

CORHAMPTON & MEONSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5 March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Meon Hall Meonstoke.

PRESENT Chairman Nick Riley, Steve Clark, Bruce Horn, Rowena Hyder, Patrick Rowe, and John Shaw. In attendance: Councillor Norma Bodtger WCC, Councillor Roger Huxstep HCC, Juliet Brooks (Clerk), and 5 parishioners.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Sue Walker

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 05 February 2014 were approved and signed with one amendment:

8. **PLANNING** Other 1) ii) WCC housing list - line 4 delete 'regularly' and insert 'weekly'

3. **MATTERS ARISING** None

4. **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ~ Wednesday 23rd April 2014** The Chairman will issue the agenda which will include items on broadband, Neighbourhood Watch, the problem of dog fouling, and the tennis court proposal, as well as the usual parish reports, and police and local councillors reports. *ACTION: NR*

5. **REPORTS** i) Councillor Norma Bodtger WCC reported on matters including flooding and the Meon Valley Trail.

ii) Councillor Roger Huxstep HCC reported on matters including the HCC budget, broadband and flood alleviation.

6. **OPEN SPACE** i) Council agreed to keep the matter of fencing around some of the equipment at the Recreation Ground under review until it can be shown whether fencing is required and whether this would make mowing difficult..

ii) Other - the Chairman reported on discussions 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 £18390.06 in the Community Account (which includes £17481.02 received from the Open Space Fund) and £10331.44 in the Scottish Widows Account.

b) Council approved payment of bills – chq	200631	WCC dog bin emptying	100.00
	200632	Meon Hall – hire for APA	32.00
	200633	J Brooks – Jan'14 sal + exp	334.73

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

New application: i) Canberra House High Street SDNP/14/00819/FUL – Council agreed no comment.

ii) The Rectory Rectory Lane SDNP/14/00996/TPO – Council agreed to write to the planners objecting to this application for tree work so that the nesting season can be avoided. *ACTION: PR/Clerk*

Other: 1) Affordable housing – Za Rowe reported to Council:

i) Bridgmead development – Sovereign Housing Association is going to arbitration with the landowners at the end of March 2014 to try to resolve the boundary issues.

ii) WCC housing list – Za again advised that anyone qualifying for one of the Bridgmead houses get in touch as she would like to update the Parish Council housing list.

Za and the WCC Housing Officer are looking into how houses at Bridgmead are allocated.

The matter of allocation of housing at Pound Cottages was also raised and is being investigated by Za.

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

The Chairman and WCC Councillor Bodtger are still seeking closure of this matter. *ACTION: NR*

3) Allotments – Patrick Rowe reported on the recent site meeting attended by representatives from WCC. WCC agreed to clear the site, including trees and stumps, and fence it. Patrick Rowe and the Chairman undertook 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. *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. Initial quotes have been received, however these have indicated a higher cost than expected. *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 reported that damage to fencing is not covered by Council's insurance. The Clerk had contacted the contractor, who had only last year renovated the fencing, to seek a quote to repair the damage. The contractor reported that work on re-concreting in the posts would not be possible until the ground dried out. Council agreed to contact the owners of the trees to ask if their insurance would cover the repairs, and to point out the likely costs involved. *ACTION: Clerk*

b) **RECREATION GROUND** i) The Chairman and other parishioners had met with representatives from ISS Services to discuss the mowing contract.

ii) Steve Clark reported that the binoculars for the play ship have been damaged and new ones, replaced by suppliers at no cost, would be installed.

iii) Steve Clark reported that he would be seeking help from parishioners to help cover over embedded concrete blocks, which previously secured adult gym equipment, with a low bank of earth. *ACTION: SC*

c) **MEON HALL** Nil

d) **LENGTHSMAN UPDATE** James Morrice reported to Council that the contract has now come to the end of its second year. Council confirmed that it wished the contract to continue for a further year, and were pleased to accept James Morrice's offer to continue to act as the village representative. Council thanked James for his efforts on behalf of the community.

e) **FLOODING** Za Rowe, who had been the Councillor responsible for flooding at the time of the 2002 Halcrow Report, and who had offered to examine / compare the 2002 and 2006 Reports, reported back to Council. Za recommended that the Parish Council seek information concerning Environment Agency actions for annual maintenance and clearance work raised in the Reports for both the main river and the Winterbourne. Bruce Horn and John Shaw undertook to draft a response to the Environment Agency. *ACTION: BH/JS*
Concern was also raised about the flooding around the Southern Electric substation in Rectory Lane. John Shaw undertook to seek further information. *ACTION: JS*
Council noted that all PC paperwork relating to and copies of the 2002 and 2006 Halcrow reports were now handed from Za to Bruce Horn.

f) **TREE WARDEN** Nil

g) **HEDGES / VERGES** The Clerk reported that the hedges on the north side of Stocks Lane had now been trimmed.

h) **RURAL TRANSPORT** Nil

i) **FOOTPATHS** Council has been notified of forthcoming works on the disused railway line linked to a project to improve the 'Meon Valley Trail'. Council agreed to seek further information from the HCC/SDNP Cycling Projects Officer, and to discuss this at its next Meeting. *ACTION: Clerk*
Council was reminded that the HCC website for rights of way details a list of paths within the Parish.

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

ii) Other – Council agreed to put details for the reporting of faults, e.g. potholes, on its website.

ACTION: Clerk

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** a) Steve Clark had circulated details of community asset registration, in

particular Step 2 of the process 'Prepare your group bid'. Council agreed to discuss this at the next PC Meeting.

ACTION: SC

b) The Chairman and Patrick Rowe had agreed to attend the SDNP local plan consultation meeting being held on 11th March 2014 at 18.30 at East Meon Village Hall.

c) Steve Clark requested Council authorise a parishioner to attend a meeting on 12th March 2014 in London concerning rural broadband. Council agreed to this and to pay the 'community delegate' attendance fee.

d) The Friends of Corhampton Church AGM will be held on Monday 31st of March 2014 at 7pm at the Meon Hall when Carezza Lewis will be the speaker.

e) HCC is holding a 'Superfast Broadband Programme Community Information Event on 1st April from 5 – 7pm at the Castle Winchester. Steve Clark and a parishioner agreed to attend.

ACTION: SC

11. **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS** The problem of fly tipping was raised and noted.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING ~ Wednesday 2 April 2014**

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