a background of budgetary constraints
- Cllr Horrill will keep the Parish Council updated on any implications of the Housing and Planning Bill
- WCC had agreed to purchase the Garrison Ground at Bar End meaning that this could be evaluated as an option for the location of the city's new sports and leisure centres
- A new procurement process with the advice of RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) had commenced for the project to develop Station Approach
- The Central Winchester Regeneration Group had been established to produce a supplementary planning document

The Christmas Lights had been turned on and Cllr Horrill asked councillors to remind all about the Spare Change for Real Change initiative. This aims to provide support to homeless people in Winchester and prevent street begging in the city.

A parish councillor asked about buses in the village and whether the City Council had any influence. Cllr Horrill suggested that the parish's transport portfolio holder, Cllr Osmond, contact the bus company with villagers' requests. These included the re-introduction of the 8.30am service, smaller buses but more frequent services. **Action: Cllr Osmond**

Cllr Horrill was thanked by the Chair and left the meeting.

County Councillor Bailey was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a report that was read at the meeting which highlighted

- Work had been completed at the Plough which it was hoped would prevent flooding issues
- Confusion about the recent introduction of charges at the Waste Recycling Centre

5. **Portfolio Reports**

Highways

Cllr Wooles report attached.

Footpaths

No report

Playground

Cllr Reid reported that replacement rope work was scheduled to be carried out either the week commencing 21 November or 28 November

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The Chair reported (at this point) that she had been notified by Cllr Summerfield that he wished to retire from the Parish Council with immediate effect. All present wanted to ensure that he was thanked for his long and dedicated service to the parish.

The clerk was asked to begin the process of recruiting a new councillor.

Action: Clerk

Sparsholt School

Cllr Cobbold's written report attached.

Sparsholt Shop

The Memorial Hall had purchased the telephone box which will be utilised by the shop once an appropriate legal agreement has been completed

Communication

The newsletter was due to be compiled following the meeting for completion by Friday 25 November

Security & Transport

No report

Police Liaison

Ref Item 1

6. **Developing a Parish Plan**

Cllr Annesley was away and would update at the next meeting

7. **To consider a report from the Anaerobic Digester Working Group**

There was nothing to report. No further update had been received relating to a judicial review which is being considered by parishioners.

8. **Finance**

Current Financial Statement (Annex C)

Payments PV36 to PV48 were approved for payment.

Budget Update (Annex D)/Finance Committee Report

Councillors reviewed the budget together with the Finance Committee Report.

The Finance Committee had met on 7th November and proposed that

- the precept be increased by 5% in 2017/18,
- £1000 be transferred to the Parish Plan reserve in anticipation of expenditure associated with maintenance and development of facilities.

Proposals were unanimously agreed ahead of notification from WCC as to the council tax support grant element of precept. The clerk would report at the December or January meeting for final approval ahead of completion of precept documentation.

Action: Clerk

A reserve fund of £ £83.82 was held for the Wednesday Club a lunch club for the elderly, that has not been active for several years. After discussion, it was proposed that the reserve be closed and monies returned to the main parish council account. This was unanimously agreed.

An amount of £518.25 was held in a defibrillator reserve. This adequately covered replacement batteries and pads and it was suggested that training be investigated and possibly take place as part of the Annual Parish Meeting

9. Planning

To note awaited and recent decisions from Winchester City Council

Decisions awaited

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Status
13/09	16/02327/FUL	Annexe At Garston House Westley Lane	Removal of Condition 3 of Application 09/02203/FUL: Renting of accommodation as long-term let	Registered
<i>It was noted at the meeting that since agenda preparation this application had been refused.</i>				

Recent decisions by WCC

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Decision
05/10	16/02593/TPC	The Forge Woodman Lane	T1 - Horse Chestnut: Reduce lower lever arms to clear house and building by 2-3 Meters and tip reduce to balance crown. G1 - Sycamore and Ash saplings to be removed at ground level T2 - Ash - Remove at ground level	That no objection be raised
12/07	16/01600/FUL & 16/01601/LIS - Scheme 2	Corner Cottage	Demolish existing garage block and poor residential extensions and erect a subservient extension to improve facilities for disability purposes with sanitary facilities at first floor and a new garage block. The extension to be thatched to match the existing with a simple clay tile link.	Application refused