



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at East Meon Village Hall on Thursday 13 September 2012**

Present: Alan Redpath, (Chairman), Brian Biggs, Annie Bone, Anella Parker-Martin, Chris Pamplin, Sarah Cowlrick (Clerk) Councillor John West.

Mr and Mrs Selby were in attendance as observers until 10.30am

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor David Parkinson, Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake, George Atkinson, Chris Warren.

2 DECLARATIONS of Personal or Prejudicial Interest None

3 CODE OF CONDUCT : The clerk had previously circulated the suggested re-draft of the Code of Conduct which was unanimously adopted.

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held on 24 May 2012 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/OUTSTANDING ISSUE

- **Parish Plan Update :** The Chair advised that in view of the fact that not all Councillors were present, he would defer this to the next meeting. It was agreed that it was important that all Councillors were present at to approve the final version and to ensure full involvement and ownership.

- **Recreation Ground Play area :** APM confirmed that the repairs had been done. The Clerk will forward the Annual Inspection Reports for 2011 and 2012 to APM & CW. Discussion took place on the lack of emptying of the bins and the fact that they may have missed a visit which clearly was a health hazard for young children. CP will investigate.

SC

CP

- **Recreation Ground Barrier next to gate :** It was agreed that this was less of an issue now that the hedge had grown up but a form of barrier was still required and the hedge needs cutting.

GA

- **Recreation Ground Holes in ground :** It was understood that the holes had been repaired.

- **High Street Sign:** In hand together with Road Narrow Sign. JW advised that Street Signs were the responsibility of EHDC and Highway signs were the responsibility of HCC. **AB**
- **Phone Box :** AB advised that task was complete although it had now been painted again (in error) by BT.
- **Resident only parking sign Almshouses:** AR advised that this is in situ and working well.
- **Allotment Water Taps:** AB & BB advised that after a site meeting they recommend the purchase of 5 locks which they would implement. **AB/BB**
- **Allotments:** The issue of tenants not keeping Plots up to a reasonable standard was raised and agreed it was contrary to the agreements and unacceptable. A number of new holders had failed to do so and then the overgrown plot had to be reinstated for subsequent holders, which created significant time and work. A suggestion was made to levy a deposit on all new tenants which would be repayable after two years provided that the plot was reasonably cultivated. Any forfeited deposit would help cover the cost/effort needed to reinstate the allotment. Figures of between £50 and £100 were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would research the legalities of holding deposits and it would be discussed again at the next meeting. In the meantime it was agreed that the new contracts from 1st October would only be offered to those tenants who were adhering to the terms. BB and AB to advise and an email be sent by the Clerk informing those who were not conforming that if the situation did not improve by 1st November then they would not be offered a further term. **BB/AB**
SC
- **Neighbourhood Plan :** BB requested to prepare a briefing paper on the possibility of EMPC producing a Neighbourhood Plan. He advised that he had reason to believe that there may be funding available to produce it. All agreed to table for next meeting. **BB**
- **Website :** BB confirmed all working well and search engines quick to identify the site. BB will train SC to use the site. **BB/SC**

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OTHER PARISH MATTERS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- (a) **County Councillors Report:** Councillor John West reported on the activities at County, the impact of funding cuts and progress with a grant to the Village Shop.
- (b) **District Councillors Report:** given verbally on behalf of DP by AR and future updates when relevant will be sent to Councillors by DP
- (c) **Frogmore**
AR advised that the hedges will be cut at Frogmore Car Park and that all seemed well with the new car parking arrangements
- (d) BB highlighted an article offering a bidding process for the funding of a "Lengthsman" between parishes for 2013/2014 which AR would investigate. **AR**

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PLANNING

a) **Current Issues:**

- BB is now Chair of the Planning Committee.
- Application Number: SDNP/12/01696/FUL due to be discussed by the Planning Committee. Concerns were raised about the possible present and future expansion of PV panels in this area and also the screening. Councillors raised concern over the retrospective element of this application. **BB**
- BB suggested and it was agreed that a retrospective review of contentious planning permissions should be taken up with SDNP. **BB**
- BB advised of positive progress on The Forge
- It was agreed to formerly thank Abby Ablett for painting the Boards on the windows at The Forge prior to the Jubilee celebrations.

b) **Terms of Reference : Planning Committee : Defer**

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FINANCE

(a) **Current Report**

The Clerk gave an overview of the current financial situation and the accounts to date were approved. Donations and grants were discussed and it was agreed that apart from the Seniors Outing the budgeted gifts had been allocated. Given the parish councils already tight financial constraints no further donations would be considered until the next Budget year unless of an extraordinary nature.

AR will advise the Church Warden that the PC are unable to assist with their request for repairs to the Clock this year but that the existing £500 donation for the upkeep of the church yard is unaffected (already paid). **AR**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **CPRE:** AR encouraged Councillors to attend an enjoyable quiz fund raiser in East Meon Village Hall in aid of CPRE funds. AR will confirm date to APM. **AR/APM**
- **Tree in memory of Frank Collyer:** The families request via Canon Terry Loudon to plant a tree in memory of Frank Collyer was received positively- it would be funded by the family). However it was felt that an overview and landscaping plan should be also considered on the Green before planting any more trees. Councillors were encouraged to make enquiries as to who could undertake this planning task. **ALL**
- **Footpaths:** BB advised that he had reported a missing lower step on a stile at the north end of Footpath 24 in Frogmore which had been given low priority status. He had also reported that the Footpath sign on The Green is missing – status of this replacement has not yet been given. **BB**
- **Electronic OS Maps:** BB suggested the PC register for free access to all electronic OS maps. **SC**
- **Temple Lane :** CP reported on the poor state of the banks on Temple Lane, debris from which were blocking the drains. **GA**
- **Bereleigh Road :** Concern re hazardous road conditions and markings were discussed which AR would look into. **GA**
- **Workhouse Lane:** APM raised concern over the speeding and dangerous driving in Workhouse Lane. BB suggested that the Village Hall Committee alert the Pre-School Group to this and suggest they remind those using the Hall to take care. **BB**
- **Sports Pavilion:** Discussion took place on the cost of maintaining the much underused Sports Pavilion and general agreement to keep upkeep to a minimum. **AR**
- **Dates for the next meeting:** Thursday 22 November 2012 at 9.00am

There being no further business the meeting was declared close at 11.45 am

Signed:

Date: