

EXTON PARISH MEETING AGM 09/10/2023

MINUTES

APOLOGIES

Paul and Eleanor Garner
Jane and Trevor Chase
Chrissie and David Frere-Cook
Charles and Tina Blackmore
Guy Barron
Alison Stott
Helly Jewell
Mark Potter
Bob Miles

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Passed as a true record. Proposed by Jennie Whitemore. Seconded by Chris Martin.

MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Motion carried that a village website would be set up for an annual fee of £150.00. Juliet Reed offered to maintain the website.

Contribution to Meon Hall was discussed from an item in the last AGM. It was reported that 2013 was the last time a contribution was given and believe it was to help with cutting of grass, maintenance of equipment. Show of hands voted that an annual contribution should be made to the Meon Hall. Discussion then took place about contributing something to George as a thank you gesture for the cutting of verges in the village and grass cutting in the church. Show of hands agreed with this and it was decided on a split 50/50 amount to be paid to George and Meon Hall. Amount not decided. To be discussed at next meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Road closure on the Morestead Road (not the full stretch, the last bit towards the M3/Winchester end) for about 4 to 6 weeks to fix a water main.

Junction 10 of the M27 new Welborne development closed some weekends.

A flyer was emailed to residents by the Chairman with details of a Christmas Carol Service at Winchester College Chapel on Wednesday 13th December at 06.30, if anyone would like to attend.

Chris Martin approved accounts from last AGM meeting

COUNCIL REPORT – HUGH LUMBY/NEIL BOLTON

Boomtown Festival Winchester Update. SDNP planning committee and the SDNPA Chair went along to Boomtown for a tour and meeting with the management about the event and were impressed by how very well organised it was. They were concerned about the noise levels/acoustics and if we have any issues with noise from the festival contact Neil Bolton or Jerry Pett. The full report has been emailed separately to all residents by the Chairman on 09/10/23.

Tree planting scheme. Two or three trees have been planted on the verge behind the A32 near to the village. The tree planting scheme is open to any suggestions for extra tree planting.

Question raised about the planned changes to the neighbourhood plan if this involves Exton? Response the South Downs plan designates Exton as countryside and there is no assumption that planning would be considered. A parish statement could be useful to get funds out of South Downs Park if required.

The rental of the 20mph zone flashing light belongs to Corhampton and Meonstoke.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Annual Accounts, for 2022/23 were audited, internally, by Mr. Richard Pepys, Tithes, Exton on March 16th 2022.
- Income and Spend through the year has been as follows

Opening Balance	31 st March 2023	£3,010
Spend / Income		
Coronation materials		-£160
Phone box materials		-£52
Precept	2023/4	£675
Materials for village signs		-£87
Closing Balance	9 th October 2023	£3,386

- 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 IN THE MEON VALLEY

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.

Question asked to the Exton residents have the cameras on the road made the noise better or worse? Consensus was that the noise levels were less noticeable especially from the bikes. Could this be because the bikes are taking alternative routes. The Police Crime Commissioner are monitoring this as other roads could become rat runs. More data is needed on this. No report available on prosecutions.

HIGHWAYS / FOOTPATHS

There is a problem with footpath No 8 which runs past the Stud on the Hill. The footpath has been moved and the stile is very overgrown with nettles and is difficult to access and navigate. The owner has been contacted but no action has been taken. Jerry Pett made aware and will report it. Question asked if there is also a statutory issue with it being moved? Chairman to speak to Jerry Pett to get of copy what was said/reported.

MEON HALL

Meon Hall Report 09/10/2023

Treasurer

Monetary assets to date £98706.00

Bookings

Bookings are satisfactory and generating sufficient income to cover the running costs of the hall.

Discussions are taking place with NHS Managers as a possible hiring for blood donor sessions.

Major expenses & Maintenance

Main Hall Lighting

Plans to change the Main Hall lighting are ongoing. It is proposed to replace the fluorescent ceiling tubes with LED tubes. This is expected to cost around £7000.

Solar Panels on Main Hall Roof

Nick Riley is awaiting quotes from three companies. There will be a grant of £6,900 from the Parish Council to cover part of the cost.

Flood

There was a burst water pipe in the storeroom which caused damage to the surrounding area. The repairs cost £1400 and a claim is being discussed with the insurance company.

200 Club- there are 342 members.

Beetle Drive

This will be held in the Meon Hall on 25th November 2023.

PRESHAW

There was no representation from Preshaw at the meeting. Jennie has asked a friend in Preshaw with a pleading notice that someone attend and has given her number.

ELECTION OF CHAIR / SECRETARY / TREASURER

Tim announced he would be resigning as Chairman. A round of applause from everyone for all the good work he has undertaken as role of Chairman. Heather was proposed for Chairman, Kevin firsted, Chris seconded and Sue thirded the decision. Juliet happy to continue as Secretary. Kevin happy to continue as Treasurer.

AOB

Developments of the church – wording kindly provided by Richard Pepys:

The seven parishes in the Meon Valley which are at present in vacancy: Newtown, Soberton, Hambledon, Droxford, Meonstoke with Corhampton, Exton and Swanmore will have a team of priests to look after their needs. A full time, stipendiary, priest will be based at Swanmore and three other, House for Duty priests will be based in the clergy houses in Meonstoke, Hambledon and Soberton.

The full time priest, Andy Davis, has been offered and has accepted the job. When he is in post the other priests will be able to be appointed. Richard Pepys made the point that the new arrangement would mean that although the Bridge benefice might have a priest living in the rectory in Meonstoke, we will have to get used to being ministered to by different members of the team, who may be expected to have different gifts and enthusiasms.

Early notice of the Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 06.30 in Exton Parish Church

Christmas Fare in the Church last Saturday in November

Sue proposed a date for the village Christmas Meal in the Shoe of Sunday 3rd December around 6pm. Sue to explore further interest/numbers for this? A thank you and round of applause given for Sue for everything she does for the village.

A thank you and applause for Steve Reed for doing a fantastic job in painting the Telephone box.

A thank you for Kevin and applause for refurbishing the village notice board and the Church signs.

A thank you mentioned for the Church Cleaners and the church flowers very much appreciated.

Brian raised an issue with the northern entrance to the village. The advisory width restriction sign and Neighbourhood watch sign have fallen over and requires putting back up. The road sign is in an appropriate font style (WCC current new font is inappropriate). The millennium tree has fallen over and requires straightening. (photo below)



Ideas were discussed/proposed on how this could be put right. It was agreed that a working party of Chris, Jenny and Fred (Exton Park) would try and erect the tree. Chris said this would need to be undertaken in December/January when leaves have shed. Highways to be contacted regarding the street furniture and re-erection of the sign. Action for Chairman to do this.

Heather raised that parking in the village is a getting out of hand and on one occasion could not drive pass parked vehicles alongside the church without fear of clipping mirrors. Sue raised that for emergency vehicles this is an issue and a concern. Hugh Lumby can walk round to look at problems if required. Heather as her role of Chairman will bring up parking at the next AGM.

Date of next meeting – Monday 25th March 2024.

The draft minutes of the last meeting are on the village notice board.