

CORHAMPTON & MEONSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2 April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Meon Hall Meonstoke.

PRESENT Vice-chairman John Shaw, Steve Clark, Bruce Horn, Rowena Hyder, Patrick Rowe, and Sue Walker. In attendance: Juliet Brooks (Clerk), and 6 parishioners, also Mr David Deane, Cycling Projects Officer, South Downs National Park Authority.

The Vice-chairman invited Mr Deane to address Council concerning works linked to the project to improve the Meon Valley Trail – the section of particular interest to parishioners being the disused railway line. Mr Deane stated that the works would include some felling and flailing, removal of mud, construction of an improved surface including the creation of a camber, and some ditching. He confirmed that no asphalt or tarmac would be used. The work is going towards the designation of the old railway line as a bridleway. Work on felling and flailing started in March and will culminate in surface works in June. Mr Deane confirmed that engineers are looking into the possibility of replacing the 2 broken bridges.

There was some discussion regarding the problem of fast cycling after the improvements. Sue Walker had met with David and raised concerns which were already being tackled by HCC elsewhere. David showed the meeting signage which was working well at Hockley and undertook to research how the problem was dealt with elsewhere including the possibility of physical impediments to deter reckless cyclists. He also undertook to investigate ways to prevent vehicular access.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Chairman Nick Riley, Councillor Norma Bodtger WCC and Councillor Roger Huxstep HCC
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 05 March 2014 were approved and signed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** None
4. **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ~ Wednesday 23rd April 2014** The Chairman has issued the agenda. Patrick Rowe agreed to provide the wine. *ACTION: PR*
5. **REPORTS** Nil
6. **OPEN SPACE** Discussions are taking place with the Open Space Officer and Exton Village Meeting concerning the possibility of the monies held in the Open space Fund for Exton being transferred to Corhampton & Meonstoke. *ACTION: NR*
7. **FINANCE**
 - a) The Clerk presented the financial statement and reported balances of £1518.62 in the Community Account and £10331.44 in the Scottish Widows Account.
 - b) Council approved payment of bills –

chq	200638	HAPC – annual sub	250.00
	200639	HAPC – training courses	270.00
	200640	HMRC – PAYE	79.80
	200641	J Brooks – Feb'14 sal + exp	359.73
8. **PLANNING**
 - i) Freeland Cottage High Street SDNP/13/05255/TPO (no c) - ongoing
 - ii) Playground trees SDNP/13/05917/TCA (no c) – ongoing
 - iii) Annex Stoke Down New Road SDNP/14/00027/LDE (no c) – ongoing
 - iv) Canberra House High Street SDNP/14/00819/FUL (no c) – ongoing
 - v) The Rectory Rectory Lane SDNP/14/00996/TPO (o) – ongoingNew applications:
 - i) 2 Niton Cottages Pound Lane SDNP/14/00703/HOUS) Council agreed no comment
 - ii) Coombe Place Cottage New Road SDNP/14/01013/HOUS)
 - iii) Mayfield Rectory Lane SDNP/14/01299/FUL – the planning committee agreed to meet and report back to Council. *ACTION: PR/JS/SW*
 - ii) Other:
 - 1) Affordable housing – Za Rowe reported to Council concerning the Bridgemoor development – the Mediator has agreed that the boundary should be changed and Sovereign Housing Association will take

ownership of the access and the whole of the gateway. The Development Manager of Sovereign has undertaken to re-visit the scheme and look again at revised costs and planning status.

2) **Enforcement** – Steynes Farm mobile home, etc. –ongoing

3) **Allotments** – Patrick Rowe reported that although WCC had agreed to clear the site, including trees and stumps, and fence it, no progress has been made in the 2 months since the site meeting. Patrick agreed to pursue this with our MP. *ACTION: PR*

Patrick Rowe and the Chairman had undertaken to investigate the installation of a standpipe on site.

ACTION: NR/PR

The Clerk agreed to investigate the drafting of an agreement with potential allotment holders, and to speak to Clerks of neighbouring Parishes about the running of their allotments. The Clerk agreed to circulate a draft tenancy agreement to Councillors. *ACTION: Clerk*

9. a) **PLAYGROUND** i) Steve Clark had agreed to obtain further quotes from suppliers of bonded mulch surfaces for the Chapel Road play area. *ACTION: SC*

ii) The playground is still closed due to trees from neighbouring property having fallen in the recent storms and having damaged the fencing by the river. Signs are in place warning the public not to enter. The Clerk had contacted the contractor who had previously renovated the fencing and received a quote to repair the damage. The contractor had advised delaying repairs until the land had dried out. Council discussed the practicality of bringing in the fence by the river by approximately a metre but no decision was made. The Clerk was authorised to request the contractor to proceed according to his quote. *ACTION: Clerk*

The Clerk had written to the owners of the trees to ask if their insurance would cover the repairs, and to point out the likely costs involved, however, no response has yet been received by the Clerk. *ACTION: Clerk*

b) **RECREATION GROUND** i) Steve Clark had agreed that he would seek help from parishioners to cover over embedded concrete blocks, which previously secured adult gym equipment, with a low bank of earth. *ACTION: SC*

ACTION: SC

ii) Council authorised Steve Clark to proceed with the remaining part of the renovation scheme i.e. to arrange for a rounders pitch to be marked out, to order 2 rounders kits and a suitable storage box, and to order and install 3 picnic benches. *ACTION: SC*

ACTION: SC

c) **MEON HALL** Nil

d) **LENGTHSMAN UPDATE** James Morrice reported to Council.

e) **FLOODING** i) Council agreed to seek information concerning what actions had been undertaken by the Environment Agency regarding annual maintenance and clearance work as suggested in the Halcrow Reports in 2003/2006 for both the main river and the Winterbourne. Bruce Horn and John Shaw undertook to draft a letter to the Environment Agency asking what work, if any, they had undertaken since 2006. *ACTION: BH/JS*

ii) John Shaw reported that he had contacted Southern Electricity over concerns with the effect of flooding around the substation in Rectory Lane, and he agreed to chase for a response. *ACTION: JS*

ACTION: JS

f) **TREE WARDEN** Nil

g) **HEDGES / VERGES** Nil

h) **RURAL TRANSPORT** Nil

i) **FOOTPATHS** 1) The ‘Meon Valley Trail’ – see above.

2) The Clerk has arranged to meet a representative from the HCC Countryside Service on site at the footpath by the School to discuss an application to their small grants scheme to renovate part of this footpath.

ACTION: Clerk

j) **HIGHWAY MATTERS** i) speed / noise nuisance on A32 – Sue Walker reported that a date for a meeting with our MP, the Police Commissioner and representatives from other Parish councils had been agreed. The Clerk undertook to seek to book the Meon Small Hall for 16 May 2014 *ACTION: Clerk*

ACTION: Clerk

ii) Concerns were raised about the damaged verges at the entrance to St Andrews Green. John Shaw undertook to speak to HCC / WCC about this and the possibility of widening the roadway in, as well as the entrance to, St Andrews Green to benefit access and parking, also parking for the shop. *ACTION: JS*

ACTION: JS

10. **COMMUNITY ASSET REGISTRATION** Steve Clark agreed to send out again the details of this scheme to Councillors. *ACTION: SC*
11. **CORRESPONDENCE** Nil
12. **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS** Concern was raised about the recent power cuts. John Shaw undertook to investigate. *ACTION: JS*
13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING ~ Wednesday 7 May 2014 ~ 7.30pm AGM
~ 7.45pm Parish Council Meeting**

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