



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held at East Meon Village Hall on Monday 19th September 2016 @ 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors Dominic Carney, David Cooke, Susan Davenport (vice chair), Alan Redpath (chair), Sharon Silence and Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake. County Cllr Ken Moon and District Cllr Rob Mocatta. Sarah Cowlrick (Clerk) and 6 members of the public. (3 left at approx. 8pm) Cllr Marc Atkinson joined the meeting at 7.40pm.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received and accepted from Cllr Richard Bartlett and Cllr Chris Pamplin.

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

None Declared.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

The minutes of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May were approved and duly signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Cooke and seconded by Cllr Davenport.

**4. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Rob Mocatta reported on slow progress on the issue of Devolution within the Councils. Several options have been aired and the likely outcome is some change in structure. A consultation expired at noon on 20th September.

Cllr Ken Moon's report will be circulated to the PC. Cllr Moon advised that the consultation on recycling has resulted in a reduction in cost. He also advised that a bursary for youngsters to join an apprenticeship in business admin, construction, care, countryside and catering had been made available. Cllr Moon also advised that several miles of roads and footpaths have had their life extended recently, completed ahead of schedule, the favourable weather aided this.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM BOTH MINUTES:**

**(a) Play Area**

Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake advised that remedial repairs were required to the play areas as highlighted by the most recent ROSPA report. Council agreed to a cost of up to £500 max and Cllr Moon offered to contribute up to a maximum of £1000. Those present thanked him for this offer and accepted it. Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake will put together a comprehensive request and submit a claim.

### **(b) Trees**

The chairman outlined a proposal from some residents on the Green about the proposed planting of trees on the Glebe Strip which would sit well with the Neighbourhood Plan and Open Spaces. The residents have been proactive and have obtained quotes to reinstate the previous trees which were planted in poorly prepared soil. The total quote was £1270 plus VAT and the residents have asked if the PC would be willing to contribute to this. It was proposed that the PC donate a maximum of £750 to the project with the proviso that residents request a donation from the village 'Good Causes Fund' in the hope that the Parish Council contribution can be reduced. The residents have agreed to pay the balance of £520. All agreed.

Cllr Bartlett had applied for TPO's on trees belonging to the Parish Council on Glenthorne Meadow and had obtained a quote for £950-£1250 to reduce them. It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting when Cllr Bartlett could present his findings.

Furthermore, a TPO for 4 other Limes Trees to the south of Glenthorne Meadow had been applied for. The clerk informed the meeting that they were not owned by the Parish Council but by Radian and they were currently inspecting them to form an opinion as to the need for trimming. It was agreed to defer this also.

**RB**

### **(c) Grass Cutting**

Cllr Atkinson would review the parish grass cutting arrangements and ensure that areas that are not currently cut be incorporated into the contract. This would include the gateway when approaching from West Meon.

**MA**

### **(d) Football Club**

The chairman advised of a successful re-negotiation of the arrangement with Clanfield Football Club which would be more beneficial in monetary terms and would also avoid two U15s matches being played at the same time, thereby mitigating traffic issues in this area. He also advised that the new caretaking arrangement was working well.

### **(e) Councillors Responsibilities**

The chairman reviewed the respective portfolios of Councillor's responsibilities and asked if all their activities were working satisfactorily. He commented that it also demonstrated the workload that Councillors undertake.

### **(f) Bridge Workhouse Lane:**

The Clerk advised of a request from Highways to comment on the Bridge at Workhouse Lane which she would forward to the Planning Committee to comment on.

**(g) Highways:**

Cllr Carney advised that parishioners had raised concerns to him about traffic and suggested a policy of local input into an issue considered by Highways. He commented that budgets do not allow the highways authority to gather information and perhaps local initiatives could help with local knowledge. He went on to suggest that the Council look at presenting a uniform approach with potential solutions. Cllr Carney advised that he was aware of a local report to protect rural quality and safety and would try to locate the report and bring the matter to the next meeting. Cllr Atkinson reported that the “fix my street” APP was not working. He went on to add that Clanfield residents had suggested a formal working group be set up to look at the issues surrounding the traffic issues. The Chairman counselled against raising expectations at this stage but supported Cllr Carney’s initiative of fuller investigation of potential options.

**DC**

**(h) Stiles**

Cllr Carney had no further progress to report. Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake offered to meet with Cllr Carney to establish ownership of the Stiles in need of repair and the Clerk offered assistance with grant applications.

**DC/PTD**

**(i) Fiveways Restoration Project**

Cllr Carney reported no further progress had been made on this initiative.

**(j) Allotments**

Cllr Cooke reported that the allotment sites were in good shape and currently only one person was on the waiting list for Workhouse Lane. The Clerk had already sent out the tenancy agreements and requests for payment. Cllr Cooke advised that the gate pillar at the entrance Frogmore allotments had been repaired. Discussion ensued on the difference in size of allotments in Workhouse Lane and Frogmore and the charges thereon. It was agreed that £20 was a very fair sum to charge for plots at both locations and far below the rate charged in other areas. It was noted that whilst Workhouse Lane plots were slightly smaller they had the advantage of parking and storage facilities.

**(k) Village Hall**

Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake would attend the Village Hall AGM. She went on to seek guidance as to the colour of the names on the Award Board and all agreed that black would be an improvement.

## **(I) Village Gateways & Parish Notice Boards**

All are in need of refreshing and Cllr Silence would progress the painting of gated entrances to the Village and the village notice boards, before winter. Furthermore, she would ascertain whose responsibility the finger signposts are and who could renovate them.

**SS/PTD**

## **6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **(a) Current Applications**

Cllr Susan Davenport reported that since the last meeting, 17 planning applications had been considered. Of these, 7 related to trees which were not objected to and one application for replacement doors to a listed building - again this was not objected to.

Of the remaining 9 that the Planning Committee submitted, 'No Objection' to 3 of the applications; - the first, a single storey extension to the side of 4 The Green and the second, a 2 storey extension to the Barn Chalk Dell on the grounds that both were small extensions which were in keeping with the original buildings. However the Parish Council did ask the EHDC Planning Department to bear in mind the Night Skies policy when considering the Chalk Dell application as there seemed to be a great amount of glass being used. The third was an application to regularise the necessary and existing field shelter and store shed on the corner of Workhouse Lane.

The Parish Council had asked for clarification on one application which was for a single storey extension to the rear of Stonycroft Halmaker Lane as the Planning Committee was under the impression that a full planning application needed to be made rather than a Lawful Development Certificate as the property is in a National Park. A response is awaited.

5 Applications were objected to :

1) a reapplication by Church Cottage. The original application was considered by the PC for a 3 bay timber clad oak framed garage. The Planning Committee considered that the reapplication was essentially the same as the original - so big it would dwarf the main house and would have a detrimental impact on the character of this part of the Conservation Area.

2) and Listed Building Consent 3) the enlargement of the driveway entrance to Church Cottage. Consent has been granted. The PC's objection was on the grounds that the new gates would be out of proportion to Church Cottage and would have a detrimental impact on this part of the Conservation Area.

4) a reapplication by Folly Farm, Twentyways for overnight accommodation for walkers, cyclists and riders which was considered to be unsustainable, not required and intrusive with an unacceptable adverse impact on the area.

5) a re-application for a slightly smaller chalet bungalow to be built in the grounds of Laurel Cottage. It was felt that this proposed infill dwelling would dominate the street scene, completely dwarf Laurel Cottage, add to the traffic and parking problems in Hill View and detract from the character of the existing landscape.

All applications and comments are available on the website for public viewing.

## **(b) Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Redpath advised that despite the many complexities of the NDP processes, the NDP teams had made good progress in considering and evaluating all responses. The Clerk advised that the current fund stood at £4044.42 and it was envisaged would be enough to complete the Plan.

## **7. OPEN FORUM**

- Caroline Scott raised concern over the destruction of Five Ways. The Chairman advised that as reported earlier in the meeting the matter was in hand under the guidance of Dick Williams and supported by Cllr Dominic Carney. The Chairman gave a history of other similar cases and recommended that locals build evidence based cases.
- Denys Ryder raised concern over potholes in Frogmore and advised that he would be pleased to support the stile repair initiative.

## **8. FINANCE**

### **(a) Current Report**

The Clerk/Financial Officer presented the actual v budget financial position to date and commented that the previous report was circulated during the summer. She advised that she had no immediate concerns of meeting the 2016/17 budget. A copy of accounts was circulated to all Councillors.

The Clerk reported that the Audit had now been completed with no issues arising.

**9. Correspondence received** – previously circulated to Councillors for information only.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Date of the next meeting is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 1900 in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

Signed:

Date: