



Medstead Parish Council Annual Report 2023/24

Annual Parish Assembly

17th April 2024

Medstead Parish Council



2023/24

Chairman: Cllr Deborah Jackson

Vice Chair: Cllr Charles Clark

Members: Cllr Graham Bennell, Cllr Gordon Mitchell, Cllr Mark Brayford, Cllr Ken Kercher, Cllr Phil Quinlan, Cllr Mike (Jo) Smith & Cllr Frank Maloney.

Clerk & RFO: Mr Peter Baston

Planning Committee



Comments on planning applications & responds to Planning Authority (EHDC) on behalf of the Council

Chairman: Cllr Charles Clark

Members: Cllr Mike (Ja) Smith, Cllr Phil Quinlan

(Reserves Cllr Georgy Fuzzard & Cllr Mike (Jo) Smith)

- 41 Planning Applications reviewed and commented upon (2021/22: 69 applications), plus 2 Planning Appeals.
- Continued close working with neighbouring Four Marks PC and Medstead & Four Marks Neighbourhood Steering Group

Maintenance Committee



Ensuring maintenance of land, buildings & outside equipment

Recommend improvements to parish infrastructure

Chairman: Mike (Jo) Smith

Members: Cllr Ken Kercher, Cllr Georgy Fuzzard & Cllr Graham Bennell. (Reserve Cllr. Phil Quinlan)

Management and overseeing of:

- Cemetery/ Churchyard maintenance
- Playground / adult gym equipment
- Mowing contracts (village green, churchyard / cemetery & wildflower meadow)
- Day-work contract
- Overseeing on going maintenance of Village Green grass.
- Tree work

Finance & General Purposes



Oversees financial affairs of the Council and considers matters not falling under remit of other Committees.

Chairman: Cllr Deborah Jackson

Members: Cllr Charles Clark, Cllr Gordon Mitchell, Cllr Mike (Jo) Smith.

- Setting of Budget and Precept (approved by Full Council).
- Monitoring Parish Council spend against budget.
- Management of Reserves.
- Reviewing finances/ investments in line with FCSC and other financial requirements.
- Tracking S106/ CIL funding due to and held by Parish Council.
- Review of existing Council policies and procedures.
- Manage Parish Infrastructure projects, including setting specifications and key requirements, handling tender process, land transfer etc.

Financial Report 2023/24



- Key points:
 - Utilisation of S106 funds held at EHDC for Village Pond restoration, Village Green (grass) restoration projects, replacement trees and water supply extension in Cemetery;
 - Further Neighbourhood CIL funds received with £10k Grant given to Medstead School for new play equipment
 - Sports Pavilion upgrade commenced – due to be finished at end of May 2024, which will include a community facility / Parish Office.
 - Grants awarded to CAB, Medstead Village Coronation celebrations committee & Victim Support.
 - Grants received from EHDC Councillors for new notice board and from HCC for three Speedwatch cameras

Projects



Three key community projects initiated, with funding from S106 (“Developer Contributions”) / CIL.

- Continued restoration and improvement of Village Green.
- Conversion of Sports Pavilion to accommodate a new Community facility to incorporate a Parish Office.
- Replacement Play Equipment on Village Green.

Wake Trust

*Established by the executors of the late Miss Renee Wake.
Interest from money invested used to benefit the local
community.*

Trustees (2023/24): Cllr Deborah Jackson

Cllr Charles Clark

Cllr Mike (Jo) Smith

- No Grants awarded in 2023/24

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