

## Appendix to Full Council Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### 1. Planning Committee Chairman's report

#### MEDSTEAD PC - PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – 12 March 25

There have been no new Planning Applications this month.

#### **Year 24 – 25 Summary**

During this last year the Planning Committee have reviewed some 32 planning applications, and although less than the previous year, a number of applications for larger developments have kept us busy.

These particular applications have generated a significant number of queries to the EHDC Planning officers most of which are awaiting replies.

Since 2022, Application 58788 and 23291 (plus numerous amendments) being the Redrow development and the Lymington Barnes development, have given rise to extensive written communications to both the EHDC officers and EHDC planning committee members noting our major concerns. The EHDC planning committee approval on 21 Nov 24 for the latest 23291 amendment concerning the Longbourn Way access and Lymington Barnes parking design has rendered the proposed parking arrangements to be potentially inoperable.

Our written concern over this perceived situation is still awaiting a reply.

#### **The Near Future**

The current governments directive to complete 1.5 million more houses nationwide within the next 4 to 5 years presents a considerable challenge to all planning authorities across the country. In Medstead alone we have to approve at least 450 houses over that total period.

EHDC have to approve at least 1150 each year over that total period.

To meet the challenges involved the government has dramatically changed the current planning regulations and procedures, making any justified resistance to the numbers extremely difficult.

To endeavour to exert some control over inevitable development both District Councils and local Town / Parish Councils can create their own development plans ie the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan.

However, the length of time required to create these plans eg 18 months provides an opportunity for speculative applications to be submitted over which the planning authorities will have little control.

Already we are aware of applications for large numbers of houses in the pipeline and although not yet formalised they will arise. This situation also applies to Four Marks.

Watch this space !

#### **Other Matters**

Hampshire CC held a Teams conference call during February to present their Fast-Tracked for Devolution Priority Programme. Within Hampshire this will create one Strategic Authority and a number of Unitary authorities (each with 500,000 residents). Local Town / Parish Councils will not be affected.

Transport for the South East distributed a lengthy but comprehensive Draft Transport Strategy Consultation in January covering the evolution of all transport modes across the South East, and a personal response was submitted.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing as planned with confirmation that the two work packages from Locality will proceed.

The P4P consultant attended to review the both Medstead and Four Marks areas.

Initial housing numbers were received from EHDC for both Medstead and Four Marks.

The impact of local authority devolution on housing numbers is not yet known.

The initial funding from Locality is due to end by 31 March 25 but the window for future funding is not expected until September 25.

**Phil Quinlan Chairman – Planning Committee - Medstead Parish Council**

---

## 2. Planning Decisions

Ref	Description / Location	Date	Decision
EHDC-24-0022-PIP	Application for Permission in Principle- Replacement dwelling with detached garage following demolition of existing dwelling. West End Lodge Goatacre Road, Medstead, GU34 5PU	26/02/25	Permission <a href="#">Link to documents</a>
27093/005	Detached annex with ramp to rear for use by elderly relatives following demolition of existing out building. 1 Edgefield High Street, Medstead, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5LN	27/02/2025	Permission <a href="#">Link to documents</a>
55982/001	Tree 46 - Oak - Pruning would be specific to the nearest crown part extending across the boundary towards the new build. Pruning wounds should be restricted to not exceed a maximum of 50mm diameter. The crown area to be pruned should not result in a hard edge but irregular and natural in appearance, tapering back where necessary. 1, Willowfield Watercress Way, Medstead, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5F	21/02/2025	Consent <a href="#">Link to documents</a>
51543/001	Detached dwelling Red Rose Cottage Windsor Road, Medstead, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5EFs	10/02/2025	Refusal <a href="#">Link to documents</a>
25256/050	54 dwellings, associated landscaping and open space, with access from Holland Drive (Amended plans, amended description and updated technical reports dates 7th June 2024) Land To The Rear Of Brackenbury Gardens And Boyneswood Close, Medstead, Alton, Hampshire,	14/02/2024	Permission <a href="#">Link to documents</a>

## 3. F&GP Chairman's Report

We have not held a meeting but have been asked by full council to look into the clerk contract as there are a few anomalies which we will report back to the council after our next meeting on 26 March.

---

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

We have just received the sign of certificate from the Architect but are still awaiting final account from the builders. We have decided which carpet company to use and placed an order to carpet new pavilion and sport club area this should take place at the end of March. Quotes were looked at to replace sports club shower mixing heads and this will be installed mi-March.

We have had damage to the football pitch as someone was able to remove one of the dragon's teeth and drive on the field . After this event I walked with the clerk around the football and cricket pitch and identified which teeth need replacing so we are now awaiting quotes to replace loose teeth. At the same time we had a visit from some moles this has now been sorted.

Flashing lights have been installed from both approaches to the school and work when pupils arrive and leave school.

I would like to welcome our new co-opted councillor Jez Hood.

We have new picnic tables which will be installed shortly

---

#### **5. Clerk's Report**

##### **Outdoor spaces**

- The bases have been installed for the two new picnic benches and the installation will be complete early next week, hopefully Monday if the weather is okay.
- The mole problem seems to have gone away (at least for now), following two visits by the pest control company.
- The churned-up grass seems to be recovering well following the car incident, so no further work was needed.
- The mowing will start again in the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March.
  
- Crudace Homes approached the clerk regarding two trees that had been planted (by them) in the edge margins of the drainage field in the wildflower meadow and they requested to move them elsewhere in the meadow following resident(s)' complaints. After a site visit from them, together with Cllr Bennell, we decided that we did not want potentially large trees (oak and chestnut) in the middle of the meadow as it would make maintenance harder and shade the meadow in future, and also the trees were unlikely to survive the move, so we instructed them to just be removed. A further sapling planted by the council also needs to be removed.
- We are still waiting for a proposed date from Playdale for the roundabout work. Sawscales will complete their Q4 inspection in the next few days or so.
- Cllr Smith and the clerk completed a survey of all the dragon's teeth and found 29 that were showing marked rot or looseness. I have requested quotes from two suppliers used previously and hope to have them by the council meeting.

- I have received a request again from Manor Colts U15 to use the football pitch on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings over the coming few weeks, which is provisionally approved. It is good to see the play area full of school kids again now that the weather is warming up and everything appears to be in good shape.
- The school has requested to hire the village green (near the village hall) for their Yr 6 leavers' party on 21<sup>st</sup> July, including a bouncy castle.
- The Lengthsman's next visit is on 25<sup>th</sup> March so any suggestions of tasks are welcome.

### Cemetery

- A burial request has been received and is being processed for 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### Pavilion

- The showers are scheduled to be fixed on 13<sup>th</sup> March, with just the thermostatic mixers scheduled at this stage, as we need to check how well the showerheads are working once the valves are fixed and the limescale has been removed. There is a reasonable chance that they will work just as well as before, which was deemed acceptable. However, we have a quote and part numbers for the showerheads if we decide to go ahead.
- The electrical work is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> March
- The stairlift will be quick to schedule once the carpet is installed at the end of the month, and a provisional date will soon be arranged.

### Finance and Admin work

- Work is all on track for year end. I now have access to Scribe and will start exploring how to use it next week.

## 6. District Councillors Report

District Councillors Report  
 Four Marks, Medstead and Chawton  
 Monthly Report March 2025  
 Your Councillors

A reminder of our contact details, committees we sit on and other roles.

Neal Day	Ilena Allsopp	Roland Richardson
Committees: Licensing, Assistant Portfolio Holder for Transformation.	Committees: Standards, cross-party Climate Liaison Panel.	Committees: Planning, Planning Policy, Licensing.
Email: <a href="mailto:neal.day@easthants.gov.uk">neal.day@easthants.gov.uk</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:ilena.allsopp@easthants.gov.uk">ilena.allsopp@easthants.gov.uk</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:roland.richardson@easthants.gov.uk">roland.richardson@easthants.gov.uk</a>
Mobile: 07596 539249	Mobile 079181 85314	Mobile 07739 917438

## Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

Further to the report from Mark-Kemp Gee in last month's edition there is consultation on devolution. This consultation is predominantly online and can be accessed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution-consultation>

This consultation focuses on:

- The proposed geography
- Governance arrangements
- Supporting the economy
- Improving social outcomes
- Local government services
- Improving the local natural environment
- Supporting the needs of local communities

This consultation runs until midnight on 13<sup>th</sup> April

## Ongoing Casework

We continue to receive our regular casework from residents on a variety of subjects.

We publicise our contact details and are available to assist with anything related to East Hants District Council and the services they provide.

We regularly attend the 3 parish councils of Medstead , Four Marks and Chawton to stay engaged.

## Grant funding

Our EHDC Councillor Grant window closed on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Increased grants have been approved for the forthcoming year and we will be pleased to support local community initiatives and charities.

## Planning and Development

Across East Hampshire there are currently pending planning applications that could potentially deliver around 1,100 new homes. The mandatory housing number or new homes per year for East Hants is 1,142 homes per year.

We await news of the local plan. In the meantime, we have received Indicative Housing Numbers for the period 2024-2042 that should be used to support pending "neighbourhood" plans

Parish/Town	Annual indicative housing figure	Plan Period 2024-2042
Alton	196	3531
Four Marks	38	688
Medstead	27	480
Bentley	11	206
Ropley	15	272
Beech	5	92
Bentworth	5	85

Wield	2	37
Froyle	8	142
Binstead	7	132
Shalden	4	69
Lasham	2	30
Worldham	1	10
Farringdon	0	4
Chawton	2	38
Branshott & Liphook	93	1675
Whitehill	143	2599
Headley	52	931
Lindford	25	443
Grayshott	28	496
Kingsley	5	94
Selborne	4	76
Rowlands Castle	29	526
Horndean	118	2121
Clanfield	50	892

---