

CORHAMPTON & MEONSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 7.45pm in the Meon Hall Meonstoke.

PRESENT Chairman John Shaw, Steve Clark, Bruce Horn, Rowena Hyder, Nick Riley, Patrick Rowe and Sue Walker. In attendance: Juliet Brooks (Clerk), 17 parishioners and Councillor Roger Huxstep HCC.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Councillor Norma Bodtger WCC

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 02 April 2014 were approved and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING** The Clerk had written to the owners of trees at a property close to the playground to ask if their insurance would cover the repairs, and to point out the likely costs involved, some of the trees having fallen in the recent storms and having damaged the playground fencing by the river. A response has now been received by the Clerk from the owners' insurers stating that the owners are not liable.

4. **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ~ Wednesday 23rd April 2014** Council thanked past Chairman Nick Riley for organising the Assembly.

5. **REPORTS** i) Councillor Roger Huxstep HCC reported on matters including
HCC budget savings
Dementia care in Hampshire
Apetito (meals on wheels) in Hampshire, and
Broadband

ii) Roger was asked about extending the lay-by opposite Meonstoke Stores. Roger advised Council to draft a plan and send it to him for him to make enquiries. *ACTION: JS*

6. **OPEN SPACE** Although it has not been the practice in the past, Council agreed to publish the Open Space Fund figures in the minutes this month. The figures are as given at the Annual Parish Assembly, i.e. circa £18,423 (play £4,943, sport £13,480 - unaudited).

7. **FINANCE** a) The Clerk presented the financial statement and reported balances of £5,720.48 in the Community Account and £10331.44 in the Scottish Widows Account, 50% of the 2014/15 precept having now been received.

b) Council approved payment of bills – chq	200642	Wizbit Internet Services	144.00
	200643	Simon Hills – fencing	504.00
	200644	Meon Hall - hire	64.00
	200645	P Rowe expenses	13.58
	200646	A J Morrice – padlock	26.95
	200647	J Brooks – Apr' 14 sal + exp	355.61
	200648	Flower Pot Men	90.00

8. **PLANNING** i) Freeland Cottage High Street SDNP/13/05255/TPO (no c) - approved

ii) Playground trees SDNP/13/05917/TCA (no c) – approved

iii) Annex Stoke Down New Road SDNP/14/00027/LDE (no c) – ongoing

iv) Canberra House High Street SDNP/14/00819/FUL (no c) – approved

v) The Rectory Rectory Lane SDNP/14/00996/TPO (o) – ongoing

vi) 2 Niton Cottages Pound Lane SDNP/14/00703/HOUS - approved

vii) Coombe Place Cottage New Road SDNP/14/01013/HOUS – ongoing

viii) Mayfield Rectory Lane SDNP/14/01299/FUL - ongoing

New applications: i) Meonstoke Village Stores SDNP/14/01542 – The new owner of the Stores addressed Council. Council agreed to support this application. *ACTION: Clerk*

ii) Prospect Cottage Stocks Lane SDNP/14/02151/HOUS – the Clerk is chasing receipt of the plans. The planning committee agreed to meet and report back to Council. *ACTION: PR/JS/SW*

iii) The Old Forge High Street – pre-application stage

Other: 1) Affordable housing – ongoing

2) Enforcement – Steynes Farm mobile home, etc. – the Chairman undertook to contact WCC Enforcement department. *ACTION: JS*

3) Allotments – Patrick Rowe reported that although WCC had agreed to clear the site, including trees and stumps, and fence it, no progress has yet been made in the 3 months since the site meeting. Patrick has again contacted our MP's office. *ACTION: PR*

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

The Clerk had 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 has now reopened following repairs to the fencing.

iii) Steve Clark and Nick Riley have agreed to investigate updating the equipment at the playground.

ACTION: JS/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) Council had authorised Steve Clark to proceed with the remaining part of the renovation scheme. The Clerk agreed to chase up the WCC Open Space Fund Officer for approval for release of funds. *ACTION: SC/Clerk*

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

c) **MEON HALL** Nil

d) **LENGTHSMAN UPDATE** James Morrice reported to Council. The next planned visit is in the last week in May.

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 agreed to pursue this with the Agency. *ACTION: JS*

ii) The Chairman had contacted Southern Electricity over concerns with the effect of flooding around the substation in Rectory Lane, and he agreed to pursue this with SE. *ACTION: JS*

f) **TREE WARDEN** Nil

g) **HEDGES / VERGES** Nil

h) **RURAL TRANSPORT** John Shaw reported a replacement bus will be needed in the not too distant future.

i) **FOOTPATHS** 1) The 'Meon Valley Trail' – ongoing.

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 on the recent PACT meeting.

Sue also reported that a date for a meeting with our MP, the Police Commissioner and representatives from other Parish councils had been agreed.

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*

10. **TENNIS GROUP PROPOSAL** Council listened to representations from the group, and discussed at length their proposal 'A Community Tennis Court for Meonstoke, Corhampton and Exton'. Following a heated debate a vote was taken, and the Parish Council agreed to provide a site on the recreation ground, the location to be agreed pending discussion with the Meonstoke football club. Nick Riley and Steve Clark agreed to meet

representatives from the tennis group and the football club on site, and bring the matter back to Council at the July PC meeting. *ACTION: SC/NR*

11. **PARKING AT THE SHOP AND ENTRANCE TO St ANDREWS GREEN** *See agenda item 5. REPORTS ii) above.*

12. **COMMUNITY ASSET REGISTRATION** Steve Clark has sent out again the details of this scheme to Councillors. Council agreed to discuss this at its next Meeting. *ACTION: SC/Clerk*

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk reported that the Council's insurance is due for renewal by 1st June 2014. The requested quote from an alternative company has just been received. The Chairman and the Clerk undertook to make a recommendation to Council. *ACTION: JS/Clerk*

12. **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS** Council expressed its great thanks to retired Chairman Nick Riley for all his efforts on behalf of the community.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING ~ Wednesday 4 June 2014 ~ 7.30pm**

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