**ITCHEN STOKE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council held on

Wednesday 12th March 2025

At The Lodge, Hampage Farm, Ovington, SO24 0HY

at 7.30pm

These minutes are draft until resolved as accurate at, usually, the following Council meeting

Council Members Present:

Cllr David Cook Chairman

Cllr John Harvey Vice Chair

Cllr James Collins

Cllr Barry Norgate

In attendance:

Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologies

Cllr James Collins

Cllr Jackie Porter County Councillor

Cllr Russell Gordon-Smith Mayor of Winchester

Cllr Margot Power District Councillor

Clare Pinniger District Councillor

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| 25.01 | **Apologies –** Cllr Bruce sent apologies which were accepted by the Council. |  |
| 25.02 | **Declaration of Interests**  None |  |
| 25.03 | **Adjournment for Public Participation –** no members of the public present |  |
| 25.04 | **To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th December 2024,** Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Norgate.  **RESOLVED:** All Members present agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the above meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman |  |
| 25.05 | **Matters Arising from the Minutes if not addressed in this Agenda**  23.70 – Chairman has yet to contact the Dedicated Neighbourhood Police Officer – this is to be added to the agenda for the May meeting. | Cllr Cook |
| 25.06 | **Planning (to ratify the decisions of the Council)**   1. **SDNP/24/05303/FUL – Boomtown Festival UK Ltd and Matterley Farming.** Change of use of land from agriculture to mixed agriculture and holding of one music festival event to occur once a calendar year. Retention of wooden structures within woodland area, use of additional access points on A31, A272 and Rodfield Lane, all associated with festival use.   Comments were required by 28th February, but the Chair spoke to SDNP Planning Team about an extension due to the rescheduling of the Parish Council meeting. Comments are to be submitted by Friday 14th March.  The Chair explained that this was the third temporary application with the last from December 2019 to December 2024. The last application increased attendees from 40,000 to 64,999, 48,000 ticket holders and 17,000 crew.  The Parish Council approved the last application with a number of caveats including that no additional land be used, no further increase in attendee numbers and monitoring of the environmental impact of the event. The Councillors were disappointed that an application was received in January 2020 to increase attendee numbers, but this was withdrawn as was an application in 2022.  The current application has supporting documents on the environmental impact which Councillors agreed should be reviewed by specialists.  The attendee numbers are planned to increase to 75,999 with 63,000 ticket holders and 12,000 crew. The site is planned to decrease in size from 501 hectares to 423 and the maximum height of 28m, previously this was 40m.  Councillors agreed that the traffic management of the event has improved, and consultation events have ensured residents are aware.  Councillors agreed to support the application for the event with an annual monitoring of the impact taking place. Councillors also asked that any further applications be consulted on prior to the application being made.  Chair to write up comments and return to SDNP Planning Team.   1. **SDNP/25/00903/HOUS – Mulberry House.** Retrospective application for the construction of a swimming pool.   The Chair informed the Councillors that the previously approved application had expired. Councillors agreed to respond with no objections.  Clerk to respond on behalf of the Council.   1. **25/00161/HOU – Warren House.** Erection of two-storey rear extension and re-installation of porch.   The Councillors agreed that they had no objections to this application.  Cllr Collins commented on the campsite application between Old Alresford and Swarraton on the B3046. | Cllr Cook  Clerk  Clerk |
| 25.07 | **Finance**  The Clerk circulated Appendix A & B of the financial reports prior to the meeting.  The only payments made since those approved at the last meeting are:   * Bank charges (December) - £6.00 * Bank charges (January) - £6.00   The balance of the Unity Trust account is £25,046.12.  In addition, the following payments have been added to the Bank Account for approval:   * Clerk’s salary (Q4) - £352.00 * PAYE (Q4) - £88.00 * Winchester City Council emptying dog bins (Q2 July to Sept) - £65.00 * Winchester City Council emptying dog bins (Q3 Oct to Dec) - £65.00   Cllr Cook proposed the approval of all these payments, Cllr Harvey proposed, and Cllr Collins seconded.  **RESOLVED:** to approve all payments.  The Clerk informed Councillors that the payments had been posted on the Unity Bank account and were ready for approval. |  |
| 25.08 | **Assets Checks update from councillors (standing item)**  It was confirmed by the Chair that all the Parish Council assets were in good order and accounted for.  It was agreed that the telephone box would need decorating soon and contact details for material to be accessed from Phil Cartwright by Cllr Norgate. | Cllr Norgate |
| 25.09 | **Correspondence (previously circulated)**   1. Draft transport strategy – summary attached 2. M27 junction 10 updates – email forwarded to all 3. SDNPA's 2024/25 call for projects for CIL funding 4. Parish Connect Briefing: Local Government Reorganisation – 5th February   The Councillors reported that they had not been able to attend the briefing on 5th February but read the report from Cllr Power with interest.  The South Down Local Plan is being updated including allocation of any new developments.  Cllrs NOTED all correspondence before them. |  |
| 25.10 | **Speedwatch Update – Cllr Cook**  Cllr Cook informed the Council that there had been no Speedwatch sessions since the last meeting. |  |
| 25.11 | **County, Ward and District Councillors Reports (Previously Circulated)**  The Clerk circulated the Councillors reports for February as part of the papers for the meeting, Cllr Power has since sent the March report which has been forwarded to all Councillors. |  |
| 25.11 | **Members Questions**  Cllr Norgate asked when the next Lengthsman visit was planned as some of the ditches on Park Lane need clearing. The Clerk explained that the dates for 2025/26 had not yet been circulated by the contractor but would make contact to ask for a price to visit and clear this area.  The Chair asked that the Lengthsman visits for Itchen Stoke & Ovington were between April and October and no winter dates be set. The Clerk agreed to ask if this could be scheduled. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 25.12 | **Date of Next Meeting –** Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.30 pm  Cllr Collins informed the Council that he would not be able to attend on this date and asked if an alterative could be booked.  Following the meeting the Clerk suggested either Wednesday 7th May or 28th May, both dates to be circulated with the minutes.  **Future meeting dates**   * Wednesday 10th September * Wednesday 3rd December * Wednesday 25th February 2026 * Wednesday 13th May 2026   These dates are to be confirmed at the next meeting, Clerk to add to agenda. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 25.13 | **Close of Meeting** – There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm. |  |

***Confirmed as a true record:***

***Signed by David Cook (Chairman)……..………………………………………………………………………………………***

***Dated…………………………………………………..…………….***