



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at East Meon Church Hall on
Monday 22nd July 2019 at 1830**

Present: Councillors Susan Davenport (Chair), Steven Ridgeon (Vice Chair), David Cooke, Tom Tyrwhitt-Drake, Sharon Sillence, Matt Atkinson, Charles Ritchie, Andrew Hales, Rob Mocatta

Suzie Brooker (PO) and one resident.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Sarah Cowlrick (RFO) and Cllr Marc Atkinson

2. To receive any Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

No declarations received

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019

The Chair asked Councillors to consider whether they felt the minutes were a true record of the meeting. Councillors who had attended the meeting confirmed that they were and they were approved as read. Proposed by Cllr Ridgeon and seconded by Cllr Cooke and duly signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the meeting on the 13th May 2019

a) Play Areas

Cllr Sillence reported the football post at the Pavilion end of the court was in better condition as the one at the other end was damaged. It was suggested that L-shaped brackets would secure the posts to the ground and could be removed when the court required cleaning. Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake offered to collect the broken post and dispose of it. Cllr Sillence was concerned that as a net was not in place, the wooden fence panels would be damaged by the ball. A discussion ensued about replacement posts and the cost involved which was estimated to be in the region of £300-£400. It was agreed that Cllr Sillence should make good the one post adding a net up to a total of £200 and the post would be replaced when it became necessary.

The Chair reported the play areas annual inspection by ROSPA was due. Cllr Sillence would liaise with Sarah Cowlrick and arrange for this to be carried out. The Chair also reported that weekly inspections were required of both play areas and would need to be recorded. Cllr Ridgeon and Cllr Cooke agreed to carry out checks and would report to the Proper Officer weekly. Cllr Sillence would be contacted if there were any safety issues with the equipment.

Cllr Sillence reported the swings in the Village Hall play area were covered in bird dirt and would look into preventative options to deter the birds from sitting on the equipment.

SS

b) Parking outside the School

Cllr Matt Atkinson reported he had met with Ian James the local Traffic Officer from EHDC. The yellow lines outside the School would be reinstated where the potholes had been filled and Mr James would look into the possibility of double yellow lines on Coombe Road opposite the Temple Lane entrance. Cllr Matt Atkinson also reported they discussed the pot holes in the Gravel Pit on the Clanfield Road and cutting back of verges. Mr James confirmed he had contacted the Highways team about the issues.

Parking outside of the School is still an issue as parents continue to park on yellow lines and in Garston Close. The Chair suggested that if Cllrs witnessed cars parked on the yellow lines that they encouraged the driver to park elsewhere.

MJA

c) Speed Reductions & Speeding

Cllr Matt Atkinson reported he was in possession of the sign and would soon be erecting it on the Clanfield Road village entrance. He reported a resident had raised concerns about the proposed location of the sign at the Langrish entrance to the village. MJA suggested the chosen location would be trialed and if it caused an issue an alternative site would be investigated and he would communicate with the resident concerned. MJA also reported that a resident who installed the speed reduction sign in Langrish had offered to assist MJA with the installation of the East Meon sign.

Cllr Atkinson reported he also discussed the possibility of having a reduction to 40mph prior to the 30mph on the Clanfield Road. Mr James had said that due to cost and other reasons it would be very unlikely.

Cllr Atkinson reported that a resident had raised concerns to EHDC about traffic flow and the possible restriction of large vehicles accessing Temple Lane. A discussion ensued about making Temple Lane one way for traffic. MJA would discuss the possibility with EHDC.

MJA

d) Stiles

Cllr Matt Atkinson reported a number of kissing gates had been installed in the Frogmore area and had been well received by residents. More would be installed and MJA would be enquiring about grants. The Chair reported concerns about the stile onto Frogmore Lane as it would be easy to slip onto the road. MJA would investigate possible options to rectify the issue.

MJA

e) Westbury House sign

The Chair reported that the two hospital signs had been removed

SD

f) Westbury House application to be added to the National Heritage List

Cllr Hales reported an application with English Heritage had been submitted. Cllr Hales had also been in contact with Richard Fergusson from SDNP who had completed a report in response to a pre-application request from the owner. Cllr Hales would discuss with Richard Fergusson how EMPC and SDNP could co-ordinate on the matter and would notify the Cllrs of any developments prior to the September meeting.

g) Noticeboards

Cllr Marc Atkinson was not present at the meeting. Cllr Matt Atkinson reported they had looked at the boards and suggested that rather than replacing them, they could be rubbed down and repainted. A discussion ensued about alternative options for the frontage and opening.

h) Village Hall & Pavilion

Cllr Ridgeon informed Councillors that 13 responses from the feedback forms had been received. Cllr Ridgeon also reported that funding from CIL money from the Leydene Park development was ongoing. Cllr Ridgeon had been advised that Clanfield Football Club would continue to use the football pitch for another year.

i) Bridleways Fiveways & Limekiln Lane

The Chair reported she met with Elliott Rowe and James Emmett from Hampshire Countryside Service at Fiveways and they had updated her on current work and plans for the future. Parts of Fiveways had been resurfaced, however there would not be enough funding to do all the routes and only the areas that were in a bad condition would be resurfaced. Mr Rowe and Mr Emmett were sympathetic to the request for a total ban on motorbikes, however they reported that the TRF is well funded and would take to court Councils which attempted to impose a total ban on bikes on a Byway.

The Chair had been advised that the only way to stop bikes using Byways would be to follow a very detailed procedure starting with a voluntary seasonal ban between November and April, if this did not work an obligatory seasonal ban from November to April would be sought and then if necessary a permanent ban.

The Chair explained in more detail about the resurfacing and low level fencing plan which would make the tracks less appealing to bikers. A temporary ban would be in place whilst the work was carried out in August/September. Once the work had been completed, the use by bikers would need to be monitored and a voluntary ban would be sought to be effective from November to April.

The Chair also reported she had met with Dick Williams who had been involved in the past and had spearheaded a working group previously.

All Councillors present were in agreement with the low level fencing and recommended resurfacing plans. James Emmett had offered to attend the next the Parish Council meeting and Cllr Mocatta suggested him as a guest speaker at the APA.

j) Potholes

Cllr Matt Atkinson would follow up with Highways about the pot hole at the Vineyard.

MJA

k) Defibrillator

The Chair reported that Steven Gooch from SCAS had agreed to hold a training session in the village on the use of the defibrillator. The Chair would confirm a date in the Autumn which would then be publicised to residents.

SD

l) Retaining wall at Glenthorne Meadows

Cllr Matt Atkinson reported he had looked at the wall and suggested it needed some attention. It was agreed that he would contact Ronnie Hunt to have a look at it.

5. Parish Matters

a) Grass Cutting

Cllr Tyrwhitt Drake reported he met with Doug Budd from Petersfield Town Council who now cut their own grass rather than using contractors. It was agreed that PTC would quote for grass cutting for next year.

TTD

b) Keeping main routes free of weeds through the summer

Cllr Ridgeon reported the amount of weeds had increased and suggested the Parish Council had a strategy in place to manage the extensive growth. Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake would find someone to spray the weeds along the wall next to the river, the pavement in Frogmore and the Village Hall in early Spring. Cllr Ritchie would organise a working party to manually weed along the river.

SR

c) Lengthsman

Cllr Cooke reported the Lengthsmen had been absent from the village for the past 3 months which was disappointing as there were still a number of tasks to be completed. The PO had been in contact with Jenny Hollington and had asked that the Lengthsmen make contact with DMC.

DMC

d) Replacement tree on Washers Triangle

The Chair reported that one of the trees on Washers Triangle had died and had been removed by Cllr Atkinson. A resident had offered to fund a replacement tree. The Tree Warden had suggested a large tree, however after discussion the Councillors agreed that a small flowering tree would be preferable.

SD

e) Biodiversity Councillor

Cllr Marc Atkinson was not present at the meeting and this item was deferred to the next meeting.

SD

f) VE Day 75th Commemoration 8 May 2020

The Chair reported that Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake had met with Annabel Tyrwhitt-Drake and Laura Croft to discuss commemoration plans. The Village Hall Committee had discussed moving the May Fair to either Saturday 9th May or the Whitsun bank holiday and had offered the use of their marquees for the commemoration event. The Councillors were very supportive of the event and agreed the Parish Council would contribute up to £400.00 towards costs.

g) New PCSO Almere Toogood to take the place of Tria Gibbs

The Chair reported that a new PCSO - Almere Toogood had replaced Tria Gibbs and that she had asked her for a mini biography and photograph to put on the Meon Matters and Parish Council websites.

SD

6. County / District Councillor Report

Cllr Mocatta reported that EHDC had officially declared a Climate Emergency and announced how it would take urgent and positive steps to reduce its impact on the environment. Cllr Mocatta also reported the bin contract would change in October from Biffa to Norge.

7. Planning

Cllr Ridgeon reported that there had been 9 planning applications, 5 relating to dwellings and 4 trees. The Planning Committee had objected to one of the applications and a public meeting had been held. Cllr Ridgeon also reported the SDNP Local Plan had been adopted on the 2 July. Cllr Ridgeon informed Councillors that on 13 August there would be a Planning Committee Meeting when the developers for the site south of Coombe Road (policy EM16 of the NP) would present their plans to EMPC for comment before submission to SDNP.

8. Open Forum

There were no questions raised

9. Finance

The RFO had circulated her report and detailed notes to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The RFO had proposed that election expenses would be moved from budget to capital projects. The Councillors agreed with her recommendation. The Chair thanked the RFO for her report.

10. Any other business including correspondence of note

The Chair reported she had received an email from PCSO Almere Toogood asking the Parish Council to notify local Landowners that an illegal encampment was in the process of moving away from Bordon. Cllr Atkinson had said he had heard that the travellers were now based in Bramdean.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.31pm

Signed:

Date:

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