

COLDEN COMMON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 4 JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE
BERT STRATTON LOUNGE, COLDEN COMMON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present	Cllr Richard Izard	Cllr Jean Bligdon
	Cllr Maggie Hill	Cllr Steve Badham
	Cllr Pam Glasspool	Cllr Laurence Wilks
	Cllr Barbara Kelly	Cllr Patrick Hunter
	Cllr Ann Brown	Cllr Ron Hancock

Apologies Cllr Jill Stevenson (holiday)
Cllr John Carry (holiday)

In attendance Debbie Harding (Clerk)
Vanessa Kitt (Assistant Clerk)
Cllr Rob Humby (HCC)
Cllr Sue Cook (WCC)
9 members of the public

FPC 44/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted as above.

FPC 45/16 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATED TO SUBSEQUENT AGENDA ITEMS

There were no declarations of interest.

FPC 46/16 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 6 JUNE 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 June 2016 having been circulated, were considered. The minutes were then agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Maggie Hill, seconded by Cllr Barbara Kelly and carried with abstentions by Cllrs Ann Brown, Patrick Hunter and Ron Hancock.

FPC 47/16 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 6TH JUNE 2016

The confidential minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 June 2016 having been circulated, were considered. The minutes were then agreed and signed and an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Laurence Wilkes, seconded by Cllr Pam Glasspool and carried with abstentions by Cllrs Ann Brown, Patrick Hunter and Ron Hancock.

FPC 48/16 UPDATE ON MINUTES; CORRESPONDENCE AND RELEVANT MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Clerk reported as follows:

Land between St Vigor Way and 14 Hawthorn Close – the hedge has been cut very short by the owners of 17 Hawthorn Close and complaints have been received from members of the public. The Clerk reported the homeowners have apologised and have agreed to replace the hedge with suitable native hedges. Cllrs Pam Glasspool and Barbara Kelly agreed to accompany the Clerk on a visit to 17 Hawthorn Close to establish the boundary.

Planning applications -Welbeck developer has withdrawn its appeal on its application for land in Upper Moors Road but is continuing to contest the local plan with other developers including Bloombridge and Mrs Castle's representatives.

Cricket Open Day on Saturday 9 July – this will take place at Boyes Lane from 10.30am subject to work on installing the nets being completed.

Extraordinary Parish Council meeting – the Clerk advised that as the next scheduled Parish Council meeting is due to take place on 5 September she suggested an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting be held before then to approve the work on the tennis courts. She reported that the tennis club is waiting for the last bit of funding from Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to be in place and a provisional date has been set for 5 August by the contractor to begin the work. The Clerk advised the Extraordinary meeting would consider details of the order and approve the work subject to the funding being in place. It was agreed a date at the end of July was possible.

Freedom of Information (FOI) Request – the Clerk advised the work to provide the information requested has now been completed. She explained that the work had taken in excess of the 18 hours permitted but she was pleased to report that no evidence had been found to suggest any bias, fixing or anything untoward in the procedures which had taken place during the development of Local Plan Part 2. The Clerk also advised that a subsequent FOI request had been received which had been refused as the hours allowed to prepare a reply (i.e. 18 hours) has now been exhausted.

Grass cutting - Comments have been received on grass cutting with complaints saying the village is looking untidy. However, the Clerk advised that once the challenges being faced by the grounds staff (e.g. wet weather causing the hedges to grow excessively) have been explained most people have understood the difficulties. Residents find it very confusing that HCC, WCC and Parish Council land all have different cutting programmes.

Private Eye – an information meeting with the company, Private Eye, to discuss the monitoring of the parking at the recreation ground car park is due to take place on Thursday 7 July at 10.30am. Cllrs Patrick Hunter and Ron Hancock agreed to accompany the Clerk.

Skateboard Park – the Clerk was sorry to report criminal damage at the skateboard park including damage to the new bins so they cannot be opened, damage to bollards in St Vigor Way, and the lid ripped off the new electric unit which had cost in excess of £1,500 to purchase and install. An electrician has removed the fuse to make the lights safe. As it is light until 9.30pm at the moment it was agreed to leave the lights off. Cllr Izard suggested the replacement of the electric unit as an agenda item for the next meeting. The Clerk said she had spoken to Sgt Gilmour who said he would speak to the parents of those suspected of being involved.

Clerk

Bloombridge Planning Application for Church Lane site - Cllr Hill reminded those present that the Bloombridge Development planning application went to WCC Planning Committee last Thursday (30 June). Cllrs Izard, Glasspool, and Kelly went to the Committee meeting with the Clerk to object to the application. The Bloombridge application was supported by Cllr Sue Cook. The outcome was that the application was refused by 7 votes to 1 vote. Cllr Hill said it was both surprising and disappointing that Cllr Cook had decided to support the application.

Local hearing on Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) – The Planning Inspector is due to inspect Winchester’s Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) with a public hearing taking place in the morning of 19 July. Cllr Izard advised that any amendment by the local inspector will go to public consultation for 6 weeks. The final decision on LPP2 is expected in October/November 2016.

**FPC 49/16 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’
REPORTS/INFORMATION**

Cllr Sue Cook – Cllr Cook reported she had received an email from an individual regarding her support for the Bloombridge planning application for the Church Lane site. Cllr Cook read this e-mail out to the WCC Planning Committee meeting last Thursday as part of her 5-minute speech in support of the application as District Councillor for Twyford and Colden Common. It was noted that Cllr Cook wished to apologise to the sender of the email for doing so. Cllr Cook advised that, in her opinion, the tone of the email was not pleasant and she had fought hard to be elected as a WCC councillor and she considered it an honour to be elected. Cllr Cook said she would have preferred to be spoken to in person rather than receive an email but she stood by what she had said at the WCC Planning Committee meeting in supporting the application.

Cllr Cook confirmed she had spoken to the developer of Church Lane (whose site was not taken forward as part of the Local Plan Part 2 process) following a previous Parish Council meeting and prior to the WCC Planning Committee meeting. She advised that the developer considered he had offered an ‘olive branch’ to the Parish Council regarding the application but had been refused a meeting. In response to this, Cllr Hill emphasised that no meetings with any developers have taken place in order to avoid any allegations of favouritism.

Cllr Izard reported that at the WCC Planning Committee meeting Cllr Cook had questioned the number of housing units which could be accommodated on the Sandyfields storage site as she felt it was too high. Cllr Izard advised that much consultation and background work had taken place to identify the number of units which could be located on the site.

Cllr Hill, Cllr Glasspool and Cllr Izard all reported they were not aware of Cllr Cook's intention to speak in favour of the Church Lane site and prior to supporting the Church Lane application, Cllr Cook had not questioned the number of housing units on Sandyfields storage site.

The Clerk stated she was frustrated that at no point had Cllr Cook spoken to the Parish about her reasons for support the Church Lane site, or given the Parish Council the opportunity to refute the claims made by the developer. Cllr Cook asserted that she had consulted with Parish Councillors and Cllr Hill wanted it minuted that this had not been the case.

A member of the public asked about the election literature produced by Cllr Cook before the local election regarding the Eastleigh local plan and the possible impact on Colden Common. Cllr Hill asked Cllr Cook if she did not realise that with the possibility of housing development in Bishopstoke there was a real danger of coalescence between the two villages.

Cllr Brown asked Cllr Cook for her reasons in supporting the application on Church Lane, given that she represents the village and the village did not select this site for development. Cllr Brown asked Cllr Cook if she knew the applicant.

Cllr Cook confirmed she knew the Clay family, the owners of the field. Cllr Brown asked if Cllr Cook have supported any other applications, Cllr Cook confirmed she had not.

Cllr Brown asked if Cllr Cook had supported the Welbeck Strategic Land application opposite the school. Cllr Cook confirmed she did not. Cllr Brown asked if Cllr Cook knew the person who owns that field. Cllr Cook confirmed she did not.

Cllr Cook said that she has spoken to many people were in support of the Church Lane Planning application. Cllr Brown added that many many more were not.

Cllr Izard stated that it was very disappointing that the developer when addressing the WCC Planning Committee said that they could either choose to support Cllr Izard or Cllr Cook.

The Clerk asked Cllr Cook how she would feel if Cllr Izard as Ward Councillor for Twyford and Colden Common supported an planning application in Twyford which was not supported by the Community, the Parish Council or herself.

Discussion on this matter then closed.

Cllr Cook advised she had continued to receive phone calls from residents on grass cutting and potholes and the work on this was on-going.

Cllr Rob Humby –

Traffic Survey – work with Andy Smith at HCC is on-going.

Bus tendering – new proposals have been forward on franchising but any work on devolution would supersede these proposals

Grass cutting – WCC is experiencing delays in its grass cutting programme but is working with contractors to catch up.

Pot holes – report mechanism is working well but work is being done to improve the tracking system so reporters can look up progress. The Clerk is to be invited to the Hampshire Operation Centre (HOC) to provide feed-back on the effectiveness of the system.

Devolution – different options have been put forward including a Solent plan for the three unitaries and a Heart of Hampshire plan, which would include Winchester, but no decisions have been made. Models in other parts of the country including Wiltshire and Oxfordshire have been considered. Plans whereby the district and county councils are replaced by a new body have been looked at. However Cllr Humby believed that whatever decisions are made there will always be a role for Parish Councils and responsibilities could increase.

CIL Payments – in response to Cllr Izard's question about CIL payments, Cllr Humby advised it is not known how these would be handled in the event of devolution but he expected funds would continue to be pooled as currently.

Resurfacing of footpaths - Cllr Izard asked about the resurfacing of footpaths which had been delayed last year. Cllr Humby advised the resurfacing plan schedule should continue with follow up work on the resurfacing which had taken place last year.

FPC 50/16 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public asked about a maintenance plan for North Pond and said he was concerned about a lack of signs forbidding the dumping of garden waste. Cllr Glasspool advised a request had been put in the village newsletter asking for public comments on what villagers want for North Pond but little interest had been shown by villagers. A member of the public suggested signs would be useful to prevent dumping of garden waste.

A member of the public asked about May 2016 Parish Council meeting minutes being on website.

In response to a query about the roadworks by the school it was noted that these were due to a gas leak.

A member of the public advised the notice board by school is still difficult to access and the Clerk confirmed it will be attended to soon.

In response to a member of the public asking about progress on work on the tennis courts the Clerk confirmed the contractor has been booked to commence work on 5 August but this is subject to Parish Council approval. The Clerk advised an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting would take place after the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) has agreed funding and all funds are in place. It is hoped the lease will be available by Friday (8 July) to support the Tennis Club's Parish Hall Trust grant application.

The Clerk also confirmed residents of Orchard Close are aware as they were advised when the planning application was submitted to WCC but they will be notified again of the impending work. A notice advising the disposal of public space has been published jointly by the Parish Council and WCC and the Clerk said she would check if any objections had been received.

FPC 51/16 TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 29TH JUNE 2016

Cllr Pam Glasspool advised a meeting had taken place on Wednesday 29 June. The draft minutes will shortly be on Parish Council website and she highlighted several items for information.

FPC 52/16 TO RECEIVE THE INDEPENDENT REPORT FROM PAUL ASHTON LTD OR THE REBUILD OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR INSURANCE PURPOSE AND RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND INSTRUCT THE CLERK FURTHER

The Clerk presented the previously presented paper. The Community Centre is currently insured for £1.5m and the independent insurance assessment (covered by professional indemnity) commissioned by the Parish Council recommends a figure of £1,681,000.00 exclusive of any VAT.

Cllr Pam Glasspool proposed to instruct the Clerk to advise the Community Centre Trustees that the Parish Council required the value of the rebuild of the Community Centre for insurance purposes to be increased to £1.6m, seconded by Cllr Barbara Kelly and carried.

FPC 53/16 TO CONSIDER A PAYMENT OF £298.00 UNDER S.137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (1972) FOR WOODPECKERS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP FOR ANNUAL INSURANCE TCV MEMBERSHIP AND BULBS

Cllr Richard Izard proposed a payment of £298.00 under S.137 of the Local Government Act (1972) for Woodpeckers Environmental Group for annual insurance TCV membership and Bulbs seconded by Cllr Pam Glasspool and carried.

FPC 54/16 TO CONSIDER A PAYMENT OF £2000.00 UNDER S.137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (1972) FOR THE GOLDEN COMMON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO PAY FOR THE PRODUCTION COSTS OF THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER.

Cllr Richard Izard proposed to agree a payment of £2,000 under S.137 of the Local Government Act (1972) for the Golden Common Community Association to pay for the production costs of the village newsletter, subject to a review of the costs over the next year, seconded by Cllr Patrick Hunter and carried with abstentions by Cllrs Pam Glasspool and Barbara Kelly.

FPC 55/16 TO CONSIDER A PAYMENT OF £500.00 UNDER S.137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (1972) FOR THE GOLDEN COMMON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO PAY FOR 50% OF THE COST OF NEW EXTERNAL LIGHTING FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Izard asked Maureen Rees to explain the reasons for the external lighting to be replaced. In addition Mrs Rees advised a grant application to Veolia was not successful but other sources of funding could be investigated.

Cllr Laurence Wilkes proposed this item be an agenda item for the Extraordinary Meeting to be held later this month, seconded by Cllr Ann Brown and carried.

FPC 56/16 TO AGREE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BY GOLDEN COMMON PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk advised the accounts are subject to checking by Cllr Steve Badham

Cllr Laurence Wilks proposed the following accounts be approved and paid, seconded by Cllr Pam Glasspool and carried.

Date of Invoice	Payee	Summary of purpose	Cost	Reclaim VAT	Total	Payment Method	* when Paid
25/06/2016	HMRC	June HMRC	£1,556.56	£0.00	£1,556.56	BACS	
25/06/2016	Salaries	June salaries	£4,890.72	£0.00	£4,890.72	BACS	*
25/06/2016	Pension	Pension June payment	£1,156.90	£0.00	£1,156.90	BACS	
05/07/2016	WCC	Rates	£102.00	£0.00	£102.00	DD	*
31/05/2016	British Gas	Rec Pav gas 24.2-25.5.16	£97.40	£4.87	£102.27	DD	*
06/06/2016	MRC Electric Sharp	New electric box - skateboard park lights	£515.00	£0.00	£515.00	BACS	
17/06/2016	Business Systems Came & Company	Photocopy hire 1.6- 31.8.16 + copies	£180.71	£36.14	£216.85	BACS	
27/05/2016	OST	Insurance 23.5-30.9.16	£283.73	£0.00	£283.73	BACS	*
05/05/2016	Technology Southern Water	Portable speed reminder post mount kit	£99.00	£19.80	£118.80	BACS	
21/06/2016		Water at Pavilion - CCP	£71.19	£0.00	£71.19	BACS	
22/06/2016	Vodafone	mobile phones - Clerk, Grounds staff	£88.74	£17.74	£106.48	DD	*
17/06/2016	Rigby Taylor	R11 Rye	£71.50	£0.00	£71.50	DD	
13/06/2016	Sage Wellers	Sage Accounts sage cover extra	£235.00	£47.00	£282.00	BACS	
24/06/2016	Hedley Wellers	Lease between CCPC and WCC	£432.00	£86.40	£518.40	BACS	
24/06/2016	Hedley	PC and Tennis Club lease	£360.00	£72.00	£432.00	BACS	
22/06/2016	Lloyds	Business Charge card, APA, HSS Hire, Gas BBQ	£151.08	£0.00	£151.08	BACS	*
11/05/2016	Trade UK	Basin waste, Trap etc	£12.33	2.47	£14.80	BACS	
15/06/2016	Bike to work scheme	Bike for S Hewlett	£0.00		£240.00	BACS	
13/06/2016	The Golden Common Shed	Replace rotten wood and blown window/door panels at Recreation ground	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00	BACS	
10/06/2016	Hursley PC	Share of replacement battery for SLR	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS	
Total			£10,563.86	£286.42	£11,090.28		

Fixed Term Deposit - Co- op	Matured - Zero balance		£0.00
Fixed Term Deposit - Lloyds	Matured - Zero balance		£0.00
	Total Long term reserves		£0.00
CCPC - Admin Account Deposit Account balance	Account Number - 00385887		£75,084.80
	Account Number - 01213095		£103,051.87
	Total available funds (excluding long term)	Total	£178,136.67
	Total available funds after above bill paid (Some of the above payments marked * have cleared already)		£172,682.67
	Fidelity Guarantee		£250,000.00

FPC 57/16 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS/INFORMATION TIME

Cllr Barbara Kelly – trees with TPOs are overhanging a property in Church Lane and the residents are concerned. The Clerk said she will follow up on this.

Cllr Ann Brown – a hedge on the corner of Oak Tree Close is over the pavement and it is difficult for pedestrians to pass by without stepping into the road. The Clerk said she would contact the householder.

Cllr Ron Hancock – with regards to grass cutting in Birch Close, Cllr Hancock noted it had not been cut this year. The Clerk advised that WCC is experiencing delays in grass cutting.

Cllr Izard – asked councillors to let the Clerk know availability at the end of July for an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting.

FPC 58/16 TO RAISE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to be held at the end of July – date tbc

Next scheduled meeting: Monday 5 September 2016