

**Parish Council Meeting
Held at East Meon Village Hall on
Monday 22 July 2024 at 18:30.**

Minutes

Present: Councillors Susan Davenport (Chair), Charles Ritchie (Vice Chair), Steven Ridgeon, Matt Atkinson, Andrew Hales, Trudie Lang and Jerry Sillence, County/District Councillor Rob Mocatta, Sam Marchant (PC), and 1 member of the public attended.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake and Cllr Round.

2. To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chair asked the Councillors to consider whether they felt the Minutes were a true record of the meeting held on 20 May 2024. Councillors who had attended the meeting confirmed that they were, and they were approved as read. Proposed by Cllr Hales and seconded by Cllr Sillence and duly signed as a true and correct record.

4. Open Forum

No questions were raised.

5. Reports and Updates

a) Sewage Workhouse Lane (SD)

The Chair reported that she and Mike Critchley had met with Southern Water's Head of Customer Care for Wastewater in Hampshire and the Network Manager on 12 June. She was expecting a report on the items raised regarding the lack of Section 106 agreements to link pipes to the main sewers for both the Penny Mile and The Green developments, sadly this had not been forthcoming. She had asked for an investigation into pipes leading from both the FW and SW drain covers in The Green development area to track where surface water was ending up. Cllrs Atkinson and Sillence stated that they could organise this. She said that there were plans to reline parts of the sewer pipe in Workhouse Lane and elsewhere where there were cracks and that the pipe crossing the field to the sewage works had now been jetted for the first time.

(SD/MA/JS)

b) Allotments (TL)

Cllr Lang reported that she had had a lovely evening meeting with the Allotment holders at the Workhouse Lane site and that she was planning a date to do the same at the Frogmore site.

The nettles encroaching onto the path from the Frogmore allotments were discussed and it was agreed to ask holders to cut these back. (TL)

c) Lengthsman (TL)

Cllr Lang reminded Councillors of the jobs yet to be completed on the Lengthsman worksheet. It was agreed to ask the Monday Volunteer group if they would look at renovating the white bench on the Recreation Ground. (TL)

d) War Memorial (TL)

Cllr Lang informed Councillors that it had been reported that the wooden posts surrounding the War Memorial had become rotten. Cllrs Atkinson and Sillence agreed to investigate and report back with their recommendations. (MA/JS)

e) BOATs (SD)

The Chair reported that at the recent meeting of the East Hampshire Parishes BOATS subcommittee it had been agreed that all Parish Councils should be asked to write to Jonathon Woods to express their views on the current BOP draft for consideration by the Universal Services Select Committee in the autumn. Councillors considered the letter drafted by the Chair and unanimously agreed that this should be sent to Jonathon Woods and his team at HCC. (SD)

f) Footpaths and Highways to include Frogmore path fencing (MA)

Cllr Atkinson informed Councillors he had not yet been given a date for the traffic calming measures to be implemented. He had received Brian Biggs Footpath and BOATs report and actions were being dealt with by the landowners.

He had had another look at the wooden fence running alongside the Frogmore allotments and had found that 12-15 posts were rotten and in need of replacement. He agreed to investigate costs and report back in the next meeting.

The trees in Coombe Road had been removed with one or two remaining.

Cllr Atkinson intended to apply for grant monies from Cllr Mocatta for a solar panel for the speed sensor. (MA)

g) All Sports Pavilion and East Meon FC Vets (CR)

Cllr Ritchie informed Councillors that the East Meon Veteran Football Club had now signed the agreement to play from the beginning of the season in September on Sunday mornings. The contract is for one year and hire payments in five game blocks will be made in advance. The Club was looking

to take on local players aged 35yrs upwards. This would be advertised in the Meon Matters.

Cllr Ritchie also reported that Scott Sillence had done some repairs to the end of pavilion, and it was now level.

h) EMNG/Environmental (SR)

Cllr Ridgeon stated that the Riverfly monitoring initiative, had been successful with 6 surveys resulting in acceptable scores. Ideas to keep these scores healthy were being discussed and investigated.

It was reported that Brighton University were currently carrying out an investigation on the river close to the source to monitor micro plastics.

With regards to TWiG, the Tree Working Group, the nettles had been cleared along the new hedgerow on the Recreation Ground. Another working group had been organised to clear the nettles along the new hedgerow on The Green. The group is looking for more volunteers to help maintain the good health of the young plants.

The Chair thanked TWiG for all their hard work.

i) CIL Money Projects (AH)

Cllr Hales reported that the CIL Money subcommittee had discussed many ideas and narrowed these down to 10 potential projects. To be discussed further at the next meeting in September. (AH)

j) Playground ROSPA inspection (SRound)

In Cllr Rounds absence the Clerk reported that there had been no big issues raised on the ROSPA inspection report, just a requirement for the nettles at the Recreation play area to be cut back. The Lengthsman had been asked to do this. (SRound)

k) Grants (SRound)

SDNPA CiL funding was discussed, the grants prioritise projects tackling climate change and nature recovery, it was noted that this could be of interest to the local school for solar panels or other projects in the village. Councillors agreed to think on this.

l) EHAPT (TTD)

The Chair informed Councillors that she had attended and been a speaker at the recent EHAPTC meeting where BOATs had been on the agenda.

6. Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting on 20 May 2024

a) Recycling Scheme (JS)

Cllr Sillence said that he had spoken with other parishes in the local area to come up with ideas for an efficient way to recycle items in East Meon. He said that he would have more information for the next meeting in September.

Cllr Mocatta informed Councillors that glass collections were set to become bi-weekly as the bottle banks were being removed by the end of 2024.

The Chair advised Cllr Sillence to approach Hambledon Parish Council as they had set up a great recycling scheme. (JS)

b) EHDC Average speed cameras (SD/RM)

Cllr Mocatta played a clip from South Today for Councillors to see the impact of the average speed cameras already in use. He then explained that the data, once collected could be passed on to the police. As well as speed the data would include the insurance and MOT status of vehicles. The Parish Council would have ownership of the cameras which would need to be maintained by the Parish Council going forward. They would have permanent fixtures at 3 points along a single route. The data is downloadable via blue tooth, volunteers would need to be prepared to action this.

Following discussion, it was agreed that reducing speed through East Meon was a priority included in the village plan.

Cllr Mocatta agreed to investigate the scheme further and report at the next meeting in September. (RM)

c) Cricket Club agreement (AH)

Cllr Hales informed Councillors that the EMCC had been approached regarding the proposed two interim payments, to be scheduled for September and March, and that they had agreed to these terms.

He also wanted to note his thanks to Cllr Tyrwhitt-Drake for the speedy replacement of the gate to the Recreation Ground, Cllr Atkinson said he would look at the burn on the grass to see if there was anything he could do by way of reseeding. (MA)

7. County/District Councillor report

Cllr Mocattas' report can be found on the Parish Council Website.

Cllr Mocatta drew Councillors attention to the new recycling scheme with the bin collection crew attaching notes to the bins if there were unrecyclable items present. There were hopes to combine recycling and glass collections and an increase in items, such as yoghurt pots and tubs, to be accepted in recycling

collections. This will be decided by both government legislation (i.e. an Environment Act, or amendments to the existing Act) and by a joint decision between the waste disposal authority (currently Hampshire County Council) and the collection authorities (currently EHDC and the other Districts/Boroughs). Food waste would be being collected separately by March 2026, with an expected 100 tonnes of food waste per week from EHDC properties. Green waste and food waste could be collected together.

He reported that following recent surveys the decision for keeping the Petersfield Recycling Centre open was to be discussed in September along with the continuation of the 67-bus route with the final decisions to be made in December.

8. Planning - Report by Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Cllr Ridgeon reported that seven planning applications had been received. One for a dwelling, two for trees and four for 'other'. The Planning Committee had submitted one objection, for the storage of explosives behind Lower farm, a Planning Committee Meeting in public had been held in June, with a large attendance. The subsequent comprehensive objection was submitted on the SDNPA website and posted a second time as required. Cllr Ridgeon wanted to recognise Cllr Hales and Cllr Ritchie's input and support in the matter.

SDNPA were currently holding a consultation on their review of the local plan, this was not to include policies or land assessments. The discussions would include details on project initiatives to be accompanied by a youth survey with a prize draw. Consultation comments are due by 8 September, the Planning Committee will submit these on behalf of the Parish Council.

(SR)

a. Land adjacent to Larchwood & Beechwood House, Droxford Road – Road Name suggestions.

Cllr Ridgeon asked Councillors for further suggestions for roads names as the previous ones had been rejected by Royal Mail.

Suggestions were as follows:

Potters field and Broad Field (Both fields in the area)

Mercury (RN training base) and Kelly (the signal officer at the battle of Trafalgar and name of the training department at HMS Mercury)

With naval names to be prioritised.

9. Finance

a. Finance including payments and receipts report (14 May – 15 July)

The RFO presented her report on all payment and receipts between the dates of 14 May to the 15 July. Councillors unanimously approved.

b. Bank Account

The RFO reported that she had looked at Unity Trust bank who deal with Parish Councils, she agreed to look at competitive fixed rates and action.

c. FILCA Training

The RFO reported that she had completed the FilCA training funded by the Parish Council.

10. Any other business including correspondence of note.

A resident had raised concerns about a limb of the Ash tree in Workhouse Lane touching the electricity cables. The tree was to be worked on the following weekend and the limb would be removed by Marchant Tree Care.

The East Meon children's football kit was discussed, the Chair confirmed she was already speaking with the Head about applying for a District Councillor grant.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:40pm.

Signed:

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