

Medstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Council meeting held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 10th January 2018** at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Deborah Jackson (Chair), Peter Buckland, Peter Fenwick, Georgy Fuzzard, Ken Kercher, Jean Penny, Roy Pullen, Mike Smith & Stan Whitcher.

Also in attendance: Mr Peter Baston (Clerk).

Action

18.01 OPEN SESSION

- a. Cllr Penny mentioned that the name of the Cllr Fuzzard is not appearing in the Villager magazine and the previous councillor's name is still appearing. The Clerk would contact the Villager to ask for the change to be made.
- b. Cllr Smith stated that mud was much in evidence on Lymington Bottom Road with the source coming mainly from the Cala development and wheel washing was not being undertaken. A further source of mud was coming from a dumper truck that had been observed along Lymington Bottom Road spilling mud.
- c. Cllr Pullen mentioned that the Croudace Homes banners which had been placed with full Council approval on to the fence at the Pond had been removed over the new year period by persons unknown with Croudace Homes stating that they will be replacing. It was agreed that an additional notice be placed by Cllr Pullen alongside the replacement banners informing that they have been placed by Croudace Homes following a substantial donation with the full approval of the Parish Council.

Clerk

Cllr Pullen

18.02 APOLOGIES

District Councillor Ingrid Thomas.

18.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

18.04 COUNCIL MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on **13th December 2017** were reviewed and proposed as a **true record** by Councillor Pullen seconded by Councillor Fenwick, **and signed by the Chairman.**

b) Matters Arising.

- i. **Item 17.205.** Cllr Penny advised that she had referred the matter to the secretary of the Mulcock Charity to pursue with EHDC.
- ii. **Item 17.211.** Cllr Jackson suggested that an application for a district councillor grant ought to be considered.

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18.05 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

a) Planning Committee

- i. The minutes of the meeting held on **13th December 2017** having been previously circulated, **were ratified.**
- ii. **Chairman Report –**
A very quiet month with nothing of substance to report.
- iii. **Parish Liaison Meeting(s).**
A further **Bargate Homes** meeting is scheduled for 30th January 2018 at 6pm to be held at Medstead Village Hall.

On 15th December 2017, there was a liaison meeting at Medstead Village Hall at 11.45 for Cala/ Miller/ Beechcroft developments. Only Cala attended.

- iv. **Croudace Homes (Cedar Stables)**
Croudace Homes had invited the Parish Council to the site to view the soon to be completed properties and any councillors interested should contact Cllr Pullen.

b) Finance & General Purposes Committee

- i. An F&GP meeting had been held just prior to the Full Council meeting to discuss the allotment tenancy agreements. Cllr Fenwick outlined the documents which will be brought to Full Council at the February meeting.
- ii. **Chairman Report –** all details are in the minutes.

c) Maintenance Committee

- i. No Maintenance meeting had been held since the previous Full Council meeting.
- ii. **Chairman Report -**
It was reported that the Christmas lights on the Green had failed during the festive period and had only intermittently been illuminated. They had to be turned off in the week before Christmas due to water ingress into the electrics. This will be considered at the Maintenance committee.

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18.06 CHAIRMANS REPORT

- A number of comments have been received about the lights on the green – have explained the problems encountered by the Parish Council.
- An email has been received from a resident concerned that the village pond appears unfinished and suggesting that MPC fits a liner. Explanatory response sent.

It was not possible to agree before the cut-off date appropriate wording of an article for the Medstead Times advising about the Croudace signage adjacent to the pond. As anticipated, this has led to some local concern. Suggest that MPC agrees appropriate wording and attaches by replacement signs and possibly on website.

18.07 PARISH CLERK REPORT

- i. Finger Post Sign delivery now mid Feb 2018;
- ii. Following request to EHDC regarding their overdue payment for CIL to Medstead Parish Council no further update received. The Clerk was asked to send a further request as a Freedom of Information request to EHDC;
- iii. No response from land owner regarding the path along Roe Downs Rd;
- iv. Undertook admin and minutes for Cala / Miller / Beechcroft Homes parish liaison meeting;
- v. Arranged repairs to playground equipment (Rotabounce);
- vi. Met with Nimrod Fire for the annual fire extinguisher test at the Pavilion. Additional extinguisher now installed in neighbouring shed;
- vii. Leave for two weeks over Christmas.

Clerk

Cemetery Activity

Memorial approval - plot 1058

18.08 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)

District Councillor Report: Deborah Jackson

- Developer Update:
 - Attended Lymington Bottom Road Developer/ Resident liaison meeting (CALA, Miller, Beechcroft; 15/12/2017). Only CALA in attendance, but their representative agreed to look into re-instating weekly sweeping of the pavement under the bridge.
 - Bargate – mud on road issues in Beechlands Road have returned following re-starting of work after Christmas shutdown. Concerns have been expressed by residents that Beechlands Road might be widened. Confirmed by Mark Kemp-Gee and HCC Highways that this is not the case. Any markings on road are likely to be due to impending service works. Next liaison meeting – 30th January, 6pm, Village Hall
 - Bellway – Despite regular road sweeper activity during the day there are significant mud issues again on Boynswood Road and onto the A31 to beyond the Shrave. Possibly not helped by hose washing mud towards A31. Further Liaison meeting within the next few weeks – amended date to be finalised.
 - Work to lay water pipes along Five Ash Road has commenced. Scheduled to take 3months before continuing up onto Red Hill.
- District Councillor Community Grant application received to support the work of the Mansfield Park Patient Participation Group (PPG).
- Deadline for EHDC sports awards nominations extended to 22 January.
- From Full Council Meeting (14 December)
 - New council support scheme approved to aid residents affected by implementation of the new “Universal Credit”
 - Approval of updated councillor development strategy (led by co-ward councillor Ingrid Thomas. On 14/12/2017 EHDC was awarded chartered status for its councillor development.

It was agreed to lift the £40m/year cap to enable more flexible borrowing of up to £200m within a 5 year period to allow more flexibility in property development. (Money is borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board at 2.5% and currently returns over 7%) Profits are being used to help offset cuts in government grants and in turn support EHDC’s aspiration of zero council tax for residents by 2020.

18.09 CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Letter from Broadlands RDA regarding Parish Council Grant payment. **Noted by Council**
- ii. Letter from Bargate Homes regarding thrust boring drainage works – Boyneswood Lane **Noted by Council**
- iii. E Mail from HALC regarding Legal Helpline Service will be provided by Hampshire Legal Services (HLS). **Noted by Council**
- iv. Public Consultation - Shaping the Future of England's Strategic Roads. **Noted by Council.**

18.10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Income and Expenditure report for **December 2017**. Proposed as a **true record** by Councillor Pullen seconded by Councillor Kercher.

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transaction detail</u>
06/12/2017	2724	Parish Clerk	£734.77	November 2017 Salary
06/12/2017	2725	L Perry	£200.00	Day Work Contractor
06/12/2017	2726	Candover Valley Parish Magazine	£15.00	Advert for Day work contractor
06/12/2017	2727	EHDC	£17.00	(Remembrance Wreath)
06/12/2017	2728	Came & Co	£344.74	(M&FMNP Insurance)
06/12/2017	2729	Acorn Office Supplies	£86.40	Printer Cartridge
06/12/2017	2730	Parish Clerk	£28.90	Clerk Expenses (Nov 17)
06/12/2017	2731	All Pest	£370.80	(Pest control 2017/18)
13/12/2017	2732	Garthowen Garden Centre	£118.00	Christmas Tree(s)
13/12/2017	2733	L Perry (Day Work)	£140.00	Day Work Contractor
13/12/2017	2734	WKL Building Supplies	£235.20	Day Work Contractor supplies
11/12/2017	DD	Vodafone	£17.00	Mobile phone contract
05/12/2017	CC	Post office	£27.96	Stamps
07/12/2017	CC	WEM Medical	£44.88	Defibrillator Pads (Village Hall)
11/12/2017	CC	Land Registry	£6.00	LR Plan
13/12/2017	CC	WEM Medical	£44.88	Defibrillator Pads (Village Hall) Spare set
13/12/2017	CC	Sainsbury's	£3.00	Stationery

- ii. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Bank Reconciliations (as approved by Cllr Smith) as at 31st December 2017. Proposed by Councillor Penny seconded by Councillor Kercher.

18.11 FIVE ASH POND

A letter had been sent to the adjoining land owner to seek permission to dump the spoil on that site. No response had been received and the clerk was asked to send a follow up towards the end of January 2018.

Clerk

18.12 BENJAMIN UK LTD

Cllr Pullen stated that there was little to report although disturbances had occurred at the Telegraph Lane residence in Four Marks.

A further planned meeting would take place with the Area Manager in a couple of weeks' time.

18.13 ALLOTMENTS

This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

18.14 SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Smith informed Council that Wield Road was now being covered and whilst there were fewer vehicles recorded, of those assessed, around 30% were found to be speeding.

A couple of new volunteers may have been found to assist the Team.

18.15 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS

Cllr Jackson had asked for ideas for community engagement in the run up to the commemoration of the end of World War 1. It was suggested that a tree be planted on the Green later in the year.

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18.16 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

No reports received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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