



CHAWTON PARISH COUNCIL Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday 21st September 2023 07:30 PM
The Learning Centre, J A House

1	Apologies
1.1	Present: Phillip Pascoe (Chair), Malcolm Williamson, Jenny Perring, Ilena Allsopp and Mandi Sowik (Clerk)
1.2	Apologies: None
2.	Public Attendance
2.1	Introductions by the Public gallery of attendance and declared interests: Ian Robertson – Play Area /Clare Klare – Neighbourhood Plan
3.	Minutes of last Meeting
Previously approved and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.	
4.	Updates
District Councillors report	
Neal Day and Ilena Allsopp Four Marks, Medstead and Chawton September-October 2023 With the holiday season coming to an end, things are starting to get busier for your councillors. Case work continues and the number of significant planning applications and proposals continue to grow at an alarming rate.	
Refuse Collections	
Please be aware that bins are not regularly being emptied on their planned days. For a second time in recent months a dust cart has caught fire whilst doing collections. Please take care to avoid hot BBQ's and other potential sources of fire. If your bin was not collected, please report it as missed using your My EHDC account. Reports must be made before 4pm on the next working day after your collection was due.	
Environment	
East Hants District Council Pledge to be carbon neutral by 2035. A motion to council (held on Thursday 27 July) was approved with cross-party support to increase the speed with which we aim for carbon neutral with council services. The first step in this will be a thorough audit of the council's carbon footprint, looking at what we can change easily and what may require more imaginative solutions. This audit has already been commissioned and we're expecting the results in the autumn. This will help to inform an updated Climate and Environment strategy that will set out what we plan to do and when to meet our deadline of 2035. An ambitious action plan for the strategy will set out short and long-term targets so we can measure our progress and use this working document to map our route to carbon neutral. Work on this is already underway and the final strategy will be published early in 2024. The second round of Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF) grants will be open for applications later this year.	
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Dates for September

The next full council meeting is on Thursday 28th September at the Clanfield Centre 1830-2030 - please refer to the EHDC website for further details.

We continue to attend Parish Council Meetings on a regular basis, and are visiting community groups to understand issues they are facing and wish to discuss.

“Always go through your my EHDC account in the first instance to log any queries and/or complaints”

“Check the EHDC website for updates on services and local initiatives, this is always a good starting point for residents and our contact details can be found on the website”.

Please feel free to email us if you have questions or issues which require discussion. For our contact details, please look on the EHDC website.

Neal Day and Ilena Allsopp

Four Marks, Medstead and Chawton

5. Planning and Development*

Current and ongoing planning applications will be discussed at the meeting and comments will be made: -

*-The Parish Council can make observations regarding the Parish as a whole and comment on applications made but there is no guarantee that these comments will impact the ultimate decision.

34394/007 - Installation of 72 solar panels on nine ground mounted racks on land currently used for agricultural purposes - Old Park Farm, Abbey Road, Medstead, Alton, GU34 4AP (06/10/2023)

Council have **No Objection**

DNP/23/03475/TCA - Chawton House, Gosport Road, Chawton, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1SJ – Various trees to be felled.

Council have **No Objection**

6. General Activity

Discuss and review the ongoing objectives and activities of the Parish Council (Detailed in Appendix 1).

6.1 – S106 funding and grants – Cllr Allsopp to speak with colleagues at EHDC regarding guidance with making an application for funds. The Clerk will also look into grants currently available from other organisations.

6.2 – There are now vacancies for 3 councillors. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to join the Council.

Cllr Laura Dadswell has resigned due to relocation.

The Council would like to thank Laura for her work and commitment during her short time with the Parish Council.

6.3 - A new bench is required to replace the rotten bench opposite J A House adjacent to Pond Cottages, the Council will supply a new bench which will incorporate a celebration of the recent coronation.

6.4 - Flower Planters at the entrance to the village need maintenance, the Council agreed to finance this, and S Wackett will be asked to carry out the works.

7. Financial Review

To review and approve any spending and payments/requests for funding (Itemised in Appendix 2)

Clerk Salary & Overtime, Semrah mowing and election costs

8. AOB.

A new rubbish bin to replace the old metal bin in the car park has been delivered and will be installed in due course.

Quotes are required for the maintenance work to the bridge in the recreation ground (adjacent to the cricket pavilion). Cllr Pascoe would speak to a local carpenter.

A HCC sign has been left on the grass verge outside J A House – this will be reported.

The Clerk will arrange for a tree survey in the park for 2024.

Also more trees will be ordered to be planted around the 9th November when the hedges will be pruned.



Meeting closed at 20:45

Next Meeting Tuesday 17th October 2023, this will be a closed working meeting of the Council members only.



APPENDIX 2 - The following payments were approved at the September meeting.

Payments to be authorised at the meeting held on 21st September 2023

Payments to be Authorised					
No	For	Invoice No	Item/purpose	Amount	Method of Payment
1	Mandi Sowik		Salary	£300.00	BACS 1
2			Overtime August x 9 hours	£135.00	BACS 2
3	EHDC		Election Costs	£95.00	BACS 3
4	Semrah		Grass Cutting	£494.40	BACS 4
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				Total:	£1024.40

Notes:

Philip Pascoe – PP
Jenny Perring – JP
Malcolm Williamson – MW
Mandi Sowik – MS
Ilona Allsopp - IA