

**Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held at East Meon Village Hall on  
Monday 18 July 2022**

Present: Councillors Susan Davenport (Chair), Steven Ridgeon (Vice Chair), Charles Ritchie, Matt Atkinson, Tom Tyrwhitt-Drake, David Cooke, Andrew Hales, Sarah Round. Sam Marchant (PC), Rob Mocatta and 4 members of the public attended.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received via email from Cllr Sharon Sillence.

**2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest Forms**

All declaration forms had been handed to the Parish Clerk except for Cllr Atkinson's. He agreed to send his to the Parish Clerk via email.

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Chair asked the Councillors to consider whether they felt the Minutes were a true record of the meeting held on 16 May 2022. Councillors who had attended the meeting confirmed that they were, and they were approved as read.

Proposed by Cllr Cooke and seconded by Cllr Ridgeon and duly signed as a true and correct record.

**4. Open Forum**

A resident presented questions regarding the Coombe Road development site. Cllr Ridgeon reported that the Planning Committee had had a very useful meeting with the Southcott Homes project management team. The highlights are as follows. The developer would confirm the new start date asap as they had been waiting for the SDNPA to sign off the amended landscaping plan, which must be done before work can start. The Parish Council had asked to see that plan.

The drainage plan to prevent flooding on site and in Coombe Rd consisted of 3 elements, a swale at the back of the development to catch water coming from the field, three drainage pipes 3m in diameter at the front of the site to be used to reach the chalk under the site bypassing the clay and avoiding run off into Coombe Rd and an attenuation pond at the front of the site. Cllr Ridgeon confirmed surface water runoff will not go into the sewage system. He also reported that during the build all contractor parking would be onsite not in Coombe Rd and one of the first tasks would be to ensure entrance and exit onto the site and parking for vehicles. The Parish Council had requested provision on site and an electricity supply for a defibrillator, the communal area of the flats might be the solution.

The Neighbourhood Plan states that the Parish Council will work with the developer with the view that properties would be marketed to families with an East Meon connection before going on general sale. The developer promised to send an email address for residents to register on a Forward Interest list.

The project plan shows the first residents moving in in March 2023 and Housing Association residents in June 2023 with the project being completed in June 2023.

The resident shared his concerns that the runoff water may be pushed into his garden and effect his building, Cllr Ridgeon suggested the resident should speak directly with the engineer for the assurance he needed.

A resident raised concerns over the width of Coombe Road, Cllr Ridgeon assured him that this had been assessed by Hampshire Highways. The resident also raised concerns over the responsibility of the ongoing maintenance of the ditches mentioned for water runoff, Cllr Ridgeon agreed to put this question to the development team.

A resident asked whether yellow lines could be instated on the corner opposite the shop as parking on this bend made the road very dangerous. Cllrs agreed to add this to the agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting in September.

(SR/SD)

## **5.Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting on 16 May 2022**

### **a. Queens Platinum Jubilee Report/Surplus Money Donations/Jubilee Tree & Plaque (SD)**

The Chair thanked all those involved in organising the very successful and enjoyable Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the village. She reported that after everything had been paid for there was a surplus of £384 excluding a possible £500 donation from the PC which Cllrs agreed would not be made. The Chair suggested that as Chair of the organising Committee Phillipa Tyrwhitt-Drake should decide what should be done with the surplus. Cllrs unanimously agreed.

The Chair also wanted to confirm the script on the stone to be ordered for the tree planting in the Autumn, all agreed with the wording presented. The Chair agreed to arrange for someone to run a competition for a child from the East Meon Primary School to plant the tree.

(SD)

### **b. Speed Reduction Sign Update (MA)**

Cllr Atkinson reported that the new speed sign is now up and running and that he would be downloading the software to create spreadsheets of the data recorded.

Cllr Mocatta added that the Hampshire County Council meeting to consider the two campaigns 20 is Plenty and 20 designated zones will be held on 12 September. All agreed the Chair should reply on behalf of the Parish Council and a post should be made on the Parish Council Facebook page and Meon Matters Website encouraging residents to submit their views.

A resident present asked whether a speed sign could be positioned along Coombe Road, Cllrs agreed permission for this location would be assessed.

(MA/SD)

**c. Gate/Barrier at the Footpath leading from Frogmore Lane onto the Recreation Ground (MA)**

Cllr Atkinson reported that the gate had now been installed and positive comments had been received from residents.

**d. Litter/Waste Bins (SS)**

Cllr Sillence reported via email prior to the meeting that she had been issued with another reference number for her request for larger bins in the village. Cllr Sillence to follow up. (SS)

**e. EMNG/Environmental Update (SR)**

Cllr Ridgeon informed Cllrs that all the group's projects were progressing well and that he had no further comments.

The Chair added that the Environment Agency had been in contact to request a meeting to discuss the clearance of undergrowth in the River Meon as it ran through the village. The Chair confirmed that she, Cllr Ritchie and Ridgeon and the Tree Warden had agreed to meet with the Environment Agency. (SD/CR/SR)

**f. Lengthsman**

Cllr Cooke reported that the Lengthsman had completed all the tasks he had been allocated and asked Cllrs for further tasks. The Chair suggested the repainting of the Frogmore Bridge once the colour had been decided on. (DC)

**g. A Tree in Memory of a Resident (SD)**

The Chair confirmed that the family had approved the site on The Green to replace the ash tree infected with ash die back. Species of tree are still to be decided with the Tree Warden. (SD)

**h. CIL Monies (SD)**

The Chair asked Cllrs what their thoughts were regarding CIL money projects. After discussion Cllrs Tyrwhitt-Drake, Hales, Cooke and Ridgeon agreed to form a subcommittee to create a short list of ideas before presenting this to the Parish Council and to residents. (SD/AH/DC/SR)

**i. Potential Grants (SRound)**

Cllr Round reported that she would find out in August if her application for funding to resurface the All Sports Court had been successful. Cllr Round agreed to investigate funding for security at the Sports Pavilion. (SRound)

**j. All Sports Resurfacing (SRound)**

Cllr Round reported that the funding that she had applied for would be 50% of costs and would need to be matched by Parish Council funds. (SRound)

**k. Security at the Sports Pavilion (CR/TTD)**

Cllr Ritchie circulated an estimate received for a surveillance system also used by the Village Hall. Cllrs agreed unanimously that Cllr Ritchie should order the equipment and have it installed. (CR)

**l. Clock Tower Update at the Sports Pavilion (CR)**

Cllr Ritchie reported that the new Clock Tower had now been installed and that the clock was working and would automatically reset if there was a power cut and should change with BST. There had been good feedback from residents.

**m. Youth Engagement (SD/CR)**

The Chair informed Cllrs that the local PCSO had been made aware of vandalism issues in East Meon and that she had suggested coming to give a talk to residents in the near future. Cllrs agreed that the PCSO should be invited to the next Parish Council meeting in September and residents should be encouraged to come along to raise any concerns.

Cllr Round shared her interest in creating a group of residents to look at youth engagement in the village. Cllrs agreed that the Parish Council would help to facilitate and support plans made by the group. (SD/SRound)

**6. Parish Matters**

**a. RoSPA Report (SRound)**

Cllr Round reported that the RoSPA inspection had taken place for the play areas at the Village Hall, The Green and on the Recreation Ground. The top wooden beam on the swings at the VH play area had been found to have signs of rot. Measures had been taken to ensure it could not be used and she had been looking into replacing the beam. As the play area is still under warranty it could be replaced by the original manufacturer however the cost for delivery had been quoted at £500. Cllrs agreed Cllr Round should explore other more cost-effective options while ensuring they are approved by RoSPA. (SRound)

**b. Clothes Bin (SRound)**

Cllr Round reported that she had approached Hampshire Search and Rescue charity to organise a clothes bin to be positioned next to the Workhouse Lane Car Park. All Cllrs agreed for Cllr Round to proceed with this project. (SRound)

**c. Report on Disability Survey by Sue Williams (SD)**

The Chair reported that she had approached Sue Williams to carry out a Disability Survey within the village. She had agreed to do this along with her husband and would present a report to the Parish Council with suggestions for improvements. (SD)

**d. Open Meeting to Discuss Crime in East Meon (CR/SD)**

Cllrs agreed as above for the PCSO to attend the Parish Council meeting in September and residents to be invited to attend via the Meon Matters website and Parish Council Facebook page. (SD/SM)

**e. Ash Die Back Survey (SR)**

Cllrs agreed for Cllr Ridgeon to liaise with the Tree Warden to arrange an Ash Die Back Survey by a trained professional. (SR)

**f. Traffic Outside School (MA/SS)**

In Cllr Sillence's absence Cllrs agreed that she/the Chair should contact the Head Teacher and encourage her to start up a new campaign at the beginning of the school year to discourage parking along Coombe Rd at drop off and pick up times. (SS)

**g. Purchase of a Replacement Mower (CR/SD)**

The Chair stated she had been asked if the Parish Council would be willing to purchase a new mower to used at both allotments and the other areas of land in the parish following the theft of the original mower from the Sports Pavilion. After discussion Cllrs concluded that regrettably they were not in favour of the idea but would at least be able to provide better security for any mower kept in the Pavilion once the new security cameras had been installed. (CR)

**7. County/District Councillor report**

Cllr Mocatta referred to his report and highlighted the launch of new and larger glass recycling containers to be positioned in town centres in Hampshire. Until these are installed curb collections will continue from homes once a month. Cllr Mocatta also asked whether any Cllrs would be interested in putting themselves forward as a Southdown's National Park member as there was currently a vacancy, if so, applicants should contact him for more information.

Cllr Mocatta's full Hampshire County Council report for July can be found on the East Meon Parish Council website.

**8. Planning**

**Report by Chairman of the Planning Committee**

Cllr Ridgeon reported that seven planning applications had been made since the last meeting, six had been for dwellings and one a tree all of which the committee issued "no objection". He also confirmed that there had been no new information on the Westbury House application.

As above in **Open Forum** for the planning report on the Coombe Road development.

## **9. Finance**

### **a. Presentation of actual v budget for the current year**

The RFO presented her report of actual cost against the budget for the current year.

### **b. Approval of payments of invoices (1<sup>st</sup> May – 30 June)**

The RFO reported on all payments between the dates of 1 May to 30 June 2022. Councillors unanimously approved all payments. Proposed by Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake and seconded by Cllr Atkinson.

## **10. Any other business including correspondence of note**

Cllr Ridgeon informed Cllrs that the Coombe Road development team would like suggestions for the name of the two new roads, these should have some relevance to the village's history or geography.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:30

Signed:

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