

Meon Vale Residents Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

When Held: Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7:30pm

Chair Rosemary Kidd

Attendance: **Executive Committee**
Rosemary Kidd
Andrew Beach
Caroline Alderson

Invited Guests
Clr Manuela Perteghella
Clr Edward Fitter

Meon Vale Residents:
Janet Martin
Laura Claire
Robert David
Mark Sue
Jeff Rachel
Angi Paul
Pauline Mike
Carol Maria
Phil Lisa

Apologies: Rev Andrew Goy; Claire Craig; Richard Whitaker; Terry Barncoat; Clr Robert Spooner; Clr Thomas Haveman-Mart; Clr Alistair Adam; Clr Izzi Seccombe OBE


M I N U T E S

Rosemary welcomed all residents and introduced the attending members of the Executive Committee

Celebration of our first year's successes

Rosemary gave a review of the successes of the Meon Vale Resident's Association's in the first full year: -

- Save Meon Vale Woods campaign
- Grant funding received £14,000
 - WCC Green Shoots Grant £4900- purchased 45 compost bins and 65 water butts and still some grant left for community garden at the pavilion or wildflower seeds

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- Sport England grant of £5700 which supported the delivery of new session for table tennis, badminton, walking football, Parkinsons Exercise, cricket and children's sports. Bought a new table tennis and tennis nets for Muga, sports equipment for Pavilion.
 - WCC Councillor grant of £914 to carry out residents' survey and purchase of equipment for events (table, banner, card reader).
 - SDC New Communities Grant - £2992 for new tables and catering equipment for village hall and support for Community Safety Day
 - 500 trees and shrubs from Woodland Trust. (Thanks to Kevin Balchin)
 - Events
 - Easter and Halloween Trails
 - Tombola at the Funfest
 - Supported community tree planting days in March 2022
 - Helped to organise the Community Safety Day on 26 March 2022.
 - Survey of Residents – Carried out a survey in summer 2021
 - Meon Vale Community Action Plan – prepared first draft in response to residents' survey.
 - Accessibility Audit – Carried out an audit of footpaths to collate a wide range of problems that had been reported by residents. Continuing to press for St Modwens to resolve.
 - Working with Meon Vale Support Partnership: This partnership was established by SDC Communities Officer - Carol Roberts - to bring together all partners working on building the new community of Meon Vale – SDC and WCC councils, Parish Councils, developers, housing associations, Diocese, Barnardos. Meets every 2 months.
 - Working with Parish Councils –
 - We have developed good working relations with Marston Sicca and Quinton PCs. Hoping to link with Pebworth too.
 - PCs have worked to set up the Pavilion café and Foodshare and established a charity to run it. Run by part time managers and volunteers.
 - Barnardo's and Meon Vale Church have set up a Families and Children's Partnership to co-ordinate support for residents that need extra help.
 - Marston Sicca PC has taken on the contract for the allotments and have now opened them up to residents. There are grants available to help support new allotments.
 - Working with PCs and St Modwens to develop an approach to improving the village hall, Leisure Centre and pitches. Also looking into the longer-term management of the community facilities.
 - The woods and stream have been designated as a Local Wildlife Site after we pressed SDC to designate it following the decision not to build houses in the woods. We are working with the PCs and St Modwens looking at the future ownership and management of the woods and wetland for the benefit of wildlife.
 - We have made a response to the new South Warwickshire Local Plan that all the open spaces in Meon Vale should be safeguarded. Those in Quinton are protected through their neighbourhood plan.
 - Working with District and County Councillors: We have established good working relationships with our district and county councillors.
 - Planning Applications – we have commented on planning applications for the next development stages at Meon Vale.
 - Site 4B at the top of the playing fields
 - Site 4C around the fishing pond
 - Site 5 Crest Nicholson
 - New play area near the woods



What's Next? There are grants available to help us develop our new community.

- Community development - new chairs for village hall so we can set up new groups and community events. Lots of ideas around, we need you to help out to get things going. Arts and crafts? Nature and Woodland Group?
- Climate change – making Meon Vale a greener place – more trees, community allotment, get the solar panels on community facilities working, Car charging points in car park.
- Families and Children's Partnership – ideas are being developed eg new parents support group, families learning about food growing, information hub.
- Business Hub – ideas for developing the unused area behind the Leisure Centre. Small workshops, hairdressers, takeaway, nursery?
- Pub site – St Modwens have marketed this site and have indicated that they will retain it.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts are provided separately. Accounts have been independently audited.

Appointment of Officers

The following position on the Executive Committee were appointed unopposed: -

Chair	Rosemary Kidd
Vice Chair	Richard Whittaker
Minutes Secretary	Andy Beach
Treasurer	Caroline Alderson
Publicity	Claire Craig
Fundraiser	Vacant
Events	Christine Johnson
Liaison with St Modwens / Mainstay	Vacant

Executive Committee Members

Carol Watts, Rachel Faulkner and Bobby Fung volunteered and were welcomed onto the Executive Committee

Nomination of Representatives to Parish Councils

Representatives on Parish Councils

Marston Sicca PC	Richard Whittaker
Pebworth PC	Richard Neal
Quinton PC	Vacant

Another representative would be welcome for Marston Sicca PC as now there are more residents in Meon Vale than Long Marston and the PC would like more representation from Meon Vale.

Quinton PC – looking for a volunteer from Phase 1 of Meon Vale - Chatham, Ubique, Abney, Richmond area. Cllr Edward Fitter gave a brief overview of the Quinton PC.

A vote of thanks for Rosemary Kidd for all her efforts on behalf of the Residents' Association was proposed by Heather.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:20pm.