



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held at East Meon Village Hall on Monday 16th May 2016**

Present: Councillors Richard Bartlett, David Cooke, Susan Davenport, Chris Pamplin, Alan Redpath Sharon Silence and Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake. (left at 19.35) Sarah Cowlrick (Clerk) and 11 members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received and accepted from Parish Cllr Marc Atkinson, Cllr Dominic Carney, County Cllr Ken Moon and District Cllr Rob Mocatta.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Redpath offered his willingness to stand as Chair again and was duly unanimously elected.

**3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Davenport offered her willingness to stand as Vice Chair for another year and was duly unanimously elected.

**4. DECLARATIONS of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake registered an interest in land in the EM Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan and advised that she would not be taking part in any discussion regarding this interest.

All Councillors submitted their updated Register of Interest forms where appropriate.

**5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING on 27th January 2016 and the Annual Parish Assembly**

Cllr T-Drake recommended that the names on the Awards Plaque in the Village Hall be changed to black writing from gold to make it more visible. All agreed.

The minutes of the meeting on 27th January were approved and duly signed as a true and correct record. The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly were approved and will be posted on the website.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM BOTH MINUTES:**

### **Play Area**

Cllr Silence advised that children have been using the slide as a toilet facility. Those involved have been spoken to and it was hoped that this be an end to the unfortunate matter. It was however also noted that at a recent wedding some adult guests had been seen in the play area on the equipment and it was suggested that when bookings are made that perhaps the Village Hall Committee could make it clear that the play area is for Under 8's only.

Cllr Davenport advised that the legal obligations relating to the new lease should be signed off shortly.

### **Sports Pavilion**

Cllr Redpath informed those present that he recommended a review of the football club facility with Clanfield F.C. after the season as there were several issues that needed addressing not least the parking when four U12 teams are playing. Cllr Redpath will distribute any proposal for consideration at the next meeting. Cllr Redpath went on to say how well the new caretaker (Ken Woodhouse) was working out. He also advised that Josh Whittear had approached him re using the facility and pitch for a potential East Meon football team. Although there are no details as yet, this will be further discussed with him. This was also viewed as a positive development which the parish council would welcome.

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

Cllr Redpath advised that we were now at the pre-submission draft stage for parish consultation which would last 6 weeks from the 14<sup>th</sup> May. Full access to the *draft plan* is available on the parish website and for those residents without internet access, it can be viewed and commented upon at two drop in sessions at the village hall on the Saturday mornings of 14<sup>th</sup> May & 4<sup>th</sup> June. Details of the consultation have been posted at prominent locations in the village and leaflets distributed to all households in the parish. Thirty-three interested bodies have also been given access to the NDP website for their comments.

All consultation responses will be considered and any changes that may be necessary will be made prior to submission to the South Downs National Park Authorities (SDNPA) for their next stage of consultation. He thanked the Residents' Leadership Group and the P.C. Steering group of councillors for the huge amount of work involved in getting the NDP to this stage. He also confirmed that the full Parish Council (as plan sponsors) considered that the prescribed processes had been followed and had approved the pre submission NDP for parish consultation.

### **Five Ways**

Cllr Redpath advised that this was work in progress and later in the open forum Mr. Richard Williams advised that work had already commenced on the project.

## **Stiles**

Cllr Davenport advised that she and Cllr Carney were mid-way through a survey of all the stiles in the parish with an objective of either repairing, or replacing, them. Cllr Carney is also investigating public grants for these works and will work with land owners to achieve this objective.

## **7. PLANNING**

Cllr Bartlett advised that 23 applications had been considered by the Planning Committee since the last Parish Council meeting. All applications and Parish Council comments are available on the SDNPA OR EHDC websites.

Cllr Bartlett highlighted the following applications:

SDNP/15/06462/FUL

Long View Folly Farm: Proposed overnight accommodation, stabling, outbuildings etc. which following objections by the Parish Council the application was subsequently withdrawn.

SDNP/16/00911/LIS

Drayton House : Subterranean swimming pool which would overlook the valley also objected to and subsequently withdrawn.

SDNP/15/05630/LIS

Church Cottage: Both applications (one listed) were objected to by the Parish Council and subsequently withdrawn. The garage is currently under a judicial review and EHDC enforcement officers are involved.

A planning application for the site of MHS Mercury (Leydene) was probable but as yet no application has been submitted to increase the original number of 20 houses by a further 10 smaller dwellings Cllr Bartlett advised that should this materialise he will advise the Parish Council.

## **8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILLORS and OPEN FORUM**

### **Notice Boards**

Cllr Silence advised that Notice Boards have been repaired but need painting.

### **Signs**

Cllr Redpath advised that some finger posts signs in the parish need cleaning. Cllr Pamplin also advised that the sign by the Forge is covered by foliage. Cllr Redpath suggested that he speak to the property owner. It was noted that the Village Womble was doing a good job of picking up litter around the parish and her efforts were appreciated.

### **River**

Further improvement works by the Wild Trout Trust also utilising an EHDC grant of £800 was expected during the summer. Cllr Davenport had also suggested that some of the grant went towards the repainting of the seats along the river, this was agreed.

### **Allotments**

Cllr Cooke advised that all plots were now taken and well cared for. There are no people on the waiting list.

### **School**

Cllr Davenport reported on some thoughtless misbehavior with children abusing equipment on the tennis court, climbing onto the bus shelter etc. and that this has been highlighted to the acting head teacher of East Meon School and also to the head teacher at TPS.

### **Police Team Meeting**

Cllr Redpath advised that the Police had been granted free (paid for by the P.C.) use of the Village Hall on the evening of May 18<sup>th</sup> for their area team meeting.

### **Roads**

It was noted that a lorry had damaged the culvert at the end of Workhouse Lane which would have implications in the event of heavy rain and also a potentially live cable at the junction of Workhouse Lane had been reported to HCC which Southern Electricity are dealing with.

### **Policies**

As previously reported Cllr Redpath and Cllr Davenport are producing a policy guidelines document.

## **9. OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Richard Williams enquired about the status of the "Pattern Book" which was included in the draft N P documents. He added that he thought it was well put together. Cllr Redpath advised that the pattern book is a supporting document that sits below the NP and has to be referred to in the event of any planning applications.

Ms. Susan Hull raised concern over tree roots impeding the drainage ditch in Workhouse Lane.

Mr. Alan Collett raised the issue of why the Glebe Strip was not designated as Green Space in the draft NDP document. Cllr Redpath replied that as it already had a covenant on it and was already protected.

## **10. FINANCE**

### **(a) Approval of Accounts to 31 March 2016**

The Clerk/Financial Officer had previously presented the parish accounts for the year to date at the Annual Parish Assembly and these had subsequently been approved for audit.

The Clerk reported that the Auditor had been unable to undertake the internal audit last week due to illness but this has now been rescheduled. When the audit is complete the Clerk will circulate the report to Councillors.

**(b) Approval of Accounts to date in the 15/16 financial year**

Nothing significant to report as very few transactions this early in the financial year. The Clerk will report the first quarter accounts at the end of June/early July.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cllr Bartlett informed the meeting that Mr. A Dudley-Williams intended to re-establish the width of the path adjacent to The Green
- It was noted that the hedge along the Glebe Strip needed pruning
- A letter from Mr. Robin Smith was shared which raised his concern over the parking of vehicles in Duncombe Road.
- Discussion also ensued on the use of movable speed awareness sign similar to that used by Langrish PC.
- Concern over parking at the school was raised.
- Concern from residents regarding the use of bollards to protect verges outside properties was raised and in the event of an accident, who would be responsible.

Date of the next meeting is Thursday 7th July 2016 at 1900.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2020

Signed:

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