



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at East Meon Church Room on Thursday 15 May 2014**

Present: Alan Redpath, (Chairman), George Atkinson, Brian Biggs, Annie Bone, Anella Parker-Martin, Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake, Sarah Cowlrick (Clerk) Guests : Richard Bartlett (Conservative candidate, EHDC) Richard Robinson (Lib Dem candidate, EHDC) and Rev Jane Ball

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received and accepted from Chris Warren.

2 Election Of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Alan Redpath having confirmed his willingness to stand as Chairman and Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake having confirmed her willingness to stand as Vice Chairman were proposed en bloc by GA and seconded by APM and duly elected.

All Councillors will continue with their current remit. The Planning Committee will be formed of Joe Selby, Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake and temporarily, Alan Redpath as ex-officio . Chair to be agreed.

3 DECLARATIONS of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

There were none. All Councillors confirmed that their Register of Interest forms were up to date.

4 TERMS OF REFERENCE: The Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct for Councillors and Terms of Reference for Committees and Councillor duties were approved as currently read.

5 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held on 30 January 2014 were approved and signed as a true and correct record. The following outstanding matters were discussed:

- CW to address holes in the Recreation Ground as previously agreed **CW**
- EMCC to supply EMPC with a copy of their PI Insurance certificate and schedule **JS**
- **Play Area Upgrade** : deferred **PTD**

6 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT : None

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**(a) Annual Parish Assembly**

- It was agreed that the evening had been a success. AR reported that Michael Atkinson had written to the Parish Council to thank them for his award.
- GA reported of a positive outcome to the issue raised by Marion Nash. It would appear that HCC Highways & Southern Water had now taken the matter in hand and were hopeful of a positive outcome.
- Linesman suggestion : It was agreed that this should be investigated and it was also suggested that Cllr Ken Moon be approached regarding a possible grant.

SC

(b) Reports from sub committees: SC highlighted issue regarding notification schedule of car park refurbishment in the area which East Meon had been excluded from. SC to chase.

SC

(c) Drainage AR referred to his letter to Southern Water requesting an urgent meeting to resolve the drainage problems in the village.

(d) Play Area APM advised that some supporting ropes on the "twister" needed some attention on the Recreation Ground. GA would investigate.

GA

(e) Parish Plan Update :

As previously agreed the Parish Plan to be reviewed at each meeting. Points of note follow after heading:

- **Environment:**
- Housing: Concern was raised again regarding the poor state of Park Vista
- **Public Transport :**
- **Traffic & Roads :** Concern was raised regarding traffic issues surrounding the school.
- **Employment**
- **River Meon:** Wild Trout trust presentation at Annual Parish Assembly was highlighted.
- **Policing**
- **Healthcare**
- **Communications :** BB suggested that a letter re poor Broadband speed should be sent from the Parish Council.
- **Village Shop**
- **Tourism & Visitors**
- **Organisation/ Recreational/ Church:** Rev Ball was welcomed. 1914 commemoration plans to be progressed.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan :

BB reported on progress of the Plan and advised that he was currently preparing documentation to apply for official designation which is granted by SNDP. He also advised that a further grant up to £5000 could be applied for. East Meon will as part of the process inform any adjoining parishes of its intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

Discussion around the response rate for the questionnaire concluded that it was a meaningful response. BB advised that the Committee had appointed Michael Blakstad as an archivist which would be on line but not public. A residents' information link, communicating progress and facilitating further feed-back will also be available from the Parish website (which CW was developing).

8 PARISH MATTERS

a) Clanfield Football Club/Sports Pavilion Maintenance

AR outlined a proposal from Clanfield Football Club to continue have use of the Pavilion. It was agreed that as long as they continued with practice of good housekeeping (Lights off, setting alarm & flushing toilets etc), the PC will arrange for the village hall cleaner to follow up. There will be no charge for the use during the close season. Clanfield will be charged an additional £20/month (£240/year) which will be included with the annual charge invoice. Any extra mowing on top of the usual will be their responsibility. Clanfield will have use only on Saturdays during the close season which it was understood usually falls between May and mid August.

Discussion led to future use, and maintenance costs, of the Pavilion and BB proposed that a group of councillors be established to evaluate and suggest proposals for the PC to consider. This was seconded by APM who would volunteered to join the group together with AR.

9 PLANNING : Applications since the PC last met were reviewed by PTD and noted by the Councillors. Details of all the applications are available via the SDNP web site, or on request to the Clerk.

The PC supported the recommendation of the committee to strongly object to the Planning Application SDNP/14/01991/FUL for an Agricultural Barn at Colchenna as it believes that the application should come forward for full planning permission due to its proposed position, materials of construction, and the scale which was also deemed to be intrusive in this sensitive landscape.

10 FINANCE

(a) Approval of Accounts to 31 March 2014

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year to 31 March 2014 together with the previously circulated Audit Report and they were agreed.

(b) Annual Governance Statement 2013/2014

The Council accepted the responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control including the preparation of the accounting statements and confirmed that to the best of their knowledge and belief the systems in place for East Meon with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 were adequate.

(c) Approval of Accounts to date in the 14/15 financial year

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year to date and all payments and receipts were accounted for an approved.

The Clerk advised that having challenged EHDC on a grant which should have been passed onto EMPC with regard to the Council Tax Support Grant, they had confirmed that payments for 13/14 and 14/15 of £1112.76 each would be forthcoming.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

- **Village Notice Board:** needs repairing
- **Gate on playground:** needs attention together with any items raised after the ROSPA report later this month.
- **Roll on Honour** suggested for those who have received a Parish Award be erected in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 11.40

Signed:

Date: