

Exton Parish AGM Meeting  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
At St. Peter & St Paul Church Exton at 6.00pm

## MINUTES

### APOLOGIES

Brian and Morven Thorpe-Tracey  
David and Chrissie Frere-Cook  
Bob Miles  
Helly Jewell  
Emily Chiswell  
Jill Cassells  
Chris Martin  
Karen Rowsell

Meeting opened, Chair welcomed all and conveyed apologies for the short change in notice of venue.

### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Passed as a true record. Proposed by Eleanor Garner. Seconded by Alison Stott.

- The Amount to be given as a token for George Miles and the contribution to the Meon Hall for grass cutting, maintenance of equipment was discussed from an item in the last AGM. All recognised the work George undertakes around the village and agreed a token should be made. For the contribution to the Meon Hall, Kevin to look at historical records to check the amounts previously paid. It was agreed at this meeting that the committee, Heather (Chair), Kevin (Treasurer), Juliet (Secretary) to decide on an amount to be paid to George and Meon Hall.
- Northern entrance to village. There is no update on the tree upright as this was not actioned. Chair mentioned that the sign (Church Lane) at the road was at an angle, but secure and the two signs (advisory width restriction sign and Neighbourhood watch sign) that had fallen over have now disappeared. Heather to follow up what has happened by end of April.
- Chair requested that we start to set target dates to ensure actions happen.
- Chair read out email (wording below) received from Hugh Lumby on 13<sup>th</sup> March that for health reasons he was standing down as Councillor with immediate effect. Heather acknowledged that over the years he has been very diligent and a good spokesperson for the parish.

*“Going now means that the by-election for my replacement can be held at the same time as the elections already happening, which makes sense, even if the heart says to soldier on. It is been such an honour and privilege to serve Exton, first as Winchester City Councillor and then on County. We have got a lot done and had a lot of laughs along the way and I will miss it greatly, especially the parish meetings at The Shoe. I will still be over the road so will doubtlessly see everyone regularly. Please do thank everybody for their support, welcome and kindnesses over the years.”*

## NEIL BOLTON UPDATE

- Neil Bolton also wanted to say a 'Big Thanks' to Hugh Lumby and said that Hugh is keen for everyone to know that he has had voice issues and has sadly lost the power of speech entirely, sadly because of early stages of motor neurone disease and wished him luck.
- Neil Bolton gave an update on the 20mph speed limits; Southern Water Clean Rivers and Seas Task Force; Waste and Recycling Update. Please see the WCC Parish Report March 2024 for more information under Notice and Reports.
- Going forward the monthly reports that Neil Bolton and Jerry Pett send will be added to the new Exton Parish Meeting Website. Chair mentioned that the website is work in progress and not yet ready and hope to have this available very soon.
- The Waste Management Consultation will be closing on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and were urged to go onto the website to put forward our views.
- Bus Services are also going through a consultation and are under threat. This consultation will be closing on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Heather to send links to consultations.

- Church Lane potholes – Neil Bolton urged us to report these potholes as the more reports Highways receive should get these fixed quicker. Neil Bolton also suggested uploading photos to the report. Heather to send out link to reporting potholes and put link on village notice board.

## CHAIR REPORT

- Chair thanked Kevin and Juliet for easing her into the role of Chair and for their advice and support given.

Chair thanked everyone for completing the Exton Parish Meeting communication questionnaires and a thank you to Juliet for collating the list of email addresses/home deliveries etc.

Chair thanked Kevin who has got a 'beta' version of the Exton Parish Meeting website up and running.

Chair thanked Jennie for going to Preshaw and submitting flyers.

Chair thanked Tim Collins who attended the meeting for agreeing to be the Representative from Preshaw. Tim Collins acknowledged the thanks and offered us his help with anything that we wanted.

## TREASURERS REPORT:

### Treasurers note March 2024

- The Annual Accounts, for 2023/24 were audited, internally, by Mr. Richard Pepys, Tithes, Exton on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024.
- Income and Spend through the year has been as follows

|                             |                             |        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Opening Balance             | 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 | £3,010 |
|                             |                             |        |
| Spend / Income              |                             |        |
| Coronation materials        |                             | -£160  |
| Phone box materials         |                             | -£52   |
| Precept                     | 2023/4                      | £675   |
| Materials for village signs |                             | -£87   |
| Insurance                   |                             | -£337  |
|                             |                             |        |
| Closing Balance             | 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 | £3,049 |

- 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

### MEON HALL (The Meon Hall Nov/Jan/Mar)

Monetary assets £104,081.00

200 club had 326 members and generated £2,400 after prizes.

The treasurer has received two donations-

£250 from Pauline Quarendon which is to be used to change the car park lights to LEDs.

£950 from an anonymous donor.

Expenditure included

Repairs to the small hall floor which was damaged after the water leak in the store room. This cost £2538.00

Gutter clearance- £380.00

Trees and shrubs cut back- £1182.00

Solar Panels

The proposed installation of solar panels is progressing and the Vice chairman(Nick Riley)has had consultations with the three companies who offered quotes, and after much research has narrowed it down to one he feels is suitable. There is to be a meeting next month with the representative of the company and Nick and James Morrice and two other trustees will attend to discuss exactly what the hall wants and needs.

Bookings are satisfactory with regular and occasional hirers.

New Trustee

David Ablitt was welcomed in January as the new parish council representative.

## FOOTPATHS

- Jennie Whitemore gave an update on the footpath from the stud which was in a very poor state. Maxim arranged for a Woodman to go up there and clear away a fallen tree, since that tree had been cleared, another had fallen, this has now been cleared. At the top of this path there is a track from the stud which adjoins it, from here the horses then turn onto the footpath. This footpath is a footpath not a bridle way and the horses are churning it up. This is not an Exton footpath and Jennie undertook to report it to Jerry Pett PC, Chair of Meonstoke/Corhampton PC.

Jennie showed a large map of the footpaths and Chair thought it might be a good idea to get scanned to put onto our new website.

- Sue Robertson reported there have been problems with out of control and aggressive dogs in the village which is not acceptable and should be reported to the dog warden at Winchester. The name of the dog warden is Ross at Winchester City council on 01962 848548. Sue also reported of two sheep attacks from dogs in the last week and that people must be aware if near livestock that dogs be kept under control. Sue stated that the dog incident reports are dealt with quickly by the dog warden and Jane seconded this and warning letters have been sent out to the people concerned.

## AOB

- Church Update- wording below kindly provided by Richard Pepys:

*The Revd Andy Davis has now taken over responsibility for the parishes of Exton Meonstoke with Corhampton, Droxford, Hambledon, Soberton, Newtown and Swanmore. Please don't hold your breath for him to start taking services in the Bridge benefice on a regular basis. As a result of his licensing to the living in the new Meon Valley Parishes group, the arrangement whereby parishes held on to the diocesan contribution from any fees for weddings, funerals etc. which helped them pay for priests to take services (we must at least hold a service of Holy communion in the benefice every Sunday) has been lifted and we now no longer retain that part of the fee. Andy is clearly not in a position to take all the required services across the new parish grouping. The church wardens are making representations to the diocesan authorities about this.*

- Village Design Statement – Chair mentioned whether our Village Design Statement (2010) requires updating. Committee to take this away as an action.
- Pete Whittard raised an issue about the ditch that floods in Shoe Lane at the junction of Church Lane, the ditch also wants clearing as it is overgrown and looks unsightly. Pete said that someone did come out two weeks ago and cleared the notches along the ditch, but this made no difference. To get these issues resolved ownership of the ditch needs to be established, Chair to ask Neil Bolton.

Next date of meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at the Shoe Inn, Exton

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

**Actions from meeting:**

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| To decide the amount of contribution for Meon Hall and token to George   | Heather (Chair); Kevin (Treasurer); Juliet (Secretary) |
| Northern entrance to village, upright of tree and disappearance of signs | Heather – (End of April)                               |
| Send links for HWRC and Bus Service consultations                        | Heather                                                |
| Email Link to reporting potholes/put on village notice board             | Heather                                                |
| Village Design Statement updating                                        | Heather; Kevin; Juliet                                 |
| Non-Exton Footpath being used by horses. To be reported to Jerry Pett.   | Jennie                                                 |
| Ask Jerry Pett who owns ditch along Shoe Lane                            | Heather                                                |