

EXTON PARISH MEETING AGM
03/04/2023

MINUTES

APOLOGIES

Chrissie and David Frere-Cook
Charles and Tina Blackmore
Guy Barron
Alison Stott
Bob Miles
Jane Pepys

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Passed as a true record. Proposed by Jill Hignett. Seconded by Chris Martin

MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Hawthorn shrub ordered by Sarah Benge to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has been planted on the north side of the church against the wall that separates the church yard from Chris Martin's paddock.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hugh Lumby sent his apologies.

The defib training session held on Sunday 12th March 2023 was very successful. Another refresher session could be arranged, possibly next year.

A leaflet was passed round for an initiative 'Befriend a child' if anyone was interested.

The Police and Crime commission has increased 600 Police by March 2023.

HCC have been given £6 million or thereabouts for pothole filling. Exton may get some of that.

Average speed cameras are supposed to be up and running by Spring/Summer 2023.

The Chairman raised there has been an increase in drain thefts this year, so be aware.

COUNCIL REPORT – HUGH LUMBY/NEIL BOLTON

Litter picking has taken place along the verges of the A32. Litter pickers are offered vans for their protection, high-viz jackets and litter picking equipment.

There has been an increase in fly tipping. Rogue traders are possibly the problem and prosecutions do happen. Fly tipping can be reported on the App. Tim Mellor to send out more information on how the APP works and the link.

Questions asked why do we have to pay for going to the HWRC to dispose of rubbish? How does a Legitimate waste contractor work and how do you know if they are licensed to dispose of rubbish? Neil Bolton responded that the Householder could get prosecuted if rubbish has not been disposed of appropriately and Winchester City Council would investigate.

Election time – reminder that Voter ID is now required if voting in person. This does not apply to postal votes. If no ID a Voting Authority Certificate can be obtained.

Nick Adams Head of Highways has walked round the village and has noted the potholes.

Tim Mellor to circulate links in Neil Bolton's report for example, how to report potholes, ID voting etc.

Jennie Whitmore to send photos of the damaged caused by large vehicles to the corner of her roof to Neil Bolton.

As notifications regarding fly tipping are from an individual basis, if you want to follow up or chase up fly tipping reports contact Neil Bolton.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Annual Accounts, for 2022/23 were audited, internally, by Mr. Richard Pepys, Tithes, Exton.
- Income and Spend through the year has been as follows

Opening Balance	30 th March 2022	£2,616
Spend / Income		
Precept	2022/3	£657
BHIB Insurance	Policy # LCO00038	-£263
Closing Balance	31 st March 2023	£3,010

- Copies of all statements and cheque books are available to review, please contact Kevin Robertson, at 1 Crossways to arrange a time
- Our accounts are audited, independently, however I have registered the Parish as Exempt from a limited assurance review, as the monies involved are so small and we have no other assets

NOISE THROUGH THE MEON VALLEY

This was covered by Neil Bolton in his report. Neil reported that from West Meon to Loomies they will be experimenting with acoustic cameras.

The average speed cameras have now been installed on the A32 and A272 around the West Meon Hut. The trials are working well and high quality cameras have enabled bikes to be filmed doing excessive speeds. The Police have also been using unmarked bikes to ensure enforcement occurs in the wider area.

Jerry Pett (Councillor) wants to have 20mph in all rural villages.

HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS

Tim to provide new name of contact for Highways/Footpaths

PRESHAW

Jennie has agreed to contact someone to hopefully get a representative to attend our Parish meeting.

MEON HALL

3/4/2023

Financial Status

Total monetary assets were £94950.00 which includes a generous donation from Pauline Quarendon.

Major expenses

After an electrical inspection a major problem was found with an Electricity Phase Overload. This cost £7800 to repair.

The annual Beetle Drive in November made £425 after costs.

Bookings

Bookings were looking healthy and income generated from expected hirings seemed adequate at present to meet the Hall running costs.

200 Club.

There are 326 members which generated £2100 net surplus after prizes.

Maintenance

New Patio doors have been fitted to both the Main Hall and the Small Hall . This was found to be more cost effective than repairing the old doors. The fencing round the patio is also to be replaced.

There are plans to install new fluorescent overhead lighting in the Main Hall and it is under discussion to possibly install solar roof panels

AOB

Kings Coronation – Should we have a re-run of the picnic that was held for the Platinum Jubilee, could take place on Sunday following coronation on Saturday. Vote was taken by attendees and passed that this was a good idea. Jane Pepys to send out email with further details.

Jennie Whitmore asked if we would be lighting the beacon? It was discussed that the beacon would not be lit on this occasion.

Richard Pepys suggested a Queen Elizabeth commemorative bench or a plaque could be put in place at the picnic lunch.

Jill Cassells asked if we could spend some of the village money for a few drinks at the coronation party. A vote was taken and carried that 10% of this balance could be spent on drinks.

Sue to ask Exton Hall if they would be able to donate any sparkling wine.

Question asked should Exton be making a contribution to the Meon village hall and do we know how much we have contributed to the village Hall previously? Meon village hall contributions to be added to the next AGM?

Do we need to have a village website? To be added to the next AGM for further discussion.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 9th October at 06.30 pm