

## **FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the First Meeting of the Full Council Held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017, commencing at 7.30pm At the Village Hall, Four Marks**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Janet Foster (Chairman) Cllrs Karin Black, John Davis, Davie Edgar, John Hammond, Simon Thomas and Anne Tomlinson  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Sarah Goudie (Clerk), District Councillors Deborah Jackson and Ingrid Thomas, 2 member of the public  
**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Tim Brake and Cllr Dave Mills

The incumbent Chairman opened the meeting and handed the meeting over to the Clerk to receive nominations for the Election of Chairman for the year.

#### **17.62 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Thomas proposed Cllr Foster continue as Chairman for new council year, Cllr Hammond seconded the proposal. Cllr Foster accepted the nomination and, following a unanimous vote, the proposal was carried.

Cllr Foster thanked all members for their support and continued with the business of the meeting.

#### **17.63 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Hammond proposed that Cllr Tomlinson continue as Vice Chairman for the new council year, Cllr Edgar, seconded the proposal. Cllr Tomlinson accepted the nomination, and following a unanimous vote, the proposal was carried.

#### **17.64 OPEN SESSION**

**Mr Dennis Thomas** from Boyneswood Road wished to speak on Agenda Item 17.3, Benjamin UK Ltd. He referred back to a meeting last year when he was informed that the Parish Council had this issue 'in hand', however was of the opinion that in reality it is anything but.

His concerns are the anti-social behaviour, the police have a separate call out record for Benwhyles, which in the last year had totalled 66 and there had also been several reported issues of fly tipping. Whilst acknowledging the children need care, the residents however also need to be protected

District Cllr Thomas confirmed that everything was being done that was within the power of those involved, and there had been several meetings between the District Council, Hampshire County Council child services, and the police. The latest meeting had been attended by the CEO of Benjamin UK and a representative from Alton Police Station. The issues seem to arise when there is a changeover in staff and they suffer from attachment withdrawal symptoms, and the anger and aggression displayed is apparently from trauma. The monthly staff meetings, they admitted, were inadequate. However they allegedly have not received any direct complaints of any specific issues.

There is serious concern over risks to neighbours, the children and the staff. The owner has agreed to meet with neighbours, policy and community representative so they can hear directly what the issues are.

District Councillor Thomas reiterated the importance of making the complaints, and getting photographic evidence. However they are operating within the law, and unfortunately only the local council social worker from where the child is from is allowed access into the home. There are continual delays in paperwork and although HCC should be notified of the children in residence, there appears to be a breakdown in communication.

In summary, everything must be reported, directly to EHDC, the police and the company themselves, there is clearly a health and safety issue but there are too many loopholes and the local councils appear to be powerless to do anything. However it was agreed that a strong letter should be sent to all parties involved and to the

highest authority at Ofsted, as the children are not being managed safely and are posing a serious risk to local residents and themselves.

**Naomi Aylott**, Churchill Close, asked if there was a response to her question about a footpath from Five Ash Road to the School to avoid walking on Roe Downs Road, Cllr Jackson responded that talks were ongoing with the landowner of the fields adjacent to the road in a bid to connect the footpath all the way to the Bowls Club.

**Cllr Simon Thomas**, following the recent serious accident at Four Marks School, requested that an urgent meeting takes place between the school, governors, police and all local authorities to try and improve the serious traffic and parking issues at the School, and get enforceable traffic orders in place.

It was noted that the flooding issues were improving at 5 lanes junction and the water was draining away much quicker.

This would be an Agenda item in June.

**The Open Session concluded at 8.10pm. Standing Orders were applied.**

#### **17.65 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Formal apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Tim Brake and Cllr Dave Mills, the Chairman and members RESOLVED to approve their apologies.

The Clerk advised the members of the resignation of Cllr Knight. The Chairman informed members that in her resignation letter, she wished the Council well but needed to resign for personal reasons, she had enjoyed her time on the Council and hoped that she would be able to return at some point in the future. All Councillors wished her well.

#### **17.66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest. However subsequently, Cllr Hammond declared an interest at Agenda item 17.19.

#### **17.67 COUNCIL MINUTES**

- The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017, were proposed as a true record by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Davis, approved by members, then duly signed by the Chairman.
- Matters arising.
  - The Clerk confirmed that nothing further had been heard from Mr Scott with reference to selling rhubarb at Oak Green.
  - It had been agreed to defer entry into the Village of the Year, competition until next year once all projects were completed, and get all shops involved in producing hanging baskets.
- The Clerk apologised that the draft of the Annual Parish Meeting minutes had not yet been completed, and asked that this item be deferred until the June meeting. This was acknowledge and agreed.

#### **17.68 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- Planning Committee, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017.  
Following the circulation of the Minutes, the Planning Committee chairman, Cllr Thomas, summarised the salient points from the meeting, as follows:
  - Strong objection had been submitted on the outline application for a proposed dwelling in Hazel Road and a new dwelling to replace a building in Alton Lane, known as The Barn, as this was against policies CP6, CP14, CP19.
  - There were currently three outstanding Appeals, additional representations would be submitted to support LPA officer's decisions.
  - It had been agreed to take a much firmer stance on protection on trees and hedges within the village.
- Open Space Committee Meeting, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017.  
Following the circulation of the Minutes, the Open Space Committee chairman, Cllr Tomlinson, summarised the points from the meeting, as below:

- Part time handyman was being recruited and an advertisement would be in the local paper this weekend.
- Maintenance work was to be carried out on the parking bays in Uplands Lane.
- A strong stance was being taken on the dog fouling, with publicity, new bins and a new poster campaign to be introduced. Cllr Foster confirmed that she had now ordered the fluorescent paint to start 'marking' piles of dog waste not picked up, to highlight that the area is now being regularly monitored.
- Oak Green, refurbishment works had been re-scheduled to week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- It had been noted that the A31 milestone had been cleaned but not relocated. There is another stone opposite and Cllr Foster agreed to investigate as it is not sure that this is an actual milestone.
- The proposition of taking ownership of wildlife corridors from developers had been discussed briefly, however it was decided that this should be considered carefully, particularly if there is not financial arrangement in place. This would be discussed further at the next Open Space committee. Agreement to discuss further.
- It was also noted that all the facilities were being regularly used and that the new tennis court and multi-use games area fencing enhanced the area. It had been commented on how good the facilities are now at the Recreation Ground and that this was no longer a 'dead area'. The Clerk was thanked for her work on this, but was keen to point out the, former Councillor Derek Seaton was the instigator for getting moving on replacing the fencing and should also be thanked.

#### **17.69 APPROVAL OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

It was RESOLVED to approve the meeting schedule as presented, however the December Full Council meeting was questioned as it was very close to the Christmas period, and it was agreed that this would be discussed further following the Festival Committee meeting, and confirmation of the date of the carol service.

The Chairman also had a concern with the October Finance & General Purposes committee meeting and it was agreed that this would be discussed with the new committee members at their first meeting. Cllr Edgar requested another copy of the schedule, the Clerk agreed to email the document to him. Cllr Hammond questioned the Community Forums detailed on the schedule and Cllr Foster agreed to give him further details on these meetings.

#### **17.70 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXISTING COMMITTEES**

- **Finance & General Purposes:**  
Cllrs Janet Foster, Cllr Anne Tomlinson, two additional members to be confirmed.
- **Open Space Committee:**  
Cllrs Dave Mills, Davie Edgar, Janet Foster, John Davis and Anne Tomlinson
- **Planning Committee:**  
Cllrs Tim Brake, John Hammond, Karin Black, Anne Tomlinson and Simon Thomas

#### **17.71 REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR EACH COMMITTEE**

- **Finance & General Purposes Committee**  
It was RESOLVED to adopt the Terms of Reference as circulated.
- **Open Space Committee**  
It was RESOLVED to adopt the Terms of Reference as circulated.
- **Planning Committee**  
It was RESOLVED to adopt the Terms of Reference as circulated.

Each committee would vote to adopt and/or review their own terms of reference as appropriate.

#### **17.72 APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES OR WORKING PARTIES**

It was agreed that the 'working party' to progress the review of the community facilities and work on proposals to improve the current facilities should continue and be formalised. A formal draft terms of reference had been prepared and the Clerk agreed to circulate to the existing members of the working party who had expressed a wish to continue with this project. Cllr Thomas agreed to take on the role as the Parish Council representative.

**17.73 ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, AND APPROVE REVIEW PROCEDURE OF ALL COUNCIL POLICY AND PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTS**

It was RESOLVED to approve the current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and continue with current policy to review all standard documentation at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings in July.

**17.74 REVIEW OF CONTRACTS, LAND AND ASSETS, AND INSURANCE POLICIES**

It was RESOLVED that the Finance & General Purposes Committee would review all contracts, assets and policies as appropriate.

**17.75 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

- Allotments Association: Cllr Davis agreed to remain as representative
- Benians Committee: Cllr Davis agreed to take on this role, the Clerk to forward agenda and appropriate Minutes for the meeting the following evening.
- Community Facility Improvements Committee, Cllr Simon Thomas agreed to represent the Parish Council on this Committee
- Festival Committee, Cllr Hammond agreed to remain as representative.
- Footpaths Officer, Cllr Mills, with Cllr Hammond supporting.
- Oak Green; Cllr Foster agreed to remain as representative
- School Governor; Cllr Karin Black, and was already liaising with the Chair of Governors.
- Village Hall Committee; Cllr Mills agreed to remain as representative.

**17.76 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman thanked all members for their support over the previous year and that she was asked to continue. She asked everyone to note the meetings in their diaries for the following year.

**17.77 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**District Councillor Ingrid Thomas** had circulated her report prior to the meeting. She expressed the importance of responding to the consultation following the new survey to be carried out with reference to the concerns over the capacity of the Lymington Bottom/Boyneswood Road junctions with the A31. There was a query raised over the new signs and problems with sightlines on the A31 at the Telegraph Lane junction, however responded that this was a Highways issue, and not something the District Councillor can resolve, and should be reported to HCC.

There was reference to the clearance of mud from Boyneswood Road by the Friars Oak development, as there did not appear to be a reference to this in the CMS. This would be investigated, but it was confirmed that they would as a matter of course have to clear any mess off the road.

**District Councillor Deborah Jackson** apologised for arriving late to the meeting. She reported as follows:

- Post office relocation was nearing completion and would be opening on either 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 9.00am
- The works to install the new water main would take up to 32 weeks in Five Ash Road and Red Hill.
- The latest Cala/Miller Liaison meeting had taken place, although the Beechcroft representative did not attend. Tracy Vear, the community liaison officer at EHDC, was now engaged and liaising on the transfer of Allotments.
- Heather Gee was now on maternity leave and her replacement, Ashton Carruthers, has already discovered that Beechcroft were not in compliance as they do not have a CMS in place. She confirmed that the mud on the Eastbound bus stop on the A31 had been raised, and although reluctantly, they have agreed to investigate.
- The marketing signage for both developments were causing issues around the village and in some instances had been removed.
- There was a horse awareness campaign underway following an incident involving a speeding motorist, and warning signs are being investigated.
- A Sports centre meeting had taken place and Cllr Jacksons involvement had primarily been from a swimming pool angle. She confirmed that major changes will not happen, however the new facility at Fleet was being used as a marker and lessons learned from that. Reserved matters were likely to be submitted in August, and a questionnaire was being discussed at the Alton Town Council meeting this evening.

- Cllr Jackson offered thanks to Cllr Simon Thomas for his support when Cala Homes proposed to install 6 metre ornate lamp posts, and that this was a good example of the two parishes working together, and it has now been confirmed they will be looking at low level lighting to adhere to local policies.

## 17.78 FINANCIAL ISSUES

The Clerk apologised for the lateness in circulating the reports due to the year-end audit and had not been able to close down the previous financial year to enable the current year to be input. However, all Councillors were happy to approve the figures as presented. Therefore;

- (a) It was RESOLVED, following proposal by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Tomlinson, to approve the list of payments made in April 2017, as **detailed below**.

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
05/04/2017	East Hants District Council	1999	421.52		Benians Pavilion Rates
05/04/2017	East Hants District Council	2000	207.69		Cemetery Rates - 6 months
05/04/2017	Idverde Limited	2001	471.60		Bin emptying - Jan-Mar 17
05/04/2017	HALC	2002	802.00		HALC/NALC Affil. Fees
05/04/2017	HALC	2002	90.00	Chairman	Training - Annual Conf. (JF)
05/04/2017	Acorn Office Supplies	2003	32.44		Stationery items - misc.
05/04/2017	Semrah Landscape Management	2004	1,172.58		March - grass cutting
05/04/2017	Talk Talk Business	DD	19.14		Phone/broadband - Mar/Apr
05/04/2017	Hampshire Woodlands Ltd	2005	5,088.00		Kingswood Copse
05/04/2017	Hampshire Woodlands Ltd	2005	96.00		Badger Close
06/04/2017	Vita Play Limited	2006	2,931.60	Grant/DCs	Timber Swings - Playground
06/04/2017	British Gas	DD	508.75		BP Gas Account Dec-Mar 17
12/04/2017	Hampshire Woodlands Ltd	2007	1,080.00	DCs	Rec. Grd hedge rest. project
12/04/2017	Four Marks Village Hall	2008	54.00		March Hall hirings
12/04/2017	Eddie Hodkin	2009	192.00		Oak Green Cleaning/Maint.
19/04/2017	Nimrod Fire Protection	2010	188.46		Annual Fire Equip check BP
19/04/2017	CPRE	2011	36.00		Annual Membership - CPRE
19/04/2017	Howard Carpenter	2012	762.46		Allotment expenses - HC
19/04/2017	Reg Pullen	2013	13.80		Travel expenses - SLRs - RP
19/04/2017	Four Marks Village Hall	2014	1,600.00		Annual grant contribution
19/04/2017	Hampshire Fare CIC Ltd	2015	210.00	IT Grant - Festiwell	Programme Entry - H/Fare
26/04/2017	WKL Building Supplies	2016	10.40		Padlocks
26/04/2017	Aaron Friend Services	2017	190.00		Installation of Kissing Gate
26/04/2017	Four Marks Scouts	2018	30.00		Donation- APM teas - Scouts
26/04/2017	Home-Start WeyWater	2019	200.00		Home-Start Annual donation
26/04/2017	SLCC	2020	177.00		Membership Subscrip. SLCC
27/04/2017	Mr T Hyde	2021	30.00		Filing cabinets for office
28/04/2017	FM01	SO	1,422.79		April Net Salary - FM01
28/04/2017	FM01	2022	49.50		Travel expenses -Apr - FM01
28/04/2017	Veronica Lockey	2022	24.00		Office Cleaning - April -VL
28/04/2017	Tesco Stores Limited	2022	4.73		Office supplies
28/04/2017	Winchester City Council	2022	2.70		Parking-Trg Course-FM01
28/04/2017	The Co-Operative	2022	6.72		Stamps - Office
28/04/2017	Tesco Stores Limited	2022	6.72		Stamps - Office
28/04/2017	FM02 - LC	2023	196.08		April net salary - FMO2
28/04/2017	HM Revenue & Customs	2024	447.14		APRIL PAYE/NI
28/04/2017	Hampshire Flag Co Ltd	2025	921.00	IT-Grant-Festiwell	Feather banners - Festiwell
28/04/2017	East Hants District Council	2026	192.50		Planning Applic. Village Sign
28/04/2017	Wickes	2027	34.57		Dog Waste bin - materials
28/04/2017	Hampshire Pension Fund	SO	377.01		April Pension Contribs. FM01
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>£20,300.90</b>		

- (b) It was RESOLVED, following proposal by Cllr Foster and seconded by Cllr Tomlinson. to approve the bank statements, corresponding bank reconciliations and trial balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The clerk presented the May payments schedule to date, which would be formally approved at the next meeting.

The Clerk also reported that the Annual Audit had taken place, with no issues raised, report and approval of the accounts and governance statements would take place at the next meeting.

#### **17.79 INTERNAL COUNCIL MATTERS**

- It was RESOLVED to approve the request for a grant of £500 from the Festival Committee for the Village sign. Cllr Hammond declared an interest and therefore did not vote during the grant approval.
- EHAPTC Meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> June. The clerk advised that there was a clash with both the Planning and Open Space Committees and the venue, all being held on the same date, and at the Village Hall. Cllr Foster agreed to represent the Parish Council at the meeting, and would be absent from the Open Space Committee.
- Benjamin UK Update. Following the detailed report from the District Councillor in the Open Session, it was agreed to
  - Generate list of contacts for ease of contact when problems arise
  - A letter expressing the Parish Council's concern to: EHDC, HCC, Michael Lane, the Police & Crime Commissioner, Olivia Pinkney, Hampshire's Chief Constable, Local MP Damian Hinds (should he be re-elected) and an authoritative representative from OFSTED
  - Advise everyone involved, or those who witness any anti-social behaviour, to report directly to Ryan Gulliver at EHDC who is compiling evidence ([Ryan.Gulliver@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:Ryan.Gulliver@easthants.gov.uk)) and contact the Police on 101. Also report any issues directly to Benjamin UK to ensure that the complaints are getting through, as they are allegedly unaware of any issues.

Medstead Parish Council were monitoring their own issues with the residence in Boyneswood Road.

- Late correspondence. The Clerk advised that she had received a request from Victim Support for their annual grant which would be on the Agenda next month for formal approval. She had received some interesting feedback from other Parish Councils on charging for boot camps on their Recreation Grounds which would be summarised and discussed further at the Open Space Committee next month. The Clerk also confirmed that she had been advised of monies left in the Community Plan fund, which the committee had requested goes to the upgraded speedwatch equipment, however, concern was raised that the surplus should be returned to the original donor or forwarded on to a similar group. It was agreed that this would be a formal agenda item next month for discussion following receipt of further information.

#### **17.80 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

- **Allotments**; Cllr Davis confirmed there was now currently a waiting list of 5, regular inspections were being carried out to ensure plots were being appropriately cared for. Cllr Davis asked the Clerk to respond to the concerned resident with reference to the rats issue notified last month, following discussion at their committee meeting,
- **Benians Committee**. The draft agreement had been legalised for discussion at the meeting the following evening. The Clerk had been asked for approval for a mobile petting zoo at a children's party and whether the committee could install a Satellite dish? Both requests were agreed. The proposed pitch fees had raised concern for the Archers and it was agreed that as they were paying an increased fee to the Committee that the proposed pitch fees for this year would be reduced. A letter of explanation was being drafted.
- **Festival Committee**, Cllr Hammond advised that the planning application for the Village Sign had been rejected, and the supplier was now completing the application on their behalf. The AGM was taking place next week, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at the Church.
- **Community Buildings Committee**. A letter would be sent to members of the working party with the terms of reference and ask them to set up a meeting, and advise them Cllr Thomas would be the Parish Council representative.
- **Village Hall**; Cllr Mills was absent from the meeting, but had sent the following report:

##### AGM

All representatives agreed to be on the committee again. Chris Lake made a request that he would like a deputy chairman to be appointed to assist with the ever increasing workload with the intention of this person taking over at some time in the future. This was agreed to be looked at by the next meeting.

The finances were presented but had not yet been verified. There was some concern that club hiring's had reduced by over £2000 – this needs to be looked at in more detail. Private hiring's had remained steady and a list of booking refusals was given to Parish clerk for future information. *The Clerk agreed to forward a copy of this to Cllr Thomas.* The village hall had an operating deficit of £7000 unverified. This is mainly due to large maintenance bill (gas boiler). Reserve approx. £12000

#### Quarterly meeting

An issue with the Blood Donors organisation hiring of main hall and committee room but also occupying the corridor had been raised. *The Clerk advised the members that they were due to be at the Village Hall during the July Committee meetings and asked if the venue should be changed. It was agreed not to change the venue, as they were to be advised not to use the corridor area.*

Drug use was again evident in the front corner of the car park. It was suggested to look at the use of video cameras (perhaps with the assistance of the parish council). In the meantime another dummy camera was to be put up on the corner of the hall directly facing the corner of the car park.

The Soakaway issue had been investigated and a new flow system was going to be installed. The boundary at the rear of the property needed clarification, and the Parish clerk agreed to help on this matter. *The Clerk had advised the Committee that she was still trying to chase the whereabouts of the deeds, in the interim however it was agreed to raise a formal boundary dispute.*

General maintenance issues were slow at being resolved despite a maintenance book now in place. This was to be addressed. Possible future job share with PC maintenance person was discussed.

You will be pleased to know a larger nappy bin will be requested!!!

Broadband password was queried – it appears on the router – however this was subsequently found to be on a shelf 8 feet off the ground to prevent people tampering with it.

A request for a projector to be installed in the small hall was thought would only be used by the PC! Thus rejected. *Cllr Black advised members that the school may have a spare projector that could be donated.*

- **Footpaths;**

Footpath 19 which exits on to Kitwood Road near Swelling Hill has had a new kissing gate which is a great improvement over the old wooden style. There has been a suggestion from a member of the public that where the grass path exits on to the road is on a slope and requested having it flattened out.

This exit/entrance and footpath 19 has been in existence for decades, the slight grass bank is part of the countryside and its contours and does not in my opinion warrant any further maintenance. The matter was discussed at the Open Space committee and they came to the same conclusion.

If it was to be flattened out – the next request would probably be to have a railing to prevent people walking into the road - all unnecessary.

- **Oak Green;** The refurbishment works had been delayed until week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Foster had been trying locate a water source for the contractor, and it was suggested that she contacts Ash in Indian Restaurant. Cllr Foster also advised that Malcolm Seal was advising on a technical aspect and had already had a positive input and the Parish Council were very pleased to be able to secure his expertise.
- **School Governor.** Cllr Black was having a meeting with the Chair of Governors to become acquainted with procedures.

#### **17.81 ALTON SPORTS CENTRE**

The Clerk had sent a letter following last month's meeting as directed, and to date had only received one response from Sean Herdman-Grant on behalf of Ferris Cowper. The letter confirms that there will be no consultation on behalf of EHDC, however there will be a consultation period on the reserved matters planning application, although this will only relate to conditions rather than facility mix.

#### **17.82 NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017, 7.30pm, Village Hall

#### **17.83 The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.14pm.**

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**CHAIRMAN**

## APPENDIX 1

### District Councillor Report 15th April to 15th May 2017

Ingrid Thomas

We really do live in a place where lots of things happen!

This morning I went to a meeting which discussed the need for another traffic survey which would add to the information gathered on the first major survey. This with the previous one is to help Hampshire Highways look for solutions to our traffic problems. This additional survey will look at both Lymington Bottom and Boyneswood Road junctions with the A31 and I was promised the knock on effect of any proposals. We will then have a consultation period which I would encourage everyone to think about and get involved with when the time comes. We all have an opinion on how the roads and access to the A31 could be improved and this will be an opportunity to voice those ideas.

I attended a site visit at Friars Oak with the new developer to talk about timings and their plans to develop the site. By the time you read this I expect that Boyneswood Lodge will have been demolished and work may have begun on the roads through the site. We talked about the need to screen off homes along the whole boundary to help with dust and disruption. The site engineer from Bellway said he would be proactive about trying to ensure that vehicles were not parked along the road causing trouble, fingers crossed.

It was a great pleasure to be invited to Four Marks School to present the prizes to the pupils who showed such hugely artistic flair in the annual St George's Day competitions. There were fantastic masks and paintings, well done to you all.

The two children's homes in the villages continue to cause problems with anti social behaviour, it's a very sad situation because the children need adequate care and somewhere nice to live but close neighbours also need respect to be able to live their own lives. If there is a problem that you need to report please call 101 and get your call logged and also send an email to [ryan.gulliver@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:ryan.gulliver@easthants.gov.uk) copied to me please, that way we can monitor the problems. Mark Kemp Gee and I are attending another meeting in Winchester to discuss the problems with the company, I hope to report progress next month.

This month I have continued to work on the problems caused by Stroke, I attended a meeting with Jeremy Hunt and Tony Rudd who is the head of NHS England Stroke services. I have learnt that it is really important to be taken to a Hyper Acute Stroke Unit if one is unfortunate enough to suffer a stroke. This is a nominated hospital that has specialist care for stroke patients. Winchester and Frimley Park are both HASU hospitals where one will get the best initial care, patients are then moved to Acute Stroke Units if necessary (Basingstoke or Guildford) or onto a care pathway that will give us the best outcomes. At the follow up meeting we will be talking about how the ambulance service can best deliver the right service.

The plans for FESTIWELL are continuing apace with Sarah and Lesley at the helm and doing a brilliant job. Please make sure you enter early for the run which promises to be very popular. There are lots of stalls and things to join in with, try out or taste and lots for all ages so please make sure the date is in your diary SUNDAY 9th JULY at Four Marks Rec from 11-4.

I was kindly invited to a supper held in Alton by the Ahmadiyya association who organise the Jalsa Salana every year in Worldham, they also raise a great deal of money every year for charity. This year they are organising a charity walk which will raise money for local East Hampshire charities including Southern Domestic Abuse and The Rosemary Foundation (who care for people in their own homes when they are seriously ill), the walk will take place in September so you may want to be involved.

A very busy Medstead plant sale at the weekend with lots of very healthy plants many of which have now moved into our garden. Thank you to all the good gardeners who took the trouble to take cuttings and plant seeds to share with the rest of us.

As ever if I can be of assistance in any East Hampshire matter please contact me

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