

MINUTES OF THE MEDSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 20th April 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting was called by the Chairman and was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 20th April 2022 commencing at 8.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Deborah Jackson (Chairman)	HCC Cllr Mark Kemp-Gee
Cllr Georgy Fuzzard (Medstead Parish Council)	PC Vincent Lane (23953) (Hampshire Police)
Cllr Ken Kercher (Medstead Parish Council)	Mr Chester Whapshare (Co-opted Footpath Officer)
Cllr Charles Clark (Medstead Parish Council)	4 members of the public
Cllr Michael (Jo) Smith (Medstead Parish Council)	Mr Peter Baston (Clerk Medstead PC)

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman thanked and welcomed everyone for attending the Medstead Annual Parish Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Medstead Parish Councillors Andrew Jackson and Michael (Ja) Smith and Mr Errol O'Farrell (Mulcock Charity).

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 21st May 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2019 which were previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising from the minutes from the floor.

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM UPDATE

PC Vincent Lane reported that overall crime is relatively low in the Parish. He reported the 2022 year to date statistics for the Parish.

The figures for 2022 so far was 75 reported incidents, which included Four Marks and included:

2 – shed break ins

1 – residential burglary;

3 - shoplifting

2 - theft of pedal cycles, one of which has resulted in an arrest;

Other local matters included burglaries in Four Marks of commercial premises at the BP garage, COGS and the Watercress Line, plus recent tyre slashing issues.

PC Lane stressed the importance of ensuring that details of personal items are recorded e.g. serial numbers, pictures etc

5. MEDSTEAD PLATINUM JUBILEE

The organisers of the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations provided and an overview on the plans for the event on the 2nd June 2022.

They asked for permission for motor bikes to park on the Green as one of the static displays and the Parish Council would confirm once this had been considered at the next Parish Council meeting in May.

6. SPEEDWATCH

Maria Jolliffe and Ian Middleton gave an overview of the current Speedwatch initiative which has been running in Medstead for five years and now is operating at ten different locations in the parish. They confirmed that in the last three months that 45 letters had been sent to speeding drivers.

However, there is an urgent need for new volunteers to join the team which is now depleted.

7. MEDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council presented an overview of the Council's activities during the year, covering the Council's Standing Committees and their respective work programmes and finance.

8. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Kemp-Gee reported the following issues:

"It's good to get out and about to attend the 16 or so APM's I go to every year in this County Division of Alton Rural. Thank you for electing me again last May for another 4 year term.

To start with let me run through a few facts and figures about our modern County Council plus our finances, with council tax up by 3% this year.

A word about our schools, foster carers and children's homes plus our preparations for the 1000 or so homed families we are expecting from Ukraine.

Medstead matters:

Medstead/Four Marks Highways Development Liaison Panel.

Bell mouth at Village Hall improvements in train.

Pavement south on Roe Downs Lane.

Alton Incinerator, possible appeal perhaps.

9. EHDC - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)

In the absence of all East Hampshire District Councillors, no report had been received.

10. FOOTPATH OFFICER REPORT

Cllr Jackson thanked Mr Chester Whapshare for continuing to be the footpath officer for Medstead.

Mr Whapshare reported that he continued to walk the majority of the paths and bridleways in the parish and will continue to do so in the future. He said that one successful project was on bridleway 701 which has been reconstructed near to New Park Farm due to erosion. This had been funded by S106 contributions after a lot of hard work.

Mr Whapshare said that FP10 near Grove Farm had been visited by himself and Adam Macey from HCC and there is a need for a kissing gate to be installed. A gate is currently held by Medstead Parish Council which will be used for this purpose. On FP12, the local ramblers had laid a number of scalping on the surface to improve the access along the route.

He further reported that a tree had fallen on FP14 and the Parish Clerk confirmed that the Parish Lengthsman had been asked to remove it on his next visit to the Parish at the end of April 2022. Finally, he mentioned the issues on Stancomb Broad Lane which is in need to repair near to the end of the tarmac surface where there is a large dip in the ground and which is preventing access by the

Broadlands RDA with their pony & trap. Being the responsibility of HCC Highways, this issue would be taken up by HCC Cllr Mark Kemp-Gee.

11. MULCOCK CHARITY REPORT

The Parish Clerk reported on the current position with the Mulcock Charity which currently has total assets of over £6k.

The current trustees are Cllr Andrew Jackson and Mr Errol O'Farrell and the vicar of St Andrew's Medstead. However, due to personal reasons, Mr O'Farrell wishes to stand down and a new trustee is sought.

12. PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been considered that the Parish Plan Committee should now be wound up and the Assembly unanimously agreed that this should be the case and was approved.

As a result, the balance remaining in the bank account (£625.88) has been transferred as a ring fenced amount to Medstead Parish Council to be used in line with the terms of reference of the Parish Plan. Part of this amount has been used to purchase and install a Platinum Jubilee bench on the Green.

13. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No additional questions were received.

There were no further questions the meeting was closed at 09.25pm.