

# MINUTES OF THE MEDSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The Annual Parish Meeting called by the Chairman, was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 commencing at 6.30pm.

## Present:

Cllr Deborah Jackson (Chairman)	Cllr Phil Quinlan (Medstead Parish Council)
Cllr Georgy Fuzzard (Medstead Parish Council)	Mr Peter Baston (Clerk Medstead PC)
Cllr Ken Kercher (Medstead Parish Council)	HCC Cllr Mark Kemp-Gee
Cllr Charles Clark (Medstead Parish Council)	EHDC Cllr Diana Tennyson
Cllr Michael (Jo) Smith (Medstead Parish Council)	Mr Chester Whapshare (Co-opted Footpath Officer)
Cllr Michael (Ja) Smith (Medstead Parish Council)	4 members of the public
Cllr Graham Bennell (Medstead Parish Council)	

## 1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

## 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 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

No representation or report received.

## 5. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Kemp-Gee reported the following issues:

- A 5% increase in Council Tax.
- He has been 18 years a County Councillor, where the balance of expenditure has changed dramatically, now almost all from Council Tax, whilst total amount at £1.1 billion is much the same granted central government.
- Significant cuts in RSG and council tax freezes hence dramatic cuts in other services.
- HIGHWAYS and potholes case in point. AR Division = 100 sq miles, 6% of Hants 5000 miles of roads. £180 million is Highways budget for all Hants.
- Gov. Spring Budget £6 million sticking plaster will mean 40k extra potholes repaired this summer.
- LOCAL MATTERS –
  - School/VH bell mouth and pavement etc. Hope to commence the work in August 2023.
  - Bridleways and BOATS round RDA Medstead
  - Safety on local roads notably South Town Rd / Paice Lane bends area.

## 6. MEDSTEAD CORONATION COMMITTEE

The organiser reported that the event will commence at 3pm on 5<sup>th</sup> May on the Green and is being advertised in social media and elsewhere. Medals will be given out to attendees.

## **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. EHDC - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)**

Cllr Diana Tennyson provided an update on the latest District Council related issues.

## **9. 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.

Mr Whapshare said that FP10 near Grove Farm had had a kissing gate supplied by Medstead Parish Council had been installed by the Alton Ramblers.

He further reported that there were access issues on the footpath near Foul Lane where a radar key was needed for disabled access. He was advised to report this on the HCC Report a Problem web page.

## **10. MULCOCK CHARITY REPORT**

The Parish Clerk reported on the current position with the Mulcock Charity. Two new potential Trustees have come forward and Mr O'Farrell will liaise with both in taking forward their Trusteeship.

## **11. SPORTS PAVILION / PARISH OFFICE UPDATE**

Cllr. Clark provided the latest update on the project to include a new community area along with a parish office and an upgrade to the existing changing rooms at the Sports Pavilion on Medstead Green.

## **12. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No additional questions were received.

There were no further questions the meeting was closed at 07.45pm.