

CORHAMPTON & MEONSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4 June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Meon Hall Meonstoke.

PRESENT Chairman John Shaw, Steve Clark, Bruce Horn, Rowena Hyder, Patrick Rowe and Sue Walker.
In attendance: Juliet Brooks (Clerk) and 5 parishioners

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Nick Riley, Councillor Norma Bodtger WCC and Councillor Roger Huxstep HCC.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING With one amendment at Item 9. a) **PLAYGROUND** *delete sub-paragraph i*), the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 07 May 2014 were approved and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING None

4. REPORTS - HCC & WCC Councillors - none

5. FINANCE a) The Clerk presented the financial statement and reported balances of £4,623.61 in the Community Account and £10333.93 in the Scottish Widows Account.

b) Council approved payment of bills – chq	200649	P Rowe expenses for APA	26.94
	200650	J Brooks – May’14 sal + exp	334.73
	200651	Zurich Municipal insurance prem.	735.20
	200652	S Clark expenses – rec. ground	214.38

c) The Chairman and the Clerk had discussed the insurance quotation from Zurich (which is less expensive than that from existing insurers Aon). Council agreed to the Chairman’s proposal to proceed with Zurich.

6. PLANNING i) Annex Stoke Down New Road SDNP/14/00027/LDE (no c) – ongoing

ii) Rectory trees Rectory Lane SDNP/14/00996/TPO (o) – approved

iii) Coombe Place Cottage New Road SDNP/14/01013/HOUS – approved

iv) Mayfield Rectory Lane SDNP/14/01299/FUL - refused

v) Meonstoke Village Stores SDNP/14/01542 (s) - ongoing

vi) Prospect Cottage Stocks Lane SDNP/14/02151/HOUS (no c) – ongoing

New application: Warners Cottage Beacon Hill Road SDNP/14/02354/FUL – Council agreed no comment.

Other: 1) Affordable housing – ongoing – Za Rowe updated Council regarding Sovereign Housing, who report having put together a pre-planning programme, which is very dependent on issues such as ecology surveys and the presence of dormice. Sovereign’s aim is to work towards achieving a satisfactory planning permission at the beginning of 2015.

2) Enforcement – Steynes Farm mobile home, etc. – the Chairman had contacted WCC Enforcement department, who have requested that the Parish Council confirmed its agreement to take no further action in this matter. The Chairman undertook to report this to WCC who will hopefully now settle this extremely long-running case. *ACTION: JS*

3) Allotments i) Patrick Rowe reported that although WCC had agreed to clear the site, including trees and stumps, and fence it, nothing has yet been done.

ii) Patrick also reported that with WCC reportedly about to produce a lease, it is necessary for the Parish Council to appoint a solicitor to deal with this. Council agreed to proceed with the appointment. *ACTION: PR/Clerk*

iii) Nick Riley is investigating the installation of a standpipe on site. *ACTION: NR*

iv) The Clerk had agreed to circulate a draft tenancy agreement to Councillors. *ACTION: Clerk*

4) Council had agreed to write to the SDNP / WCC planning departments to object to planning application

SDNP/14/01916/FUL proposed development at Exton Park. *ACTION: Clerk*

7. a) PLAYGROUND Steve Clark and Nick Riley have agreed to investigate updating the equipment at the playground. *ACTION: SC/NR*

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

ii) The remaining part of the renovation scheme has now been achieved, the WCC Open Space Fund Officer having approved the release of funds upon receipt of the invoices.

ACTION: SC/Clerk

iii) Free rounders sessions have been arranged from Saturday 17th May for 10 weeks (10.30 – 11.30). All are welcome.

iv) James Morrice has reported that the chain link fence at the MUGA is in need of repair. The clerk undertook to contact the contractor who had repaired the playground fence for a quote.

ACTION: Clerk

v) Council agreed to the Meon Hall Management committee's request to restrict access to the recreation ground from 4th to 6th July due to the booked visit of Hambledon Scouts.

c) **MEON HALL** Nil

d) **LENGTHSMAN UPDATE** James Morrice reported to Council, who expressed their thanks to James and to the ISS team for their good work.

e) **FLOODING** i) Council has sent a letter to the Environment Agency seeking information concerning what actions had been undertaken by the Agency regarding annual maintenance and clearance work as recommended in the Halcrow Reports in 2003/2006 for both the main river and the Winterbourne. The Chairman reported that he had met with Mr G Woodward from the Environment Agency, and with Hampshire Highways who were particularly concerned with the Winterbourne flooding of Rectory Lane and Church Lane. Mr Woodward undertook to reply to Council's letter.

ACTION: JS

ii) Council agreed to write to the former landlord of the Bucks Head pub thanking him for his contribution to the village.

ACTION: JS/Clerk

f) **TREE WARDEN** Nil

g) **HEDGES / VERGES** Council heard comments about overhanging branches in Fry's Lane. Discussions will continue with the landowners concerned.

h) **RURAL TRANSPORT** Nil

i) **FOOTPATHS** Work on improvements to the 'Meon Valley Trail' is ongoing.

j) **HIGHWAY MATTERS** i) speed / noise nuisance on A32 – ongoing watching brief.

ii) The Chairman has reported the recent flooding at the Corhampton roundabout to Hampshire Highways.

8. **COMMUNITY ASSET REGISTRATION** Steve Clark had circulated details of this scheme and the proposed completed application form. Council agreed to submit the form.

ACTION: SC/Clerk

9. **PARKING AT THE SHOP AND ENTRANCE TO St ANDREWS GREEN** The Chairman reported that Hampshire Highways have produced a drawing of the area with proposed extra parking places, and had intimated that this would not be too onerous to achieve. Councillor Roger Huxstep HCC is pursuing this with Hampshire Highways.

ACTION: JS

10. **TENNIS GROUP PROPOSAL** This matter is ongoing. Councillors were provided with copies of the forms which would have to be completed by the Tennis Group before Open Space Funding could be released on this project. A key aspect of this would be the preparation of a detailed business plan.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** None

12. **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS** i) electricity - the Chairman and Steve Clark met a representative of SSE to discuss the number of recent power failures in the area and were assured that SE is doing all it can to improve matters. SSE did not always have a record of momentary breaks in power supply which could cause problems with computers and security alarms. For computers Steve Clark reported that a battery back-up system with surge protector (such as one from Amazon <http://www.amazon.co.uk/APC-BE550G-UK-Interface-Power-Saving-Back-UPS/dp/B002RX6NY0>) could be a help.

ii) broadband – Council agreed to write to Glenn Peacey, the programme manager for the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme, expressing its concerns over broadband funding, etc. *ACTION: JS/SC*

iii) communications - Sue Walker expressed concern that the Parish Council is not communicating adequately with parishioners. Council agreed to ask parishioners to contact Council with suggestions on how communications could be improved.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING ~ Wednesday 2 July 2014 ~ 7.30pm

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