



**Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at East Meon Village Hall on
Monday 05th July 2021 at 1830**

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

Sam Marchant (PC), Cllr Rob Mocatta and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received via email from Cllr Sillence and Cllr Atkinson

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest Forms

Cllr Tom Tyrwhitt-Drake declared he had submitted a Planning Application.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chair asked Councillors to consider whether they felt the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on the 17th May 2021. Councillors who had attended the meeting confirmed that they were, and they were approved as read.

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

4. Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting on 17th May 2021

a. Speed Watch & Traffic Calming measures

The Chair reported that she had been in contact with Helen Galliano, East Meon Speed Watch Co-Ordinator. Mrs Galliano confirmed that whilst the volunteers were happy to monitor the traffic they were concerned about the volume of data which needs to be collected and logged and felt that perhaps a more advanced type of SID would be a better use of the public money.

Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake reported that he had contacted Ian Janes, the Traffic Officer from HCC asking for suggestions for slowing traffic and lowering the curb at the bridge and signs. Cllr Mocatta to contact Ian Janes for follow up.

b. Speed Reduction Sign and Yellow lines outside EM Primary School

The Chair reported that for the same cost of a speed gun an advanced "smiley face" SID monitor could be purchased.

She stated these devices seem to be a better deterrent, collects and stores information which can then be downloaded and monitors the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. This information would be helpful in persuading HCC Highways to agree to the parish introducing speed reduction measures.

The councillors agreed that if a smiley face monitor is purchased it must be solar and of good quality.

Funding for this is to be actioned by Cllr Marc Atkinson. Cllr Mocatta said that he believed funds would be easily available.

Cllr Matt Atkinson reported the current speed control machine is being tested and will be returned imminently.

Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake highlighted the need for a minimum of 6 hours of sunlight for the solar panels to work and that the location of trees and hedges would need to be checked prior to installation.

Summary - Cllrs happy for this to be actioned. Cllr Matt Atkinson to liaise with Mrs Galliano. Cllr Marc Atkinson to organise funding. Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake to ask his electrician to check potential sites for solar/shade.

Cllr Matt Atkinson reported that the recently repainted yellow lines had been wiped out when Coombe Road was resurfaced and that they needed to be reinstated. Cllr Atkinson confirmed he would register a complaint to HCC Highways. Cllr Mocatta said he would also email HCC. The Chair reported SE Water had been to survey the potholes on 23rd June (i.e. before the resurfacing) and were due to come to deal with the leaks within a week. Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake suggested getting a water sample which he will action.

c. Noticeboard

Remains unfinished, Cllr Marc Atkinson was unable to update the councillors as he was not present.

d. Pavilion

Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake confirmed he would provide the plan requested by Cllr Ridgeon and will organise a working party to carry out repairs to the Pavilion.

e. Section 106 monies

The Chair reported that the tennis post and nets were up and that she was waiting to hear about the MUGA lighting for the school. An application for safety grass matting in the Recreation Ground play area has been approved and the grant monies would be paid when the works have been completed. Cllr Ridgeon asked whether the school had yet clarified if the MUGA was exclusively for school use or also public use. This is under consideration.

f. EHDC Grant

The Chair reported two grants have been applied for. One to reimburse East Meon Nature Group for refurbishments to the notice board which had been received and a second for the cost of the safety matting, which will be paid by EHDC when EMPC has confirmed that the works have been completed.

- g. Protection of the bridge and pavement opposite the Olde George Inn**
Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake reported he had suggested dropping the curb and is waiting for reply from Ian Janes, Traffic Officer HCC. He stated that for now the repair seems to be holding.
- h. Update on Fiveways and Limekiln Lane**
The Chair reported that her presentation to SDNP had been postponed and she was now waiting to hear when that would be. After discussion Cllr Ridgeon asked whether a letter would help. Action to send a letter from the Parish Council to each member of SDNP for support which The Chair put forward to compose.
- i. EMNG update**
Cllr Ridgeon reported Debs Evans had stood down as Chair of EMNG and that Brian Biggs has taken over as coordinator. The noticeboard has been a success and there will be more of an update next meeting.
- j. Lengthsman**
Cllr Cooke reported that Tom, the new Lengthsman had had one session in EM when 4 tasks on the worksheet were completed, all to a high standard. Councillors were asked to let Cllr Cooke know of any works that needed doing. 5.5 hours were used and 34.5 hours plus any that needs to be carried over from last year are remaining. SM to check with Jenny Hollington if any hours have been carried over from last year. Cllr Cooke to ask David Pepper if there is an additional grass cutting or tidying for Tom to do ready for the Village Festival.
- k. Noticeboard for Car Park users**
Cllr Ritchie reported he had been to the shop and pubs to get feedback regarding the information they would like on the new sign. Cllr feedback included, add font, tapestry and 12th century to the church info, reorder the boards. The National Park logo and QR codes for the History Society, Walks and EMNG can be added later. Cllr Ritchie to work out sizing and the main design is to be white background with black writing.
Cllr Ritchie had found that a 50% grant from the SDNPA sustainable communities fund might be available and is working with Cllr Ridgeon to submit a request. The request to be submitted by July 26th 2021.
- l. Gate at Pavilion**
Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake reported the hanging post is installed, just need the gate to be hung.
- m. Update on Grant Applications**
Cllr Marc Atkinson absent. No updated submitted.

5. Parish Matters

- a. East Meon Festival 15th August – Paris Council contribution (SD)**

The Chair reminded the Council that in the past contributions had been made to village events and suggested councillors agreed to a grant of £200 towards the general expenses of the Village Festival. All councillors were happy with this.

a. Bereleigh whole estate plan presentation (TTD)

Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake explained that The Estate was, in line with many other major landowners, preparing a WEP detailing its plans for its commercial, nature and community enterprises over the next 10 years. Postponed due to covid, SDNPA meeting has now been pushed back to spring next year. He needs ideas and will be organising a meeting for residents.

b. Revisit football informal policy (SD)

The Chair reported there had been an expression of interest to use the EM pitch and Pavillion from a Wessex league football team. After discussion councillors decided this would not be a reasonable option since not enough income would be generated to cover the costs for upkeep, repairs to the Pavillion and grass cutting and questioned the environmental impact of players driving a considerable distance for a match.

Councillors decided not to revise the policy.

A subcommittee was appointed to look at the future of the pavilion site and football pitch, The Chair, Cllr Ridgeon, Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake and Cllr Atkinson.

c. A Second Defibrillator (SD)

The Chair asked Clive Tillbrook (CT) to expand on his team's thoughts for a second defibrillator to be installed in the phone box opposite The Izaak Walton pub. He reported that the phone box can be adopted by the Parish Council for £1.

CT confirmed that his team would be responsible for raising funds to purchase the defibrillator and for its upkeep and security. He has asked SCAS for recommendations for the right defibrillator.

He felt the box should be left unlocked. Concerns were raised about vandalism. CT and his team are willing to take on responsibility for any necessary repairs. The Izaak Walton pub and 2 residents will have security cameras fitted. Maintenance is very low. The defibrillator will be registered with SCAS.

The Chair emphasized the need to provide training for residents.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would have no financial responsibility for the defibrillator. The nominated guardian is to be Mr Tillbrook.

All Councillors were in favour of the proposal and The Chair thanked CT and his team for the initiative. CT to liaise with The Chair.

Concern raised regarding the unlocking of the village hall defibrillator as SCAS now recommends them to be unlocked. The code could be added to the box. The Chair said she would liaise with Mrs Emma Gaisford, the nominated guardian for the defibrillator.

d. Registration of the 2 Village Pubs as Assets of the Community Value (AH)

Cllr Hales outlined the position and explained that he required the Parish Council to approve and take responsibility for the registration of the two village pubs as Assets of Community Value, there is an 8 week process.

After a full discussion the councillors confirmed that in their view:

For each of the Izaak Walton and Ye Olde George Inn:

- (1) Their use furthers the local community's social well-being and/or social interests (including cultural, sporting and recreational interests);
- (2) Such use is not ancillary use;
- (3) In both cases it is realistic to think this can continue to be the case in the future; and accordingly
- (4) That both pubs clearly satisfy the necessary requirements and criteria for nomination and listing as assets of community value.

The councillors unanimously supported this initiative and agreed both pubs meet the criteria, proposed by Cllr Hales and seconded by Cllr Cooke. Cllr Hales agreed to finalise the application in the name of the Parish Council.

e. Council Mandate Signatories (SM)

Due to Suzie Brooker being taken off the bank account and Sam Marchant being added, a bank mandate needs to be signed to include the signatories of both Cllr Davenport (Chair) and Cllr Ridgeon (Vice Chair). Unanimously agreed by councillors.

6. County/District Councillor Report

Cllr Mocatta reported that with regards to BOATs, the issue is simply whether the rights of one group of users outweigh the rights of other groups of users. The continuing use of these sensitive old lanes by motorised traffic and motorbikes has in places made them unusable by walkers, horse riders and cyclists. It has caused greater degradation of the paths, with the inevitable negative impact on the local landscape and its accessibility to all traffic. By allowing use by motorbikes (and 4x4 in places), the local authorities are effectively no longer allowing all traffic to access these routes.

Local SDNPA members have tried to convince the officers that the SDNPA should use its power to put a TRO on the BOATs that have been damaged. The SDNPA will have to use Hampshire Countryside team to do the work, and there is an ongoing discussion about whether Hampshire Highways can use the SDNPA's power directly rather than indirectly.

7. Planning

Cllr Ridgeon reported since the last meeting, the Planning Committee reviewed and commented on 7 planning applications, each with 'no objection'.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan site for 5 houses at Garston Farm has now been submitted and is open for comments.

Work has started on 2/3 The Square. No new updates concerning Westbury House, or the NDP site south of Coombe Road.

The South Downs National Park Authority has issued a draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for consultation. The aim of the Design Guide SPD is to raise design standards in the National Park and to provide best practice guidance regarding the design of new development. The Design Guide SPD applies to both residential and non-residential development and will be a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications once adopted. The Parish Council intends to comment as part of the consultation.

8. Open Forum

No questions

9. Finance

The RFO reported on all payments between the dates of 13th of May to the 22nd of June.

Councillors unanimously approve all payments. Proposed by Cllr Ridgeon and seconded by Cllr Matt Atkinson

10. Any other business including correspondence of note.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21:15

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