

Medstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Council meeting held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 7th December 2016** at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors, Deborah Jackson (in part), Roy Pullen (Chair), Peter Buckland, Peter Fenwick, Ken Kercher, Jean Penny, Mike Smith and Stan Whitcher

Also in attendance: Mr Peter Baston (Clerk).

Action

16.150 OPEN SESSION

- a) Cllr Buckland stated that further mole activity had occurred on the Green. The Clerk advised that he had already been in contact with Allpest and requested a further visit to address the issue.
- b) Cllr Buckland reported that a member of the public had mentioned to him that saplings were causing an issue on certain footpaths and Cllr Buckland had advised the member of public that he should contact HCC "fixmystreet" initiative to address problem.
- c) Cllr Penny reported that a member of the public had commented to her about the mud on the road in the Lymington Bottom Road area. Cllr Pullen mentioned that a meeting was to be held on 8th December with both CALA Homes and Miller Homes and "mud" would be on the agenda.
- d) Cllr Penny further mentioned that the same member of public had commented that the maintenance of the local footpaths was much improved this year.
- e) Cllr Smith stated that Speedwatch was due to be rolled out in other locations following confirmation from Hampshire Constabulary.

16.151 APOLOGIES

Cllr Hans Taylor.

16.152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

16.153 COUNCIL MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday 9th November 2016** having been previously circulated, were proposed as a **true record** by Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Kercher, **and signed by the Chairman.**

b) Matters Arising

No matters arising.

16.154 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

a) Planning Committee

- i. The minutes of the meeting held on **9th November 2016** having been previously circulated, **were ratified.**
- ii. Cllr Pullen reported that, with Cllr Fenwick, he had attended the appeal for land to the North of Station Approach, Four Marks, Hampshire, GU34 5PZ at EHDC. The outcome is awaited.

- iii. Cllr Kercher queried whether planning permission was required for the routing of the drainage from the proposed Bargate site as outlined in the Planning minute 16.78(iv). Cllr Pullen agreed to investigate and would contact the EHDC Planning Officer.

Cllr Pullen

b) Finance & General Purposes Committee

No F&GP meeting had been held since the last Full Council meeting.

c) Maintenance Committee

- i. No F&GP meeting had been held since the last Full Council meeting.
- ii. Cllr Kercher reported that a Faculty is likely to be required from the Diocese of Winchester to allow the renovation of aged memorials in the Cemetery. This will be discussed at the next Maintenance meeting on 14th December.
- iii. The Clerk advised the meeting that the owner of the neighbouring property had constructed a gate through to the Cemetery from his garden having sought agreement from the Clerk before doing so.
- iv. Lengthsman 2017 Agreement. The draft was agreed and proposed by Councillor Pullen, seconded by Councillor Kercher and would be signed by the Clerk and returned to Itchen Valley Parish Council.
- v. Churchyard Maintenance. This would be referred to Maintenance Committee for review.

**Maintenance
Committee**

Clerk

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16.155 CHAIRMANS REPORT

This month a series of thanks to fellow councillors:

- To Cllr Pullen for representing the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service and for laying our wreath whilst I was otherwise engaged with a second, District Council wreath
- To Cllr Fenwick for co-ordinating the Parish Council Christmas tree for the festival at the church
- To both of the aforementioned councillors for their attendance at yesterday's appeal hearing
- To the Clerk and all councillors for their hard work and efforts during 2016.

16.156 PARISH CLERK REPORT

The Clerk provided an update of the current activity.

16.157 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

District Councillor Report: Deborah Jackson

A short report this month and although it has been a busy month with much to-ing and fro-ing from Penns Place there does not seem to be much to report.

As part of National Takeover week I accompanied two groups of children from Four Marks School on a visit to Penns Place. The children received a tour of the departments and were able to visit the Council Chamber where I explained how formal council meetings were conducted, before returning to our base room. The groups then conducted debates on the topics of "Do we need more houses in Four Marks?" and "should we have school uniform?" Some interesting points were raised and a mock ballot held using ballot boxes.

I am sorry to report that, despite my request for the application for an indoor school at Northfield Stables to be decided by the Planning Committee, this was rejected by senior members of the planning team at EHDC.

Yesterday I attended the appeal hearing for Station Approach, accompanied by members of this Parish Council and Janet Foster, Chair of Four Marks PC. The appellant had employed a QC to represent them, so as you can imagine, the going was quite tough. At this point in time I do not know which way the decision will go – we can only hope.

A meeting has been set up with Benjamin UK, the proprietors of Benwhyles in Boyneswood Road. This will be held on 24th January, with representatives from District and County Councils in attendance. Tomorrow sees the first of the liaison meetings with Miller Homes and other associated builders. This will no doubt be interesting!

Finally, I am pleased to be able to let you know that earlier this week further 106 monies were released to Medstead Parish Council to support the pond development project.

16.158 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk explained that due to the timing of the meeting, the latest Nat West bank statements for the Business Reserve Account(s) and the Nationwide Account (Wake Trust) had not been received and would need to be reviewed and approved at the next meeting. The Nat West Current account had been received.

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure against budget report to 30th November 2016.
- ii. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for the Nat West Current account (as approved by Cllr Smith) as at 30th November 2016.
- iii. Cllr Fenwick thanked the Clerk for the favourable outcome of the interim Audit which had just been completed.

16.159 MEDSTEAD POND(S)

- a. **Five Ash Pond** – It was agreed that Grant Funding would be sought to carry out a viability study for options such as a bore hole and, following a quotation received for £1,800, the Clerk will be taking this application forward.
- b. **Village Pond Restoration.** Cllr Pullen outlined the current position:
 - i. A granite top is now in place on the bench seat;
 - ii. A leak is still occurring and further work is required in order to address the problem.

Clerk

16.160 DEVOLUTION

Cllr Fenwick reported following the meeting of the EHAT&PC, that a letter sent to the EHDC Council leader, does not support aligning with the Southern Authority areas. Cllr Fenwick will also send the letter on to Cllr Kemp-Gee and reply to EHAT&PC that it should also be sent to the neighbouring districts as well.

Cllr Fenwick

16.161 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

It was agreed that Medstead Parish Council would support the initiative and the Clerk was asked to contact the Medstead Times.

Clerk

Councillor Jackson joined the meeting and presented her Chairman's and District Councillor's reports

16.162 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS

Cllr Smith asked if there was any national initiative planned. It was felt that the occasion should be remembered as normal but Cllr Jackson asked if awareness could be raised in the Village and perhaps an upgrade of the area surrounding the war memorial be considered.

16.163 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

- i. Village Hall – A meeting had recently been held and issues discussed included the plan for the car park extension.
- ii. EHAT&PC. The Dep. CEO of EHDC spoke of a more consistent approach to planning especially in connection with communication.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm.

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