



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at East Meon Church Hall on Tuesday 30th January 2018
at 1800**

Present: Councillors Susan Davenport (Chair), Richard Bartlett (Vice Chair)
Dominic Carney, David Cooke, Chris Pamplin, Steve Ridgeon, Sharon
Sillence and Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake.

District/County Councillor Rob Mocatta and 10 members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Atkinson.

2 To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest

Cllr Carney advised of an interest in Item 6b) due to the proximity of his house to the River Meon. Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake advised of her interest in Item 6a) and also regarding Planning Application SDNP/17/05999/LDE at Bereleigh Estate

3 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2017

The Chair asked all Councillors to consider whether they felt that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. Councillors confirmed that they were and they were approved as read. Proposed by PTD and seconded by RB.

4 Consideration of Vexatious Policy

The Chair advised that the proposed "Vexatious Policy", as discussed at the last meeting, had been circulated. Consideration was given by Councillors and Cllr Carney suggested a minor amendment under the definition section to add "and the Parish Council Business in general" which was agreed and implemented. (Note the amended version is now on the East Meon Parish Council website)

5 Matters arising from the last meeting

a) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Ridgeon advised that East Meon Neighbourhood Plan was officially "made " on 14th December 2017 and will be consulted when considering planning applications.

Cllr Ridgeon advised that the Pattern Book is being professionally produced at an estimated cost of £700.

b) Stiles

Cllr Carney advised that progress has been made to identify ownership of the stiles which would allow him to progress their repair and renewal as previously agreed. Cllr Davenport advised that there may be some grants available in this respect via the S106/CIL route which were being explored.

DC

c) ICO

The Chair advised that Councillors have been kept updated on all correspondence regarding this matter and the latest complaints lodged by Mr Collett to both the ICO and EHDC. Advice was currently being sought from EHDC on the matter.

d) Signs

Cllr Sillence and Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake advised that progress on seeking return of the signs from the Electricity Board was slow. It was agreed to proceed with 4 directional signs on a finger post at the estimated cost of £1575 plus carriage plus VAT and to pursue Southern Electric for a contribution.

**PTD
SS**

The new vandal proof sign required for the Twister on the Recreation Ground was approved at a cost of £48 plus VAT.

PTD

e) The Green

The Chair advised that the path has now been widened and went on to say that the Cross-Hatching project is the Village Hall Committee's responsibility. Cllr Davenport advised that the Village Hall did not now wish to support the installation of bollards to stop vehicles driving from the village car park on to the Green. Cllr Davenport advised that she had discovered telescopic bollards to reduce the size of the gap which would cost in the region of £900 to purchase and install. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not proceed with this as there are other access points and there was only one incidence of access via that route known.

f) Frogmore Car Park

Further to the discussion at the last meeting where Cllr Davenport outlined the reasons behind the potential sale of the car park, discussion ensued on this matter. Cllr Davenport advised that she felt the best solution would be to ask some of the owners of the properties which utilise the facility to form a company or trust and for them to purchase the land for the sole purpose of car parking (as stipulated on the land registry documents) and manage it themselves. Cllr Mocatta advised that there is clear guidance available from the "Community Transfer" website for the transfer of land at less than true market value. Mrs Rosemary Ryder voiced in the Open Forum her disappointment that land given generously by Peter Street to the village, for the exclusive use of the residents of the cottages in Frogmore, is now being considered for sale.

SD

Discussion ensued on the on-going costs of the running of the Car Park and the PO's time in dealing with the administration of it as well as the procedure for issuing new Licences when houses changed hands. The point was made by Cllr Pamplin that the hedge was now cut and as he understood it, the residents were prepared to assist in maintaining the car park and that in his opinion the arrangement should be left as it is. Cllr Bartlett felt residents should take responsibility for their own car park and Cllr Carney supported this view.

Cllr Davenport advised that encroachment by some residents in the form of sheds etc on the car park was a separate issue.

The Proper Officer advised that until the opinions of the residents who use the car park are known it was impossible for the Parish Council to reach a decision on this matter.

Cllr Davenport will research further and table for discussing at the next meeting. **SD**

g) Play Area

It was agreed to ascertain from ROSPA whether the see-saw would be safe and in line with ROSPA requirements once measures suggested at the last meeting to rectify the situation were implemented. Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake would ascertain and advise. **PTD**

h) Speed Reductions

Cllr Carney outlined his findings since the last meeting and after a meeting with HCC. He would produce a paper for the next meeting after consulting with Langrish on the implementation of their speed awareness signs but in principle the Parish Council were in support of the scheme and authorised him to purchase one sign with 4 support posts. **DC**

i) Clerk/RFO

SC advised that she had received interest from the advertising of the post of Proper Officer and that the closing date was 31st January, after which interviews would take place on Monday 5th February. The Interview Panel would consist of Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake, Cllr Davenport and Sarah Cowlrick. SC advised that she envisaged the new PO taking post immediately with a month's overlap whereby SC would support the incoming RO. As previously agreed Sarah Cowlrick would continue in the role as RFO under a contracted basis but all correspondence would be received by the PO. **SC**

j) Website/Emails

Cllr Atkinson (via email) advised that the website is being updated and that the NP is being archived. The emails for Councillors using eastmeon.org.uk have been a little problematic and not all emails were working but he hoped to resolve this shortly. **MA**

k) Kew's Meadow Pavilion

Cllr Bartlett advised reminded those present that the Pavilion's future was being evaluated as recorded at the last meeting. Cllr Bartlett advised that he was looking to preserve the building for the longer term and has been in discussions with Clanfield FC as part of the process. A Valuation has been confirmed and a report will be produced for the next meeting. Cllr Bartlett invited anyone to make suggestions for its future use. The PO advised caution over any restrictions that may have been placed on the Pavilion when the S106 was placed on it. **RB**

Cllr Mocatta advised that discussions were being held at Clanfield regarding their future use of football pitches and this may have an effect on their renting of the Kews Meadow Pavilion.

l) Ditch, Workhouse Lane

Cllr Atkinson (via email)advised that the work previously agreed to clear the ditch could be completed shortly. Councillors discussed the matter including ownership of the land and it was agreed that Cllr Carney should bring the ditch and the roadside verges along Workhouse Lane to the attention of the HCC officer when he visited the village next. **DC**

6. PARISH MATTERS

a) Unauthorised Flier

The Chair advised that a flier regarding activities at Bereleigh which invited people to lobby the Chairman of EMPC, had not been sanctioned by the Parish Council or authorised by her.

b) River Meon Enhancement

Cllr Davenport reported Andy Thomas of Wild Trout had produced schemes to enhance the river which would be reviewed by residents before being discussed at a Parish Council Meeting.

c) Annual Parish Assembly

Consideration was given to a speaker for the evening which would take place on 25th April 2018. Cllr Mocatta suggested Elaina Whittaker-Slark to talk on her work with water voles in the River Meon. Councillors were asked to think who might be a suitable for the Annual Parish Award and send their ideas to Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake for discussion at the next meeting. Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake would circulate a list of previous awardees. **ALL**

7 COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mocatta invited applications for grants that he is able to award from both HCC and EHDC to voluntary organisations. He went on to advise that applications need to be made in the next month before they fall in to the following year.

Cllr Mocatta also advised of the QECP extensive improvement to the dog activity assault course which has proved very popular.

8 PLANNING

Cllr Bartlett reported on applications considered by the Parish Council since the last meeting. All responses by the Parish Council are on the SDNP website.

SDNP/17/05533/HOUS	Stonycroft Halnaker Lane	Construction of garage, wind,roof,solar panels
SDNP/17/06113/TCA	All Saints Church	Tree reduction
SDNP/17/05999/LDE	Bereleigh	Lawful development cert for existing use re activities
SDNP/17/06057/FUL	Coombe Cross House	Change of use from exisiting grazing paddock to a 20m x 40m riding arena
SDNP/17/06261/HOUS	The Old Vicarage	Single and Double storey ext

9. OPEN FORUM

Rosemary Ryder (Comments on Frogmore Car Park recorded earlier)

Pot Holes in Frogmore Lane

Mrs Ryder advised of the roads poor state of the potholes in Frogmore Lane. Those present were reminded that the website for reporting pot holes on line was very efficient. Cllr Mocatta advised that when reporting a pot hole a photograph should be submitted of each hole with a tennis ball in the hole to give an indication of scale.

Alan Collett

Freedom of Information

Mr Collett congratulated Councillors on adopting a records management policy and asked that in future any requests for information be dealt with according to this policy.

George Thompson

Workhouse Lane

Mr Thompson sought support from Cllr Carney to bring to the attention of the highways authorities the traffic issue in Workhouse Lane which he agreed to do. Suggestion was made to make Workhouse Lane and The Cross subject to a One-Way traffic system.

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FINANCE

(a) Approval of actual v budget accounts for the current year

The RFO presented the income and expenditure for the financial year to date highlighting appropriately any differences not previously drawn to Councillors attention. Councillors unanimously approved all expenditure to date and the report dated 30 January 2018

(b) Budget 18/19 and Precept

Councillors considered the budget produced by the RFO and agreed a precept for the year to 31st March 2019 of £26792.00 (Twenty-six thousand seven hundred and ninety-two pounds)

(c) CILS/S106 Payments

The Chair advised that progress was being made in this regard and definitive grant money levels should be available shortly.

11.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: CORRESPONDENCE OF NOTE

Cllr Hopewell from Langrish Parish Council suggested that East Meon Parish Council consider a lengths-man to fulfil the litter picking requirement and general maintenance roles.

Cllr Davenport thanked the outgoing Proper Officer for her 16 years of service to East Meon Parish Council and presented her with a bouquet of flowers from all the Councillors in recognition of her dedication and professionalism.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

Signed:

Date: