



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at East Meon Village Hall on Thursday 10 November 2011**

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

2 DECLARATIONS of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

PTD re current planning application from Cedar Valley Ltd

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held on 1 September 2011 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

(a) **County:** Report previously circulated from Cllr West

(b) **District:**

- **Bins:** Cllr Parkinson outlined the now resolved teething problems regarding the collection of refuse and recycling bins in the area
- **Olympic Torch:** Cllr Parkinson advised that the Olympic Torch will pass through Petersfield and he advised he would see if it was possible for it to also pass through East Meon.

DP

- **BMX Tracks** The Councillors were informed that an East Meon resident had submitted an application via the new Community Forum route to build a BMX ramp in the village. Councillors were aware of an unapproved structure being erected by children in the village which was on Radian (Drum Housing) land and had now been removed. It was causing complaints from various residents on grounds of noise and safety issues. Councillor Parkinson was involved in the process of site and cost feasibility with EHDC. The initial estimate was between

DP

£50-£80,000. Cllr Parkinson advised that he was involved in the process of assessing this at the Community Forum. Discussion took place on the possibility of an alternative smaller construction at another site and whether a middle ground could be found. PTD will forward photographs of structures she had seen abroad to Councillor Parkinson. The Parish Council acknowledged that that in a small village there were limited opportunities for children to play in one-to-one unorganised activities, but also questioned whether a sole focus upon a BMX activity excluded other broader possibilities. Finding a suitable site was also another challenge, as such structures had to be located well away from residential housing. The last remaining PC owned suitable site (Workhouse Lane) was allocated to allotments after a previous BMX track fell into disuse from lack of interest. **PTD**

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Gravel Pit

GA advised that this matter was in hand and that the rubbish in the pit had not increased significantly. He said that in due course he would arrange for it to be cleared. **GA**

(b) P.C. Policy Documents (work in progress)

AR

(c) Social Housing

DP advised that the working party would soon be meeting with Radian (Drum Housing) to establish the criteria for re location and the urgent concern regarding Park Vista. PTD suggested we make a claim for affordable housing monies from Leydene for this purpose. **DP/BB/PTD**

(d) Jubilee

PTD will canvass interest via Meon Matters for this which was well received by those present. It was agreed that a street party should be combined with the lighting of the Beacon on Monday 4 June 2012 rather than have two events. Funding to be discussed at another time. **PTD**

(e) Up Dated Parish Plan

AR advised that BB, AB and he had met twice reviewing the Parish Plan and have produced an interim report which has been circulated to all Councillors for comment. Cllr Parkinson will advise on whom to contact regarding CC and DC input. AR invited Councillors to comment by email before the next PC meeting. A questionnaire via Meon Matters will be distributed in January and then the Parish Forum & an open morning will be used as another opportunity for residents to air their views by which time the Localism Bill will be more tangible. It was agreed this was an excellent idea and there would be no need for a speaker. Councillor Parkinson reminded those present of the importance of the Parish Plan when adopted in planning considerations. **DP**
ALL

PTD would write a piece for the school section.

PTD

(f) River Meon Working Party

AR reminded Councillors that a sub group had been created to look at this. GA and CW reported on meetings to date which would address the issue of water shortage and habitat. Funding would be sought later. Meetings had taken place with the Wild Trout Trust and the EA who may amend the status of the River from ‘not in danger’ to ‘at risk’. Nick Heasman (QECP) was also involved.

CW/GA

(g) Lights in Village

Nothing further to report from last meeting. AB advised that the light outside Church had been reported to HCC and would be repaired. AB also reported that the glass in the Telephone Box had been repaired twice.

AB

(h) Website

WIP - DP and BB will research.

DP/BB

(i) Holes in Recreation Ground

GA will fill in any dangerous holes when the weather allowed.

GA

(j) Gate on Recreation Ground

It was agreed at AR’s suggestion to locate a “horse hitching” barrier inside the opening (possibly both ends of the Recreation Ground) to alleviate a potential safety problem. GA and CW to liaise and obtain quotes.

GA/CW

(k) Frogmore Car Park

No documents had yet been found regarding the terms of the gift from Peter Street. GA would speak to Wilson about the history of the gift which was assumed to alleviate the problem of no car parking spaces. AR felt that the question should be raised – but do we need to own it, and what is the benefit?

GA

6 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Environmental & Highways

No issues on highways apart from obvious current works which it was noted had caused a huge mess at the end of Workhouse Lane which BB felt the Highways Authority should repair.

GA/BB

AR advised that Chris White (HCC Roads) who holds the budget – needs to make sure that High Street is resurfaced properly rather than filled intermittently with tarmac which is a poor short term fix. Cllr Parkinson advised that we should copy in Cllr John West on any highways matters.

AR/GA

BB advised at last meeting that he had undertaken a footpath report which he circulated today. The précis is that the footpaths are generally in very good

BB/GA

condition apart from byways which is an HCC Issue and would be highlighted to them. BB raised concern over some footpaths not being re instated after a crop has been drilled. It was agreed that this issue needed a sensitive approach and noted that the local farmers are very good custodians of the land and support the infrastructure of the village. It was agreed that GA would discuss the issues with any land owners concerned. BB was thanked for producing such a comprehensive report.

BB advised that he was yet to receive a reply from Alison Perry regarding the issues previously reported about Footpath 23 and 24

BB

CP raised a request for the white road lines to be re instated on the Corner of Chapel Street and High Street to stop people from crossing the line.

GA

(b) Recreation/Sports

AR reported that the arrangement with Clanfield Football Club was initially working well in the village. APM enquired how this was being advertised to the village to which AR reported that it was in the Meon Matters and on the Notice Boards. AR advised of Canfield's wish to connect with the school which AR would arrange via PTD.

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AR advised he and local support would be removing the stones around the Bottle Banks.

AR

It was agreed to progress quote £233 for new platforms on playdale equipment.

CW

(c) Planning – Councillor David Parkinson advised

- Lower Oxenbourne Farm had gone to Appeal
- The Forge – being closely watched as a potential new buyer has emerged
- Riplington has been sold
- New EHDC Planning committee working well
- Gypsies back at Bordean – Env Health Enforcement in progress
- Investigation by enforcement Officer for property near Five Ways just within East Meon Parish concluded that nothing was being breached.

(d) Allotments

No Issues. AB now taken on role from CW at Frogmore and BB remains at Workhouse lane.

GA informed the meeting that the repair of the post at Frogmore was in hand

(e) Village Hall

APM reported

- Joe Selby new Treasurer for Village Hall.
- Notice Board will be erected outside Hall
- A new Union Flag and a new Village hall flag will be in situ soon

- The Village Hall expect a bill from the PC for grass cutting
- The May Fair is on 7th May

(f) School

PTD reported

- New Head Teacher settled in well
- Governors looking at reclaiming room used for preschool and building a new classroom which would house the Pre School children on site and also possibly be used by the Scouts
- School Pupil numbers are increasing hence the need for new facilities.

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FINANCE

(a) Current Report – was noted and approved

(b) Budget 2012/2013 and Precept setting-was discussed at length and due consideration given to the impact on Council Tax. The Precept which is already tight was unanimously agreed to rise by 4.7% to £22180 (Twenty two thousand on hundred and eighty pounds).

Discussion also took place on the possibility of revenue being gained from the Pavilion.

BB informed the meeting that he had produced a long term maintenance plan of suggested spend for consideration which he would circulate. **BB**

(c) New Litter Picker for village

AR to action and report at next meeting. **AR**

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- PTD advised that the Flower Show would take place on 21-23 June 2012
- AR invited Councillors to a Scouts representation in he Village Hall on Sunday at 2.30pm

DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2 February 2012
 Annual Parish Assembly – Wednesday 18 April 2012
 Thursday 24 May 2012 (AGM)
 Thursday 13 September 2012
 Thursday 22 November 2012

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.50

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