



Medstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting 9th April 2024.

Present: Cllrs. Deborah Jackson (Chair), Graham Bennell, Mark Brayford, Charles Clark, Ken Kercher, Frank Maloney, Gordon Mitchell, Phil Quinlan & Mike Smith.

Also in attendance: Peter Baston (Parish Clerk).

ACTION

24.047 OPEN SESSION

- i. Cllr. Smith stated that with Cllr Kercher, they had looked at the kissing gate in St. Andrews Churchyard. He advised that a new post was required and Cllr. Bennell offered to speak with a representative of the Church to source the post and this would be taken forward by the Maintenance Committee.
- ii. Cllr Smith reported that he had looked at the new notice board and found that it had been installed correctly and no further action is required.
- iii. Cllr. Bennell reported that the telephone exchange on Lymington Bottom Road had recently been broken into with equipment damaged but highlighted that given that the property is part of an IT infrastructure, this is in effect a terrorist incident which could be taken very seriously by the authorities and asked that an item be posted in the Four Marks News highlighting the issue.
- iv. Cllr Bennell raised the issue over the Medstead Fete shed. The Clerk had written to the Fete Committee advising as agreed that the replacement would now be a like for like replacement. A holding response had been received but it was agreed that the Clerk would write further to the Fete Committee confirming that the plinth size would be 5.5m x 3.5m. The tree stump would be removed at a cost of £360 as advised by the contractor allowing the plinth to be in line with the building line of the extension.

**Cllr Bennell /
Maintenance
Committee**

Clerk

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24.048 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

24.049 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

24.050 MEDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL CLERK / RFO APPOINTMENT

Following the interview of candidates for the Parish Clerk / RFO position with Medstead Parish Council, by Cllrs. Charles Clark and Ken Kercher along with the existing Parish Clerk, it was recommended that the appointment of Mrs Julie Russell be agreed as the new Medstead Parish Council Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO). This was unanimously agreed by Council and the Chair would contact Mrs Russell accordingly and notify the unsuccessful applicant as well.

**Cllr
Jackson**

It was further agreed that the locum clerk would also be taken on for a month from 17th April to oversee the audit process and the existing clerk would meet with both on 17th April for the handover of the work.

There were no further matters to discuss and the meeting was closed at 6.50pm.

Signed Chairman

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