



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at East Meon Village Hall on Thursday 2 February 2012**

Present: Alan Redpath, (Chairman), George Atkinson, Brian Biggs, Annie Bone, Anella Parker-Martin, David Parkinson, Chris Pamplin, Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake, Chris Warren, Sarah Cowlrick (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor John West

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2 DECLARATIONS of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

GA reference current planning application at Lower Farm

PTD reference two current planning application for Cedar Valley and also a Mobile Home at Bereleigh

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held on 10 November 2011 were approved and signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by GA and seconded by CW.

DP commented on action points against his name as follows:

- **Olympic Torch** : Confirmation that the Olympic torch will not now be travelling via East Meon
- Proposal for **BMX Track** in East Meon was still being considered by EHDC Community Forum – nothing further to report at this stage
- **Social Housing**: No date has been set for meeting but the policy document has been requested from Radian. PTD aired her view that she was keen to pursue the revamp of Park Vista.

4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

(a) County: Report previously circulated from Councillor West

(b) District Councillors Report as follows:

- **EHDC Council Tax** has been increased by 2.5% which has generated some £160,000 but with the constant pressure from threats of reduced Central Government Funding balancing the books will still prove to be a challenge.

- **Application for enhancement to Scramble Track at Langrish:** Cllr Parkinson advised of the application which had currently failed pending further reports.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Gravel Pit

GA advised the issue was in hand and in the not too distant future the area will be cleared. GA advised that a fencing panel had been dumped there and PTD requested whether it could be utilised at the school where a fencing panel was missing.

GA

(b) Policy Documents

WIP

AR

(c) Parish Plan

The final draft questionnaire was circulated by AR and thanked Councillors for their input. The proposed questionnaire which largely covered the issues raised in the 2005 plan, but invited further suggestions/comments, was discussed in detail. PTD suggested that there should be a question regarding communication and the value of the website and Meon Matters. This was agreed and with this amendment the questionnaire was approved to be included in the next edition of Meon Matters.

AR/BB/
AB

It was agreed that the PC would meet to evaluate the responses and how the Parish Assembly could be structured (further meeting at **Thursday March 22nd at Glenthorne House at 9.30am.**)

ALL

(d) Jubilee

PTD reported that the first planning meeting has taken place and plans are well in hand for a Street Party on Monday 4 June 2012. Next meeting is on 19th March in the George at 7pm. Application for closure of the Street is in hand and all householders will be informed as a matter of courtesy. Various activities are planned and the Church Bells will ring. Both Pubs are on board and there will be music and food supplied by Matt Atkinson. A Beacon request has been submitted for Park Hill. It was hoped that there would be fireworks at some stage. PTD was looking at insurance issues and costs in general which prompted a discussion on sponsorship. AR suggested that when full costs were available the PC would consider underwriting to a limit.

PTD

(e) Parish Website

DP confirmed that he has now taken ownership of the Site and this would be developed for the PC use.

DP/BB

6 OTHER PARISH MATTERS

(a) Sub Committee Reports

Roads: AR reported on a recent meeting with heads of department from HCC who committed (pending budget approval) to the High Street being re-surfaced in the next financial year.

Lighting: AB updated on progress with heritage style street lighting in the conservation area and she will continue to progress **AB**

Hedges: APM reported on damage to the ground by the multi sports pitch as a result of the hedge cutting which it was felt would need to be rolled.

Hardcore: GA reported on hardcore that he had obtained from Mercury which would be utilised on part of the Five Ways and any other bridlepaths in the parish.

(b) Annual Parish Assembly and nominations for Parish Award

Parish Award: Suggestions were discussed and 2 nominees were agreed.

Parish Assembly: Agreed format as discussed previously and Cheese and Wine will be provided.

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PLANNING

(a) Current Issues

- **Lower Oxenbourne Farm, Harvesting Lane.** Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/M1710/Y9507/A/11/2162800/NWF site visit scheduled for 13 February. Councillor DP will check to see if it is appropriate for him to attend. Result expected by end of March
- **Re: Proposal at Mill Pond, Mill Lane :** Siting of two five metre masts each with sixteen photovoltaic panels, service shed, three metre high protective fencing and removal of existing photovoltaic panels was highlighted and would be considered by the Planning Committee

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FINANCE

(a) Current Report

The Clerk gave an overview of the current financial situation and the likely outcome of expenditure exceeding income at the end of the financial year. Councillor Parkinson highlighted the encouragement for PC's to raise money for certain projects from precept as many avenues of grants had now dried up. All payments and receipts for the period were approved.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Frogmore Car Park:** Agreed not to pursue the proposed sale of the car park to residents at the moment.
- **Workhouse Lane:** AR confirmed the re instatement of the damage done is in hand
- **White Lines in Church Street:** CP raised the issue of the incorrect reinstatement of the white lines which were not wide enough at the junction.
- **Dates for the next meeting:** Will be circulated.

There being no further business the meeting was declared close at 11.03am.

Signed:

Date: