



DRAFT MINUTES

West Meon Annual Parish Meeting
18 Apr 2024; 7.30pm; West Meon & Warnford Sports Club

PRESENT: Cllr Trenchard (Chair); Cllr Edwards; Cllr Waller; Cllr Silk; Cllr Gedye; Cllr Thomson, Cllr Burke; Cllr Davies; & circa 19 parishioners

In Attendance: Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr & Mrs Jenkins

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
1 & 2	Chair's welcome, introduction & review of the year and West Meon flooding issues	<p>Cllr Trenchard welcomed villagers; introduced the parish councillors present; advised that the format would follow the pre-issued agenda; and delivered a review of the year. The main points were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to two new parish councillors: Hannah Davies & Virginia Burke. • Ten grants awarded over the year. PC welcomes applications from eligible groups. • CiL payment received. Used to enhance play equipment on Recreation Ground. Recently completed & being well used. • West Meon Safe & Sound has been set up by a group of residents; looking at speed of traffic within the parish. The PC thanked the group for their hard work. In response, WMPC has contacted HCC/Hampshire Highways to make them aware of concerns & request four actions which should ameliorate speeding/safety issues. • Parish Design Statement. Long on-going project. Revised version recently sent to SDNPA for them to review and put out for a second (6-week) consultation May 2024. • Flooding issues - proposed that the PC considers quotations for a hydrologist's report (survey; modelling; projected weather patterns; plan of action - what we need to do in what order). Hoped that EA will then take responsibility for River Meon and flooding in WM. Neil Bolton gave attendees a more detailed breakdown of the background issues and what the hydrologist report will entail. 	

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3	West Meon Village Hall AGM	WMVH conducted its AGM; providing reports & copies of accounts.	
4	Open forum	<p>The following points were raised by members of the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member of the West Meon Safe & Sound group summarised its work over the past 18 months. ○ Parishioners requested that the PC does more than it is doing currently. ○ Cllr Waller advised re flashing signs; road surface changes on A32 & roads either side; virtual pavement re-coloured; change of speed limits coming into the village from the North. ○ Could the PC form a WG? ○ Jerry Pett gave background info on costs for PCs to change speed limits (circa £30k). ○ Parishioner asked why the PC at the April meeting resolved not to form a WG. [Lack of time of cllrs. Unable to commit to at this point in time.] 	

Meeting closed at 9.14pm