

Medstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Council meeting held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 10th February 2016** at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Deborah Jackson, Roy Pullen, Ken Kercher, Peter Buckland, Peter Fenwick, Stan Whitcher, Hans Taylor, Mike Smith, and Jean Penny.

Also in attendance: Jacqui Stublely and Lisa Stevenson (Medstead Pond Implementation Group), Peter Baston (Clerk).

16.13 OPEN SESSION

Action

- a) Cllr Smith reported that the “over flowing” dog waste bin which had been emptied following representation at the last meeting was again full and required emptying by EHDC near Station Approach. The clerk was asked to contact EHDC to get the bin emptied.
- b) Cllr Smith further reported that he is still chasing Hampshire & IOW PCC for agreement to the funding. Cllr Smith is also meeting Mr Reg Pullen to agree suitable sites in the Parish.
- c) Cllr Smith asked the Council if consideration could be given to compressing the agenda for meeting which are held on the same day in order to save space / paper when the details are posted on the Parish noticeboards. The Clerk would undertake this change for future meetings.
- d) Cllr Pullen requested that agenda item 11 (Medstead Village Pond restoration) be moved forward to agenda item 3 to allow the presentation / discussion on the Pond restoration.
- e) Cllr Whitcher raised the issue of tree lopping and this will be added to the Maintenance Committee agenda on 24th February 2016.
- f) Cllr Buckland asked that consideration be given to extending the cemetery footpath and also for this to be undertaken at the same time as the previously discussed Memorial footpath extension. This will be added to the Maintenance Committee agenda on 24th February 2016.
- g) Cllr Pullen confirmed that the Memorial Wall had now been topped with the coping stones and was complete.

Clerk

Cllr Smith

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16.14 MEDSTEAD VILLAGE POND – RESTORATION

Having obtained the agreement of Council to take this item out of the agenda order, the Chairman closed the meeting to enable Lisa Stevenson and Jacqui Stublely from the Medstead Pond Implementation Group (MPIC) to present plans for the proposed landscaping and fencing at Medstead Pond. Mrs Stevenson had discussed the pond with both Medstead Pre School and Medstead Primary School especially in respect of safety. It was proposed that the fencing at the Pond would be in the same style as that at St Andrews Churchyard, being a two rung in Oak with a wire fence in between the rungs. Standing Orders were re-applied, after which the Council considered the proposal and was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Pullen and seconded by Cllr Whitcher. MPIC would now seek additional quotes for the fencing.

At the conclusion of the Open Session, Standing Orders were applied.

16.15 APOLOGIES

None.

16.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16.17 COUNCIL MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th January 2016 having been previously circulated, were amended to reflect Action 16.12(b) and proposed as a **true record** by Councillor Pullen, seconded by Councillor Smith, **and signed by the Chairman**.
- b) Matters arising:
 - i. 16.01 (a) Amended meeting dates had been displayed in all the Medstead notice boards.
 - ii. 16.01 (b) Cllr Jackson reported that she had visited the site and all was now in order.
 - iii. 16.01 (d) The Clerk reported that he had met with the Day Term Contractor and the work will be carried out shortly at Medstead URC.
 - iv. 16.01 (e) The Clerk had contacted EHDC but see 16.13 (a) above.
 - v. 16.06(b) Cllr Jackson had responded to the Rotary Club and a reply is awaited.

16.18 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- a) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19th January 2016 having been previously circulated, **were ratified**. Cllr Pullen had circulated a separate planning report for the meeting.

16.19 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Due to the close proximity of meetings, nothing further to report.

16.20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Jackson gave a verbal update at the meeting.

- i. It was reported that the pig farm appeal had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate
- ii. Cllr Jackson was liaising with Four Marks "The Shrave" residents regarding speed on the A31 and the access junction to the new housing developments.
- iii. Cllr Jackson had attended two workshops, one on devolution and the second on the District Councillor Allowance Scheme.
- iv. Cllr Jackson said she would become more engaged with the developers at Lymington Barns.

No report was received from Cllr Thomas who was away.

16.21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk explained the latest Nat West bank accounts for the three accounts regarding the latest financial position.

- a. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the income and expenditure reports for January 2016.
- b. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure against budget report to 31st January 2016.

- c. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Bank Reconciliation as a 31st January 2016.
- d. It was agreed that the Landscape Group contractors for bin collecting should be chased to empty the bins.
- e. The Clerk raised the issue over an outstanding invoice from HCC regarding a sign for the cemetery which was disputed. It was agreed that evidence should be sought from HCC before the invoice is paid.

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16.22 COUNCIL POLICY

Following questions raised by Medstead PC, a response received from EHDC on the Consultation Draft 'Planning Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy' Supplementary Planning Document was discussed and clarification is required from EHDC on when the Protocol being developed by EHDC will be available for review by Medstead PC.

Clerk

16.23 FIVE ASH POND – FLOODING

Cllr Pullen recently met with Cllr Thomas (EHDC) and Cllr Mark Kemp-Gee (HCC) in Winchester to discuss the path near the Pond. Hampshire Highways has agreed to respond with a scheme to alleviate flooding.

16.24 CLEAN FOR QUEEN

Cllr Penny is raising this with Medstead WI on 11th February. It was agreed that Saturday 5th March would be designated the Clean for Queen day (10am – 10.30am start) and this would be advertised in the Medstead Times. The Clerk would contact EHDC for equipment and Cllr Jackson agreed to collect from Petersfield.

**Cllr Penny / Clerk /
Cllr Jackson**

16.25 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

- a. **Village Hall** – Councillor Buckland updated the position on the plans for the Village Hall porch and mentioned that Mr M Overy had obtained "No Horse Riding" signs for the Green. Paul Triance had been contacted regarding lopping overhanging tree branches behind the Hall.
- b. **Sports Club** – Nothing to update.
- c. **Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group** – There was discussion regarding securing a speaker for the Annual Meeting on the NP. NP had been approved by EHDC Cabinet and would be put forward to EHDC general council meeting at end of February 2016.
- d. **Parish Plan Committee** – Councillor Jackson reported there have been no meetings of the Committee.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

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