



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at East Meon Church Hall on Thursday 7 February 2013**

Present: Alan Redpath, (Chairman), George Atkinson, Brian Biggs, Annie Bone, Anella Parker-Martin, David Parkinson, Chris Pamplin, Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake, Chris Warren, Sarah Cowlrick (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor John West

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2 DECLARATIONS of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

GA reference current planning application at Lower Farm

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held on 22 November 2012 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

BB commented on action points against his name regarding the play group in the village hall which should have had APM initials against it. Agreed.

4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

(a) County:

Report previously circulated from Councillor West.

(b) District Councillors Report as follows:

- Joint Core Strategy is likely to be delayed for a year unfortunately.
- Budget issues continue although the partnership with Havant is still working well. Discussion took place on local precept and council tax levels.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Waste Bin

It was agreed to purchase a bin for the Recreation ground which CW would arrange to be sited. It was also agreed to give some bin bags to Vic Giles as CP advised that some bins when emptied were not being filled with new bags.

CW

CP

(b) Allotments

There was only one person on the waiting list. BB agreed to approach someone who currently has an allotment at Workhouse Lane who might wish to relinquish it. This may result in Mr Ham being able to be offered an allotment. **BB**

(c) Trees on Green

AR advised that he would identify the tree on the green in the spring with the help of the RHS. Discussion took place on other trees on the Green and GA agreed to undertake a feasibility study in this regard. He also agreed to discuss the issue raised by APM reference the hedge on the Green. **AR GA**

(d) Hedge on Recreation Ground

It was agreed that CW should engage James Cooke to tidy the hedge as quoted and the Parish Council could consider re-laying it at a future date, if funds are available. **CW**

(e) Grass Cutting

Agreed to go to quote for 2013 as required by PC Standing Orders. **SC**

(f) Sign Cleaning

CP advised that Vic Giles will take this on but suggested wait until the spring **CP**

(g) Stiles

BB confirmed that he had reported all outstanding issue regarding stiles as reported at the last meeting and awaited a response other than the generic one rating the request as non urgent. **BB**

(h) Parish Plan

AR advised that the Plan is completed and will be uploaded onto the website and registered with EHDC/SDNP for final acceptance. It successfully updates the previous Plan and highlights areas which need to be addressed. **AR**
AR suggested the following action points:

AR proposed that a waste bin be placed at Pidham Hill and swapped with the one outside Meonside in Workhouse Lane. This was discussed again later in the meeting and agreed to defer as it was felt it might attract more visitors. It was furthermore agreed to ask JW to ascertain the ownership and legal status of the "lay-by". **CP JW**

AR proposed that the PC take up issue with EHDC regarding litter on the McDonalds roundabout and perhaps emphasise the National Park with signage. DP suggested the PC contact Mark Kemp-Gee and copy in Councillor John West. **AR**

DP suggested that the PC may consider increasing the Precept to pay for a traffic calming project in the parish within part of the Parish Plan objective. **DP**

This was well received and the areas that need to be focused on should be the gateways to the village and Chapel Street. DP agreed to pursue the feasibility of “precepting” for specific projects as a way of funding them.

6 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The steering Group as formed at the last meeting of BB, PTD and CW attended briefing meetings on behalf of the PC and minutes had been circulated. BB advised that as a result of consultation with SDNP the Plan should not be confined to the main settlement area but encompass the whole parish but focus on the settlement area. This would give the parish more flexibility on future potential planning sites. It requires a democratic community input and the final plan approved by a parish referendum. AR proposed that the PC agree pursuing the Plan in principal and then open it up to the Annual Parish assembly to gauge the support from the village in the first instance. It was agreed that an introduction to the project be included in the next Meon Matters. **BB**

It was agreed to pursue with the first stage of the Plan, present as above to the village together with perhaps a presentation on the past and future of the village. AR suggested Michael Blakstad might present on the historic side. All agreed.

7 PLANNING

(a) Current Issues

BB aired current applications which will be dealt with by the planning committee and are available on the SNDP website. Councillors had an opportunity to comment.

(b) The Forge:

The Chairman welcomed Mr Ian Croucher and Mr Jamie Croucher who gave a presentation on their plans for the development of the Forge. Councillors had the opportunity to ask questions. The Planning Committee will consider it in due course and submit their report. Mrs Gay Bartlett and Mrs Penny Croucher were in attendance for the latter part of this discussion only. The Chairman explained the procedure for the planning application and thanked the Crouchers for attending. Councillors had an opportunity to discuss the application with the planning committee.

8 OTHER PARISH MATTERS

(a) Frogmore Car Park

AR reported on an email from a concerned resident regarding the car park also an issue raised by another resident concerning the trees. GA would action both these issues and recommend any works he feel are necessary in the **GA**

interests of safety, or reasonable maintenance.

This gave rise to a discussion on the parish council's ownership of the car park and the possibility which AR had raised before of selling it to the owners of the 11 cottages for them to form an association which owns and runs it. Benefits would accrue to both parties and it was agreed that this should be explored which AR would do. **AR**

(b) Annual Parish Assembly and nominations for Parish Award

Parish Award: Suggestions were discussed and 2 nominees were agreed. BB suggested preparing a list of potential future nominees. **ALL**

Parish Assembly: Agreed format as discussed previously and Cheese and Wine will be provided. Publicity of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan as agreed and Chris Paterson and Andrew Trigg will outline to those present the Neighbourhood Plan concept. **SC/PTD BB**

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FINANCE

(a) Current Report

The Clerk gave an overview of the current financial situation and the likely outcome of there being a small surplus at the end of the year. She reported that most lines of expenditure were under budget and some significantly so.

(b) Precept 2013/2014

The draft proposal of a 4% increase on Precept to £23067 (Twenty three thousand and sixty seven pounds) was approved. The Clerk's contracted fee was increased by 4% . It was agreed to apply for a Debit Card for use with the current account.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Dates for the next meeting as previously agreed:** Thursday 9 May 2013, Thursday 12 September 2013, Thursday 21 November 2013. Annual Parish Assembly 24 April 2013

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.25