

CORHAMPTON & MEONSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Meon Hall Meonstoke.

PRESENT Cllrs Steve Clark, Bruce Horn, Rowena Hyder, Jane McCormick, and John Shaw.

In attendance:5 parishioners,
Keith Best - Parish Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Rowe and Walker (on holiday), and WCC Cllrs Botger and Huxstep.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman nominations were invited for a chairman for the meeting.

Cllr Shaw was nominated by Cllr Horn, seconded by Cllr Clark and approved unanimously.

3. **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

4. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

4.1 Mr Morrice asked if the invoice from the Meon Hall Trust in respect of the booking for the PACT meeting on 16th March and the Annual Assembly on 22 April could be paid promptly to ensure the bookings were accepted. The Clerk agreed to expedite.

ACTION: Clerk

5. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th FEBRUARY 2015.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th February 2015 having been previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were taken as read, approved and signed.

Proposed by Cllr Hyder, seconded by Cllr McCormick and carried unanimously.

6. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS/INFORMATION**

No reports.

7. **PARISH ADMINISTRATION**

7.1 **Meeting Dates**

The Clerk reported that he had not yet produced a schedule of meetings on a bi-monthly basis as it seemed sensible to start the new arrangement after the Annual Assembly and Annual General Meeting had taken place and the newly elected councillors were in place. The date for the AGM is yet to be agreed but must be held not less than four days and not more than eighteen days after the election which will be held on 7 May. The suggested date is, therefore 13 May but this will be confirmed later.

8. **FINANCE**

8.1 **The financial statement-** the Clerk reported balances of £5,985.02 in the Community Account and £10354.63 in the Scottish Widows Account after the following payments have been made:

8.2 **Accounts for Payment**

<u>Chq Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
200690	Wizbit	Domain Name Registration	£96.00
200691	Mrs S Walker	Leaving Gift reimbursement	£50
200692	K Best	Computer Cable	£9.99

The payments were recommended for approval.

Proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Horn and approved unanimously.

8.3 **Bank mandate**– the replacement Mandate Change Form has been completed and returned to Barclays Bank.

10 PLANNING

10.1 **To note current planning applications and decisions received:**

- a) April Cottage, Pound Lane SDNP/15/00210/HOUS – No Comment
- b) Barton House, Rectory Lane SDNP/14/06569/HOUS – No Comment
- c) Watton Farm, Watton Lane SDNP/14/06537/PRE – No Comment

10.2 **To consider new applications:**

- a) Warners Cottage, Beacon Hill Road SDNP/15/00210/HOUS – No Comment
- b) The Farmhouse, Warnford Road SDNP/15/00638/LIS – No Comment

Proposal to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee – Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Horn and approved unanimously.

10.3 **Other planning matters**

11. PARISH MATTERS

11.1 **Playground**

Cllr Clark reported that negotiations are still continuing on the cost of the improvements. It is hoped that a report will be available at the next meeting. Action SC

11.2 **Recreation Ground**

James Morrice reported that he is liaising with ISS particularly in respect of the first grass cut. He is also discussing the need to rake and roll it.

11.3 **Lengthsman Details** James Morrice reported that it has been agreed to continue with the scheme for a further 12 months. This will result in a saving of £250 in the Parish Council budget and this can be used for other necessary work..

11.4 **Tree warden** No report

11.5 **Hedges / No Report**

11.6 **Rural transport** Details of the Community Bus service are on the website.

11.7 **Footpaths**

11.7.1 **Meon Valley Trail** – The Trail will be closed from Warnford to Soberton for the whole of April. It is unclear exactly what work is to be carried out and what the eventual surface will be.

It was agreed that David Dean should be asked to attend a meeting to provide more detailed information. It was also agreed to ask Cllr Huxstep to look into the matter. Action RH

11.8 **Highway Matters**

11.8.1 **Flooding:** Cllr Shaw has spoken to Lisa Davis of HCC about the continued flooding of the A32 and she will investigate.

11.8.2 Cllr Clark has reported a lot of litter on Corhampton Road.

11.8.3 James Morrice will contact the Assistant Hampshire County Council arboriculturist about the trees overhanging the A32.

11.9 **PACT / HALC / WDALC**

The councillors were reminded that the PACT meeting will be held here on 16 March and the public should be encouraged to attend.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) A letter has been received from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England containing the draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Winchester City Council. The draft recommendations can be viewed at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/3671>. The recommendations, which have not been finalised, propose reducing the current number of WCC councillors from 57 to 45 representing 15 three-member wards across the district. Representations on the draft recommendations are invited and the consultation period ends on 6 April 2015.

b) Action Hampshire has announced that has celebrated ten years of employing two Rural Housing Enablers to work with parish councils to provide affordable housing ring-fenced for local people.

13. **WEBSITE UPDATE**

The Clerk reported that Wizbit had been very helpful in enabling him to access the website and to set up a new email connection.

Cllr Clark is still in discussion on upgrading the website which he hopes will be completed before the Annual Assembly.

14. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

a) Cllr Clark reported that a new Dog warden had been appointed and that he had met with her in the village. She will be visiting every couple of weeks and can issue fines to people who do not clear up after their dogs.

b) Cllr Hyder

i) Reported that she had not heard back from WCC Councillor Huxstep about when the Meon Valley Trail will be discussed by the Regulatory Services Committee.

ii) The Emergency Plan has been circulated to all stakeholders and is now complete. Amendments could still be made, however.

c) Cllr Rowe had submitted a written report on the provision of allotments. Councillor Botger has contacted the appropriate WCC official regarding the lack of progress on the allotment site on St. Andrews Green. It was confirmed that the trees on the site would be cut down by WCC, but no undertaking was given to remove all the tree roots.

The WCC tree officer was supposed to be visiting the site to assess the situation, but has not yet done so.

d) The Clerk reported that after confirming that the reappointment of The Flowerpot Men to carry out Grounds Maintenance complied with the Parish Council's Financial Regulations in respect of ordering work, it was recommended that the company's quotation to carry out the work for the next two years on the same basis and cost as the existing contract is accepted.

Proposed by Cllr Shaw, seconded by Cllr Hyder and approved unanimously.

d) The Clerk

i) reminded councillors of the Neighbourhood Services Supervisor service and the leaflet from WCC has been placed on the noticeboards.

ii) The Clerk also reported on the poor condition of the noticeboards and, although expensive, consideration should be given to replacing them and to where they are sited.

15. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

a) Report from Meon Hall Parish Council representative.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - To be agreed**

Meeting ended at 8.55pm.