



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at East Meon Church Hall on Thursday 21 November 2013**

Present: Alan Redpath, (Chairman), Brian Biggs, Anella Parker-Martin, Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake (Vice Chair), Chris Pamplin, Joe Selby, Sarah Cowrick (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor John West, Councillor David Parkinson, George Atkinson, Annie Bone and Chris Warren..

2 DECLARATIONS of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

None

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held on 19 September 2013 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – to follow

5 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes/outstanding issues

Cycling: APM commented that the Cycling in the village concerns would be discussed at the next Village Hall meeting. She advised that although the income from the cycling racing clubs hiring the VH facilities/car park as a half way refreshment stop, was useful it was not vital. The issue was discussed generally and it was agreed that it might be helpful to alert the SDNP to the concerns raised by the parish in the hope that a scheme to educate the cycling participators might be implemented.

APM/JS

Review of actions arising from the Parish Plan: were reviewed and progress advised. **River :** AR advised that Andy Thomas who is the Wild Trout Trust Conservation Officer in conjunction with The River Meon Partnership, along with several local residents, have been planning a pilot river habitat enhancement scheme in the centre of the village. An article will be published in the Meon Matters. **Policing:** AR to discuss with PC Dixon ways to avoid disruption in the village by people known to parishioners and who live in the village.

Neighbourhood Plan: BB updated Councillors on progress and that a recent workshop with representation from all 3 teams had proved successful. Future workshops are being planned and funding has been applied for and partly received.

Section 106 Claw backs: PTD advised that the outcome of her research resulted in confirmation that as at 30 June 2013 88% of Developer Contributions held by Hampshire County Council have been allocated to specific schemes. Over half of the remaining balance is awaiting planning permission in order to allow the process for spending contributions to begin. Much of what then remains will be allocated to specific projects once feasibility work to identify the impact of the development can be completed.

6

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) History Group

AR advised that the history group had requested a suitable location to store & display archives. For further consideration.

ALL

b) Annual Assembly

As previously agreed the date was set for 23 April and it was suggested and agreed that the Wild Trout Trust come and talk to the village about the Pilot enhancement scheme for the River. Consideration was given to potential candidates for the awards.

c) Play Area Upgrade

It was agreed to research the upgrading of the play area by the village hall and consider a new site for it nearer the entrance. PTD agreed to gain a quote and research any funding available. APM advised that the wooden structure in the play area on the Recreation Ground needed some remedial works. The Clerk would send APM the ROSPA report again.

SC

d) Caretaker :

AR confirmed that as a result of the resignation Cara Vaughan a new caretaker had been sought by the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed that the recreation/pavilion responsibilities could also be integrated into a revised job specification, covering both responsibilities.

AR

e) Workhouse Lane Traffic

Although this ongoing issue has been brought to the attention of the county councillor (John West) and HCC Highways, there was no comprehensive solution to this problem. It was observed that parked cars were a good traffic speed control. There was no doubt that more traffic was using the road since the play group opened. It was agreed that signage exiting the VH and the sports pavilion car park might help and to make people aware of the dangers.

AR

f) Street Lighting

Replacement of existing street lights is scheduled for late 2014 – there are 10 heritage lights allocated to within the conservation area.

AB

g) Highways

The following action points were highlighted having been reported previously. Road outside Glenthorne, Frogmore and railings on Coombe Road. GA to also alert EHDC to the poor state of the car park which is rented by EHDC at Workhouse Lane. Discussion took place on the inappropriate parking of cars by residents at 2 Coombe Cottages. **GA**

h) Allotments

SC to action the water being turned off. CW to alter allotment holders to the dangers of bonfires being lit. **CW/SC**

i) Trees on Green

Action as agreed at last meeting. Discussion took place on loping the silver birch and in light of potential new site for play area it was agreed to obtain a quote for this. **AR**

j) Grass Cutting

Marc Atkinson's to be asked to supply a quote before the precept is submitted and in accordance with Standing orders a second quote be sought. **SC**

7

PLANNING

a) Committee Chairman's Report and current planning issues

BB reported on planning applications since the last meeting.

It was agreed to highlight the link to the SDNP planning applications via the Parish web site, on the notice of PC meetings on the parish notice board. And also a note advising that all applications are published in the Petersfield Post every week.

8

FINANCE

a) Councillors approved the accounts to date and variations between budget and actual. It was noted that the total funds included a grant reference the Neighbourhood Plan of £3505.

b) Provisional precept setting for 2013/2014 was agreed at an inflationary increase of 2.7 % making the total Precept £23690. Discussion took place on likely savings and costs for the year and The Clerk's suggested budget was approved.

9

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Date of May meeting was agreed to be moved to 15 May 2014.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.15am

Signed: Date: