

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBY HELD ON  
14th MAY 2018  
AT 7:00 PM IN OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

**1. PRESENT**

Parish Councillors John Chapman (In the Chair), Mark Egerton, Paul Phillips, Roger Page, Will Martin, Charlotte Thompson.  
28 members of the public.  
Juanita Madgwick, Clerk to the Council.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Parish Councillor Paul Bowes.  
District Councillor Laurence Ruffell

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 had been previously circulated and were unanimously accepted as an accurate record (Proposed by Councillor Page and seconded by Councillor Phillips). Councillor Chapman signed the minutes.

**4. CURRENT STATUS OF EBC PLANNING PROPOSAL V'S TRAFFIC IN OWSLEBURY**

A short video was played which showed the members of the public the impact of the proposed housing estate would have on Owslebury in regards to the environment and traffic.

Councillor Chapman invited David Ash (Chairman of Upham Parish Council) to speak about Eastleigh Borough Councils proposal to build 5,200 new homes on the boarder of several parishes including Owslebury and the Action Against Destructive Development campaign (ADD).

David explained that there are 2 proposals on the table option B&C which would impact Owslebury and the surrounding parishes and option D&E which would have much less impact on the local parishes. He explained that ADD has been fighting this proposal since July 16.

David explained what the ADD campaign is currently doing and what they hope to achieve. He explained that the ADD campaign would need between £70 & £100K to be able to be able to fight the enquiry. ADD has appointed planning advisors, Barristers and traffic consultants but more money is needed.

David explained that there had been a lack of analysis around each planning option particularly that there has been no traffic analysis for either option that has been sent to Hampshire County Council yet.

David explained that if proposal B&C would go ahead there would be a 50% increase in traffic through Owslebury.

The chairman thanked David for his time.

**5. PARISH REPORT**

Due to agenda item 3. 'Status of EBC Planning Proposals V's Traffic in Owslebury' overrunning considerably it was decided that there was no time to go through the Chairman's report and that this would be distributed with the minutes of the meeting. See Appendix A.

**6. REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

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No report was received from County Councillor Rob Humby.

**7. REPOSNSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S FINANCIAL REPORT**

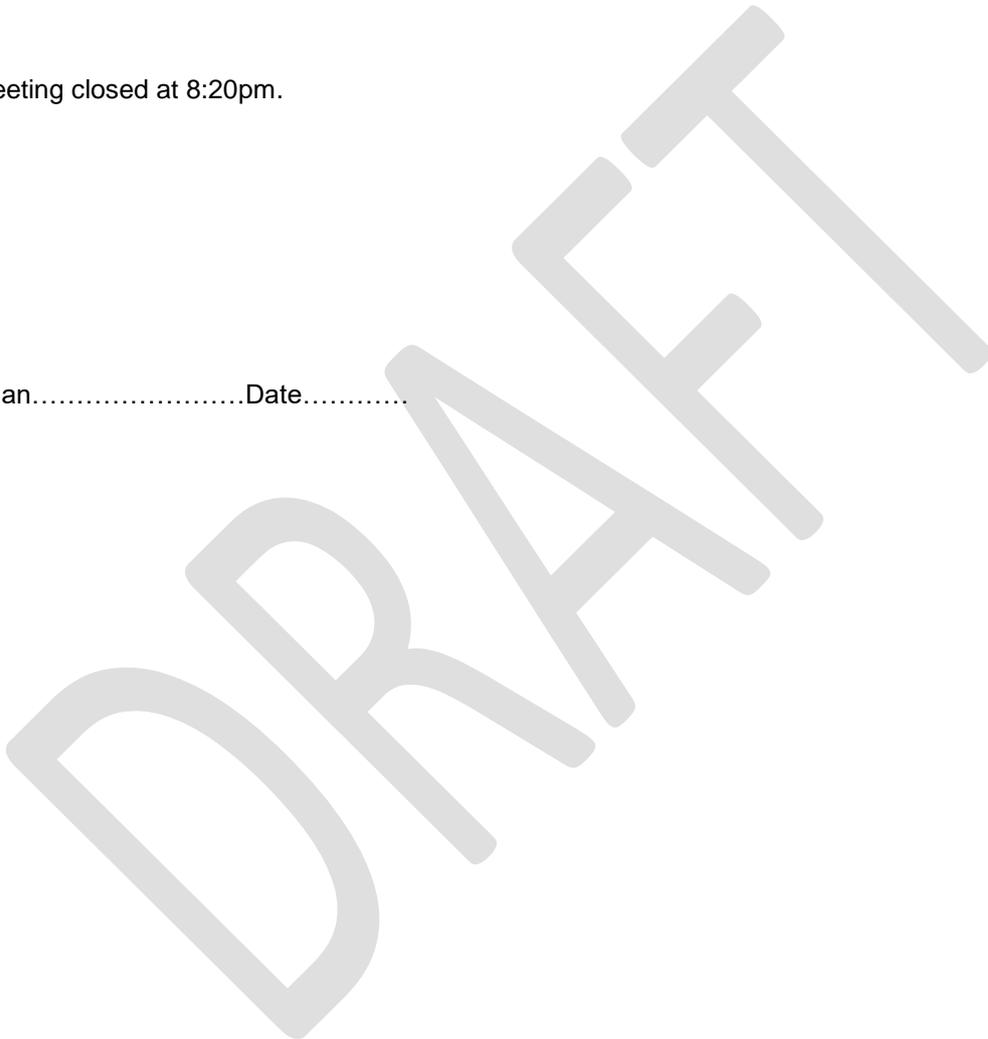
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**8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

In response to David Ash’s speech there were several questions regarding the EBC planning proposal.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Chairman.....Date.....



## APPENDIX A: CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Owslebury APA 2018

OPC Chairmans review of 2017-18

- Change
- We have a new council that starts work at the end of this meeting
- Gerry Tull who has added much value to the work of the Council as well as doing many many good things for the village is no longer a councillor – on behalf of the council I thank Gerry for his contribution, particularly regarding his efforts on affordable housing
- Welcome to Charlotte Thomson our newly elected councillor
- Change of Clerk
  - Welcome to Juanita Madgwick
  - A huge vote of thanks to Michael Cleary for his dedication over the last 8 years
- Review of the Parish Plan
- Traffic
- New Housing & Support for Growth
- Open Spaces
- Public transport
- Burial Space
- Protection of Key Assets/Inappropriate use of Facilities/Planning Issues
- Other

(we need to revise our plan this year, both contents & priorities)

- Traffic – Speed, Volume, Behaviour
- Volume continues to grow, already unacceptable at peak times
  - Figures from surveys in June 2017 and April 2018 conducted by Andrew Hodges support this
- Proposed EBC Housing Plans can only make things worse
  - Working with ADD and other Parishes to get acceptable traffic management measures accepted
  - Help received from local MP's and Councillors to gain attention from HCC and Central Government
  - No help from SDNP, WCC leader has taken Eastleigh to task
- Hampshire Highways appear disinterested in our problems
- Set up a group lead by Will Martin to look at what we can do
  - Reviewed best practice in Hampshire – Beriton looks good
  - In contact with traffic management consultant
  - ? Traffic calming, speed limits
- Traffic – Speed, Volume, Behaviour (2)
- Picott Lane has its own problems
  - Replaced bollard
  - Lorries are too large for the road width
- Growth - Housing
- Agreed in 2016 to support proposals for 'affordable homes'
- Gerry Tull put forward proposals and plans were discussed with 2 interested housing associations as well as WCC
- Bottom line was that no plan for 'reasonable affordable homes' was forthcoming, the proposed prices were far too high for the villagers who need this accommodation
- The PC was very unhappy with this position, but resolved not to support unwarranted house builds
- Gerry Tull worked tirelessly on this item, it was not his fault that it did not progress
- WCC Leader is now trying to re-start this process for the District
- Planning
- Lots of applications processed, mostly without comment
- A lot of concern over road safety not being properly evaluated in proposals
- Wild life protection, both flora and fauna is a major point in all our evaluations and decisions
- SDNP local plan now submitted, will soon be critical to Planning Application assessment
  - Local development boundary proposals for Main Road were 'silly'
- We have been frequently disappointed by performance of the local planning officers – seem to be lacking in both energy and common sense

#### Highways & Public Transport

- Winter rain and 'The Beast from the East' hit our lanes hard
  - Still awaiting major pot hole repairs
  - Fix to the sump in Whaddon to prevent flooding
  - Improvements to culvert at the end of Hurst Lane
- Fly tipping still an issue, nice to see some swinging prosecutions
  - Bus service still happening – just
- School bus seems to have improved over the last few months

#### Open Spaces

- Glebe Field burial space issue seems to have been contained by the PCC
- Improved wheelchair access to Playground
- Reviewing need for new Play Equipment
- Sports Club has not come up with proposals for enhancing usage or facilities for sports field

#### Other

- Crime – burglaries seem to be down, little vandalism
- Evaluation of relationship between the PC and the Village Hall
- Telephone Kiosk has a 'new life'
- Christmas Lights were brilliant again – our thanks to the team
- Fantastic new enclosure at the Zoo – the PC had a preview
- Broadband has come to Main Road and the near vicinity, the rest of us are stuck with a poor service
- Passed our Financial and Safety audits with flying colours

#### And finally.....

- My thanks to all councillors, Parish, WCC and HCC who have helped run our affairs over the last year
- BUT we must have new faces on the PC and doing things generally for the Village, some of us are getting very decrepit

## APPENDIX B: DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

### May report

#### Winchester City Council Election Results - 3 May 2018

**Conservative:** 23

**Liberal Democrats:** 22

**Turnout:** 44.19%

**Total votes cast:** 37,541

**Electorate:** 84,955

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Candidate	Party	Result
COOK Simon Hugh Bult	Liberal Democrats	378
KERSHAW June Elizabeth	Labour	172
<b>RUFFELL LAURENCE</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>1,260</b>
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>41.80%</b>

#### Winchester, the gin capital

As Britain's appetite for cocktails continues to flow, Winchester's local businesses have made the city a perfect destination for lovers of gin.

Britain's appreciation for gin is on the rise –and locally this has been evidenced as 250 tickets to the Mid-Hants Railway Watercress Line's 'Gin Train' event sold out in just two minutes. Passengers will enjoy cocktails created by official partner, Winchester Distillery using local Twisted Nose Gin, whilst travelling in style on the steam train through the rolling countryside of the South Downs National Park. **Visitors** can discover more about their favourite tittle by taking a distillery tour at either Winchester Distillery in Old Alresford or Laverstoke Mill – home to the world famous gin Bombay Sapphire with their award-winning state-of-the-art sustainable distillery with iconic glasshouses designed by Thomas Heatherwick Studios. Learn about the 10 botanicals that make the distinctive Bombay flavour and discover your personal taste profile which will identify your perfect complimentary cocktail.

**Visit** Winchester is celebrating World Gin Day on 9 June - grab a glass at the Ginchester Fête.

#### How Winchester City Council can help deliver affordable housing in rural communities

Winchester City Council is working closely with Parish Councils across the District to see how affordable housing for rural communities can be delivered. **The** demand for affordable housing is high in rural areas, with many people being forced to leave areas where they have grown up or have family ties, or where they work because they simply cannot afford the housing. This can have an impact on the vitality of villages with changing demographics affecting the sustainability of local shops and services. **Winchester** City Council is a partner in HARA (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) and works closely with Parish Councils to provide affordable housing schemes on **exception** sites. These homes are specifically provided for people on the housing register with a strong local connection to their Parish. The Council in partnership with HARA have supported the delivery of almost 200 affordable homes on small rural sites across the District, including West Meon, Meon stoke, Twyford and Kings Worthy, however the Council wants even more to ensure that rural communities have affordable housing options for local residents.

#### Tighter planning controls in Winnall set to control the rise in houses of multiple occupation.

In order to enable the Council to exercise greater control over the creation of new houses of multiple occupation (HMOs) in the Winnall area of Winchester an Article 4 Direction will come into effect on 1 May which will remove permitted development rights which allow single family homes to be converted into HMOs without requiring full planning permission. **Whilst** the overall number of HMOs in Winnall is relatively modest, there are some localised concentrations with numbers rising in the neighbourhood. The aim of tightening planning controls in this part of Winchester is to keep an appropriate balance between family housing and shared homes.

**An Article 4 Direction** was introduced in the Stanmore area of Winchester in 2016 where there was already a significant number of HMOs, particularly in certain roads, and the figure was generally increasing year on year. The restrictions have been successful in controlling the growth of HMOs in this area. From 1 May anyone wishing to change a single family home in Winnall to an HMO will need full planning permission from the Council. This will allow the Council to properly assess the impact of proposed changes of use against the policies in the Local Plan which seek to avoid over-concentrations of HMOs in one area so that an appropriate mix of different types of residential accommodation is preserved.

#### SDNP

Don't forget to say hello if you spot our Rangers and volunteers out working in the National Park. Here's a taste of what they achieved in April 2018.

- Installed an **interpretation panel at the Bronze-age barrow at Long Burgh**, Alfriston in partnership with Historic England
- Started this year's South Downs Farmland Bird Initiative surveys, with **lapwing surveys at South Stoke, Offham and in the Arun to Adur** Farm Cluster area
- Carried out patrols to **encourage dog owners to #TaketheLead**
- Carried out three **moth surveys at Mill Hill** with the Sussex Moth Group
- Cleared organic matter left from scrub clearance from the **Long Man of Wilmington**
- **Met with local farmers** at the eastern end of the National Park to talk about scrub clearance
- Cleared reed mace as part of **Glynde dew pond maintenance**
- **Removed stumps** left after scrub clearance at Mill Hill.
- Erected electric fencing Beeding Hill SSSI so that **goats can graze for chalk grassland management** and installed infrastructure to enable grazing at Steyning Bowl Local Wildlife Site
- Made up and began installing **ten new finger post signs to go out on the South Downs Way**
- Led a **Heartsmart walk for 23 people** at Slindon and supported **MIND volunteers at Graffham Down**
- Started up a new volunteer group with West Sussex County Council and East Clayton community farm and had the first task to **stock-proof a field**
- **Installed a barn** own box near Treyford
- **Planted 800 primroses**, donated by Binsted Nursery, along hedgerow at Binstead.
- Planted cowslip plug plants along field margins near Noar Hill to **support rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly** with Winchester Downs Farm Cluster and Selborne Landscape Partnership.
- Met up with **water vole surveyors** ahead of the 2018 survey season and put out latrine floats to monitor breeding populations on the River Meon. **Breeding signs have already been spotted** at one site.
- **Recovered a lost geocache** and began work to find a new location for it
- Uploaded **data for River Monitoring Index and butterfly surveys** to national databases
- **Removed invasive rhododendron from Stedham Common and Ambersham Common**, this can be safely removed during April as it is not used by birds to nest in.
- Helped with a **community tree planting at Easebourne school**
- Cleared and burned holly scrub at Ebernoe to **improve habitat for rare bats and invertebrates**
- Helped capture and release to **translocate field crickets from Lord's Piece to RSPB Pulborough Brooks** following work to into improving the heathland habitat

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Cllr Laurence Ruffell

## APPENDIX C: RFOS REPORT

### **Owslebury Parish Council 2018 Annual Parish Assembly Assistant RFO's comments on financial results.**

The accounts, which are subject to audit, show the Council to be in a good financial position.

The Council kept the precept at the same level as that for the last four. Receipts of £40,743 mainly comprised the precept and WCC grant of £22,832, an HCC grant of £6,600 for the local Lengthsman scheme, involving five other councils, and donations from two major fundraising appeals: for the Christmas lights, £824, and for the Action against Destructive Development (ADD) campaign £8,050

Payments came to £22,580, an increase of £1,444 on the previous year. The increases were mainly in:

- staff costs which were up by £213;
- audit costs up by £180;
- expenditure related to Christmas lights up by £232;
- payments related to the local Lengthsman scheme where we spent £5,760 of the grant monies we received from HCC.

These additional costs were largely offset by reductions in routine costs. However, the major reductions over last year were in:

- tree pruning – down by £750;
- consultancy fees down by £850;
- maintenance, mainly for the playground, down by £760 as last year we undertook refurbishing work;
- local grants and community projects were down by £2,932 mainly because the Council deferred expenditure in relation to traffic related improvements until its Advisory group had concluded a fresh review of the options open to the Council and made its recommendations;

The Council had reserves of about £76,135 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Of that sum just under £10,000 is ring fenced, mainly to make contributions to the ADD campaign in the coming year (£8,050), and for Christmas lights (£1,264). The Council has ear-marked £25,000 to help fund community projects, notably traffic management measures, and £28,500 to fund the replacement of playground equipment in the next four to five years. The general reserve was £9,267, sufficient to fund any unexpected demands for expenditure.

Overall, the Council has continued to hold the precept at the same level it was four years ago, continued to control its costs base and to set aside substantial funds for community projects, including contributing to the ADD campaign as part of its Protect our Village programme.

M Cleary  
Assistant RFO  
April 2018