



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held at East Meon Church Hall on Thursday 11 September 2014**

Present: Alan Redpath, (Chairman), Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake (Vice Chair), Brian Biggs, Annie Bone, Anella Parker-Martin, Joe Selby, Chris Pamplin, Sarah Cowlrick (Clerk), Councillor Richard Bartlett.  
Some members of the public were present for the first hour.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillor Ken Moon, George Atkinson and Chris Warren. AR advised the meeting that Chris Warren had tendered his resignation due to pressure of work and Councillors joined AR in recognising and thanking Chris for his contribution to the Parish Council.

**2 DECLARATIONS of Personal or Prejudicial Interest : None**

**3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** held on 15 May 2014 were amended to record the attendance of Joe Selby and then approved and signed as a true and correct record.

**4 REPORT**

**District Councillor :** Cllr Richard Bartlett gave a full report of his activities to date

- Responses regarding planning
- Travellers in East Meon being moved on and suggestions for additional security measures.
- Entrance to the Recreation Ground and need for access for push chairs
- Interaction with Housing Needs Survey related to the Neighbourhood Plan
- Meeting with the SDNPA regarding proposed SHLAA sites in East Meon
- Training Commitments and work with the Development Policy Panel
- Explanation of new planning committee arrangements and his role in that process. Suggestion of possible evening meetings with the community involvement on contentious or suitably important issues.

- Support to Village Hall with regard to the removal of asbestos circa £500 matched by Cllr Ken Moon.
- Langrish scramble track response requesting that the land reverted to farm land
- Response to request for road closure in respect of the UK cycling Event.

**County Councillor:** AR advised that he is meeting with Cllr Ken Moon and Cllr Bartlett on 19th September to discuss parish matters. Cllr Moon had asked Cllr Bartlett to convey his request for a definitive list of outstanding Highways issues that needed attention which AR agreed to facilitate.

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## PARISH MATTERS

### a) Cardiac Defibrillator :

The parish council facilitated this meeting following an initiative by Emma Gaisford (resident) Hampshire Ambulance Service gave a presentation and demonstration of cardiac defibrillators. Councillors and members of the public present were able to ask questions and brief themselves with the benefits and costs. The estimated cost for East Meon to host a defibrillator at East Meon Village Hall was estimated at £1250 plus VAT. The Parish Council and other attendees were very supportive of this initiative

### b) Five Bar Gate - Pavilion :

The Chairman advised of an incident in the summer where travellers had camped in between the Pavilion and edge of the Football Pitch. The Chairman advised that he had arranged for a notice to be erected but it was agreed that a five bar gate should be erected to bar unwanted travellers. Approved. AR to progress.

AR

### c) Sub Committee Reports:

**Roads:** AR agreed to produce a list of outstanding issues to discuss with Cllr Moon. BB reminded those present of the facility for anyone from the public to report damage to roads via the HCC website. Discussion took place on the dangerous corner at the top of Vinns Hill which would be addressed with HCC.

AR

**Hedges:** It was noted that overgrown hedges were obstructing road signs and needed addressing.

GA

**Litter:** It was noted that the bin lids were being left open which would be reported.

SC

**Footpaths:** It was noted that several footpaths were overgrown and it was agreed to verbally approach the land owners / home owners responsible in the first instance to remind them of their duty to keep them passable.

PTD/SC

**Street Lighting:** It was understood that new street lighting was now scheduled for March 2015 – this would include Heritage style lights within the conservation area.

**Village Hall:** APM advised of changes to the committee and booking clerk.

**Bottle Banks:** It was agreed to canvass opinion on removing the Bottle Banks in Workhouse Lane before making a decision at the next Council meeting. The issues regarding heavy collection lorries, litter and fly-tipping in this area would be highlighted together with a reminder to residents that they can apply for up to 2 bottle boxes which will be collected from the kerb-side fortnightly by the Council.

**d) Parish Plan :**

No issues to report.

**e) Neighbourhood Plan :**

The SDNP Planning committee approved the designation of the East Meon Neighbourhood Plan area at their August 2014 meeting. The teams are making progress. The Built Environment Team have identified a number of potential building sites within the Village and are also working on the housing needs survey. Six draft policies have been identified and are being progressed. The Village Design Statement Team are progressing with the 'characterisation studies' of different parts of the village, 6 areas out of 19 have been completed. These will form the basis of the Pattern Book for the village. There will be a second 'Pop-in-Session' held in the Village Hall on Saturday 6 December 2014 between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. This will show the progress on the plan to date and collect feedback on the potential building sites. The EMNP website ([eastmeonnp.net](http://eastmeonnp.net)) has been completed and an article prepared for the next Meon Matters to publicise its existence.

AR on behalf of the Councillors thanked BB for his considerable efforts in regard to the Plan.

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**MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Holes - Recreation Ground**

No update. GA to action

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**(b) Repairs to Play equipment**

No update. GA to action

GA

<b>(c) Grant / feasibility of a Lengthsmen for the village.</b>	To be addressed with Ken Moon	
<b>(d) Gate on Playground</b>	APM raised concern over the gate to the Green not being able to be shut. To be actioned with other gate issues.	AR
<b>(e) Notice Board Refurbishment</b>	Not yet assigned to a councillor	APM
<b>(f) Village Hall Plaque</b>	WIP	SC
<b>(g) Car Park re-surfacing</b>	WIP	AR
<b>(h) Drainage</b>	AR reported that despite a rather negative response from Southern Water, the matter had been further pursued and more tangible action had now been advised by S.W. with a view to replacing some sections of sewage pipes compromised by trees roots etc. The issue of "Fat Traps" was raised and this would be investigated with both pubs in the village.	PTD
<b>(i) Play Area Refurbishment</b>	PTD presented some options regarding refurbishing the Under 9s play area by upgrading parts of it but given the quotation of £16k it was agreed that until grants were in place it could not be pursued. PTD reported that EHDC had advised that the monies from Leydene development were not available as first thought. SC advised that she had an email from 2012 confirming the funding which she passed to Cllr Bartlett to take up.	RB
<b>(j) Pedestrian/Push Chair access to Recreation Ground</b>	The issue was raised again and it was agreed to rectify the problem by widening the access gate and also erecting a simple safety post & rail barrier approx. 6ft inside the ground to the north. PTD agreed to action.	PTD
<b>(k) Organised Cycling</b>	It was noted that there was a significant increase in the organised cycling activities dominating the centre of the village, and in particular Workhouse Lane. The PC had received complaints from concerned residents and APM advised that she had taken this up with the Village Hall Cttee who requested more information on number of complaints before taking any action to withdraw the hall facility to the organising clubs. This was an issue for the VH Cttee. to consider and if indeed it benefited the village, or added any meaningful income to the VH.	APM

Any future complaints would be directed to the Village Hall Committee.

**(I) Sports Pavilion Costs**

As agreed at the last meeting, a subcommittee (AR/BB/APM) had reviewed the annual running expenses, and forward refurbishment costs of the Pavilion and these were presented to the meeting. These would be further reviewed when the N Plan had been completed.

**PLANNING**

**7 Planning applications since the last meeting were reviewed. Points of Note:**

SDNP/14/01991/FUL - Colchenna

Cllr Bartlett advised that he had raised concern over the need criteria and materials and that the application had subsequently been withdrawn.

SDNP/14/03872/FUL - Lower Oxenbourne Farm

The planning committee had raised a query regarding whether it was a replacement dwelling and awaited a response

SDNP/14/04079/FUL - The Beat House

Despite previous meetings with the applicant, further concerns were raised regarding the design of the proposed build and in particular the size and shape of the windows which in view of the N Plan and focus on design felt it should be highlighted. The initial comments would be reconsidered given the fuller input from the meeting

**FINANCE**

**(a) Current Report**

**8** The Clerk gave an overview of the current financial situation and all payments and receipts for the period were approved. The Clerk reported on an approx £2,000 increase in predicted income and a similar amount of saving on expenditure. All expenses and receipts for the period were approved.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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- Dates of next meeting and Parish Assembly to be circulated. The next meeting will be on Thursday 20 November.
  - Rev Jane Ball shared her ideas for a Remembrance Services on the 9th and 11th November involving the children from the school at the War Memorial to recognise those parishioners lost in the First World War. SC to advise her wreath ordering.
  - Rev Jane Ball advised on the initial consultation regarding the restricting space available for burials in the Church Yard.

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.48**

**Signed:**

**Date :**