

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2023 AT 7.15 PM**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: S Turl (Chair), B Coles, J Asman, D Berry,
C Boulton, B Du-Crow, J Haylett, R MacDonald,
R Prince-Wright, B Tennent

IN ATTENDANCE: B Bond, Deputy Parish Clerk
S Johnson, Admin Officer

County Cllr S Broomfield

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 4 members of the public in attendance

028/23/PC **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chair invited questions from members of the public as explained in the document ref. Public Participation at West End Parish Council meetings.

No questions were asked by members of the public.

029/23/PC **APOLOGIES FROM COUNCILLORS**

Apologies received and accepted from Councillors Craig, Burton & Goguel.

Cllr Henry was absent from the meeting.

030/23/PC **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare interests in relation to items of business on the agenda.

There were no interests to declare.

031/23/PC **TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022-2023**

This had been previously circulated to all councillors. No questions were raised.

Proposed: Cllr MacDonald

Seconded: Cllr Asman

In favour: Unanimous

032/23/PC **TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2022-2023**

This had been previously circulated to all councillors. No questions were raised.

Proposed: Cllr Cole

Seconded: Cllr Berry

In favour: Unanimous

033/23/PC **TO APPROVE THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR UP TO 31ST
MARCH 2023**

This had been previously circulated to all councillors. No questions were raised.

Proposed: Cllr MacDonald

Seconded: Cllr Cole

In favour: Unanimous

034/23/PC **REQUEST RECEIVED FROM CLLR GOMER TO FLY AN LGBT FLAG AT THE PARISH CENTRE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

This is to mark June being Pride Month. Due to the absence of a flag flying policy, Councillors were asked to approve this request. A draft flag flying policy will be presented to the Policy & resources committee to approve.

There was a discussion regarding the legislation and Government guidance on the flying of flags and it was confirmed that the Pride flag can be flown without having to gain planning permission. The only concern raised was in relation to any future requests, however there will soon be a flag policy in place to control this. It was proposed to immediately fly the Pride flag for the last 2 weeks of June.

Proposed: Cllr Tennent
Seconded: Cllr Du-Crow
In favour: Unanimous

035/23/PC **POLICE REPORT**

No police report received.

The Deputy Clerk explained that she had reached out to Police Sergeant Hannam and a PCSO was meant to attend the meeting, however no representative was present.

It was suggested that Councillors email the Parish Clerk with their observations and a letter compiled and sent to the Sergeant Hannam so he could respond at a meeting in the future.

036/23/PC **TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2023**

Councillor Turl presented the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2023. These were accepted as a true record of events and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Councillor Turl
Seconded: Councillor Haylett
In favour: Unanimous

Matters Arising The Police attendance at meetings was discussed as detailed above.

037/23/PC **TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting

Councillor Asman presented the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee Meeting held on 2nd May 2023 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor Asman
Seconded: Councillor Boulton
In favour: Unanimous

Matters Arising None

Personnel Committee Meeting

Councillor Boulton presented the minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on 3rd May 2023 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor Boulton
Seconded: Councillor MacDonald
In favour: Unanimous
Matters Arising None

Recreation & Environment Committee Meeting

No meeting in May.

Policy & Resources Committee Meeting

Councillor Tennent presented the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 24th May 2023 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor Tennent
Seconded: Councillor Berry
In favour: Unanimous
Matters Arising None

038/23/PC

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport Representative - Councillor Goguel

Councillor Asman read a report on behalf of Cllr Goguel.

The Blue Line Bus Company has now taken over the Empress Road depot, previous owned and run by Red Bus. He had noted that there are many other buses in the depot ready to be serviced and re-branded to Blue Line.

Hilldene Community Association - Councillor Goguel

Apologies received. No report.

Airport Consultative - Councillor MacDonald & Asman

Councillor MacDonald reported that the next meeting is due to take place on 23rd June 2023.

Councillor Asman added that an invitation will be extended to all Councillors to meet with Airport representatives on 7th July and ask any questions. This session would mainly cover the noise and air space changes.

Friends of West End Copse – Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry attended his first meeting on 1st June and found the group to be very welcoming. Terry Buck has stood down as Chair and Sally Hawthorne is now standing as Chair. Paul Drew is remaining in post as the treasurer. The next Action Day has been arranged for Saturday 8th July 2023 which will concentrate on the steps at Ullswater dip.

One Horton Heath Local Development Forum - Councillors Asman & Tennent

Councillor Asman confirmed that the latest forum meeting took place this afternoon. It was an update on what has occurred since the forum was created in September 2021. She also advised the next planning application which will be a variation of conditions is due to be discussed at the Local Area Committee meeting which is due to take place on 22nd June from 7pm at St James School. All Councillors and residents are invited to attend.

039/23/PC TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY/BOROUGH:

County Councillor Broomfield

1. Botley Road closure: I was contacted by the Parish Clerk and by residents concerned at an advertisement which had appeared, suggesting that Botley Road was to be closed for 6 months, from late May, for work between Moorgreen Road and Charles Watts Way. The lack of information provided wasn't helped by the person whose contact details were given also knowing nothing! Eventually it became clear that the closure was a blanket application in order that individual short-term closures could be applied for.
2. Now the wall in the High Street, damaged in the tragic accident last Christmas, has been repaired, Hampshire have ordered replacement railings. These are of a special design and will take time to be made, but as soon as they are ready, installation will take place.
3. Speaking to the Integrated Transport Team at County, Go South Coast (who own Solent Blue Line) are still monitoring demand and bedding in services, tweaking routes as needed. Keep feeding back on bus routes to the hospital.
4. Ageas Bowl parking – following concerns from residents I spoke to Hampshire and Eastleigh regarding coning and enforcement of parking for major events (such as tonight's Arctic Monkeys concert). This has been arranged between the Safety Advisory Group, with Ageas Bowl organising coning and Hampshire enforcing. As the Ageas Bowl has been awarded an Ashes Test in 2027 it is important that travel arrangements are properly in place. (Postscript; following this meeting I visited residents in the Telegraph Road area, and although there was a lot of illegal parking, HCC enforcement had been active, and a large number of Penalty Notices were attached to windscreens)
5. Westwood is finally coming to committee for approval (or otherwise). Members of the Regulatory Committee, of which I am a member, made a site visit last month (Councillor Craig as local County Councillor also attended), and it has been confirmed that the application will probably come to committee of 19th July. As the Parish Council, local residents, and Councillor Craig are all welcome to address the committee meeting, I will ensure I keep everyone updated with developments.

A discussion took place regarding re-establishing the regular liaison meetings between the Parish Council and the Ageas Bowl. The Deputy Clerk was asked to investigate this.

Councillor Asman commented about the lack of notice given for the closure of Charles Watts Way and also the road closure signs for the cricket being in place but are now out of date.

County Councillor Craig

Apologies

Borough Councillor Asman

Councillor Asman reported that the Lead Local Area Manager announced that following a review of Local Areas working, the team supporting Local Area Committees has recently undergone a structure. At the beginning of April, Kitty Budden began a new position as Lead Local Area Manager for the Council and will be working closely with her team, Council staff and Councillors to strengthen the role of Local Area Committees with greater strategic planning, increase public engagement and participation, and more collaboration and co-ordination across the five Local Areas.

Moving forward, Ross McClean will be supporting the Committee as the Hedge End, West End and Botley Local Area Manager and will also continue to support the Bursledon, Hamble-le-Rice and Hound Local Area.

Planning applications:

- Thorneydown Farm for a caravan site. This was refused.
- Moorgreen Farmhouse, change of use to Airbnb, refused due to insufficient information submitted.
- 68 Chalk Hill, appeal submitted against Council's refusal on extension.
- 1 Railway Cottage, appeal submitted.

The Hatch Farm Public Art committee is going very well and the chair, Vickie Fear is fantastic. There will be a Public Meeting mid-June on Hatch Grange and inviting artists to apply for the commission. There will also be an online tour around Hatch Grange. Later, there will an interview session by a panel of a sort list this be up and running by October.

Borough Councillor Gomer

No report.

Borough Councillor Tennent

Councillor Tennent advised he has been made aware of problems regarding the speed & safety cameras becoming obsolete which would particularly impact the motorway.

040/23/PC

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.15 pm

The meeting closed at 8.12pm