



## **Buriton Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 29 January 2018.

Present: Cllr T Concannon (chair), Cllr A Bray, Cllr T Crew, Cllr D Gardner, Cllr M Johnston, Cllr AD Jones and Cllr S O'Donoghue.

In attendance: County and District Cllr R Mocatta, Tim Speller (Queen Elizabeth Country Park Manager), K Crookshank (clerk) and 9 members of public.

### **1 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest –**

- a) Apologies from Cllr K White.
- b) Declaration of interest from Cllr Jones - as a Member of the South Downs National Park Planning Committee I wish to make it clear that any views which I express today are based on the information before me at this meeting, and might change in the light of further information and/or debate at the National Park's Committee meetings. This is to make it clear that I am keeping an open mind on the issues and cannot therefore be found to have predetermined any matter when it comes before the National Park's Planning Committee for decision. Cllr Mocatta made an identical declaration in relation to his role as a Hampshire County Councillor and East Hants District Councillor and as a member of SDNPA. Cllr Jones wished to declare that he has been appointed to the South Downs Local Access Forum: a body which advises Hampshire County Council, SDNPA and others about their decisions in relation to Rights of Way and about making improvements to public access for outdoor recreation and sustainable travel. It is purely advisory and has no decision-making powers.
- c) Councillor vacancy update – notice was posted on notice board and web site on 28/11/17. Electors were advised to notify EHDC within 14 days if they felt a bye-election should be called. As 10 or more electors did not contact the returning officer, EHDC has advised that the vacancy can be filled by co-option. Further notice posted 09/01/18. No enquiries to date. Anyone interested in the role should contact the parish clerk for more details.

### **2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 November 2017 – were unanimously agreed and approved as an accurate record.**

### **3 Matters arising from those minutes –**

- a) The clerk sent a letter to Network Rail contact on 13/12/17 requesting contribution to playground fundraising. Reminder was issued 15/01/18, and response received that the request has been forwarded to a colleague who will respond "if deemed appropriate".
- b) Buriton Primary School outside lights. Cllr Gardner reported that she had written to the school about their lights and had received a positive and sympathetic reply. The school has indicated that they will address the timing of the worse offending light. The Village Hall manager has painted the top half of the outside lights at the hall; this directs the light beam downwards and away from the night sky. It is planned to demonstrate the effect of this to the school.
- c) Dark Sky Discovery Site. Cllr Jones reported that the application is in hand.
- d) Defibrillator. Cllr Gardner reported that the Village Hall sub-committee have looked at costs (approx. £600 - £900). They have discovered that the NHS has a program that aims to put defibrillators in schools; Cllr Gardner has raised the possibility of a joint project with the school. Other avenues are also being pursued.

- e) Replacement bin in Recreation Ground. New bin has been purchased, but fitting will be delayed until new playground is installed.
- f) Unauthorised use of Bollinge Hill/Petersfield Road by vehicles. The Chairman has written some words for a sign and for the Parish Magazine.
- g) Sale of land at Manor Lodge. The chairman reported that the documents have been returned by Land Registry, this is in hand, and documents need to be returned by 19/02/18.

**4 Halls Hill Car Park and triangle** - Tim Speller, Queen Elizabeth Country Park Manager was present and reported that the trial had continued and that he and Cllr Jones met with Highways officers on 12/01/18. The officers were happy with the dragon's teeth arrangement; they felt it looked nicer than if the triangle were completely enclosed. The lack of further erosion of the grass showed that there had been very little parking on the triangle, although residents had reported that cars were still parking on the triangle. Highways will be coming back to tidy up the tarmac. QECP will build up the bottom point of the triangle (without dragon's teeth). New signs to request motorists do not park there were suggested. It has been noted that some vehicles parked outside the car park, when there were spaces in the car park and they could access it (such as those with bikes on roofs). The car park could be extended during the summer using the grassed area. Possible danger of encouraging more traffic as this car park is free of charge, but QECP could use a traffic counter to monitor usage. The barrier is set at 2 metres; this is to discourage fly tippers, a problem that is costly to clear. Also there are 50 sheep grazing nearby and the barrier is to protect them from theft. Cllr Crew suggested a notice to sign post the overflow car park, as people may not know of its existence. Mr Speller said this could be considered in busier months. After discussion it was **AGREED** to write to HCC Highways officers requesting signage is placed on the verge.

**5&6 County councillor's report and District Councillor's report** –Cllr Mocatta reported that he has a County and District Councillor grant available annually to allocate to local organisations, such as local history book, or possible installation of a defibrillator (supplied by another source). There is still funding available for 2017/18 financial year and he invited applications as soon as possible. This year's annual amounts were £4500 for the District Council area Buriton, East Meon and Langrish, and £8000 for the County Council area Buriton, East Meon, Langrish and Clanfield. Cllr Mocatta reported that EHDC council tax for 2018/19 is likely to remain the same, but HCC council tax is likely to increase by 4.5%. This is mainly to pay for adult social care costs. Other areas are being cut to pay for this too.

**7 Finance & General Purposes –**

- a) Bank accounts and financial summaries had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The chairman of the Finance Working Group had prepared a spreadsheet to address the VAT query raised at previous meeting, and to demonstrate the effect of VAT payable on planned large projects, which will be reclaimed from HMRC at a later date. 2008/19 precept (budget) already agreed at November 2017 meeting. Report prepared by the clerk (attached) listing payments received/cheques issued since last meeting which was circulated to councillors prior to meeting, **unanimously AGREED**.  
Items for consideration at this evening's meeting –
  - £49.24 – K Crookshank – reimbursement for stationery and ink
  - £21.10 – South East Water – half year standing charge for cricket square, no usage
  - £326.00 - K Crookshank – January 2018 salary
  - £800.00 – St Marys PCC for church and cemetery (precepted/included in 2017/18 budget)
  - £370.00 – St Marys PCC reimbursement of printing costs winter 2017 edition Parish Magazine (£360.00 had been precepted)
  - £35.00 – EHDC - Councillor training course (Conflict management)
 The above were **unanimously AGREED**.
- b) HCC – school plot tenancy renewal – at November 2017 meeting councillors resolved to request an increase in respect of RPI. HCC proposed that the annual rent for the new tenancy should be £425 per annum. The RPI increase should be applied for by the Parish

Council every three years. In order for HCC legal department to begin work on the agreement before Christmas 2017, this figure was agreed by councillors by email. In addition HCC asked if BPC intend instructing a solicitor, after consultation the clerk has replied that BPC will not. Councillors noted actions taken.

- c) HCC - school car parking licence – Draft Heads of Terms for renewal of this tenancy agreement has been received and circulated to councillors. Rent is currently £394 per annum. HCC are proposing 10 year licence with an initial licence fee of £490 per annum. Future RPI increases to be reviewed by BPC every 3 years. It was **unanimously AGREED** to accept the Draft Heads of Terms.
- d) Tree survey – a company previously instructed to conduct a tree survey has not produced a report or invoice. The school has recently contacted the chairman to request some work to be done to trees overhanging the school meadow. After discussion it was agreed that a survey of all trees on Parish Council land should be undertaken as soon as possible. Then a decision can be taken about any work that may be recommended. The chairman has made contact with one company, but has not heard back from them. Cllr Crew has contacted a local company who has indicated it would be willing to undertake the survey. The clerk was asked to clarify if three quotes are required. Standing Orders state that expenditure up to £500 for general maintenance is delegated to the Finance & General Purposes Working Group. The chairman asked councillors to vote. Three voted for going ahead with the local company and three voted for obtaining two other quotes. The chairman used his casting vote to vote for the local company as the cost is likely to be under £500 and he felt the survey needs to be conducted as soon as possible, and so it was **AGREED by majority** that the local company would be instructed to undertake the tree survey.

- 8 **Planning** – minutes of planning committee meetings held since last full council meeting have been sent to members and are available on the parish council web site. Cllr Johnston reported that all applications are still pending, except SDNP/17/05801/HOUS (Old Spot Cottage North Lane, GU31 5RT, detached double garage) which has been withdrawn. Cllr Johnston also reported that applications SDNP/17/00554/FUL and SDNP/17/00595/LIS (Manor House North Lane, GU31 5RT, proposed conversion of Tithe Barn, Monks Walk and garage building to form 5 dwellings) were granted permission in April 2017. A judicial review was sought by B2C3, a local consortium, and the approval has been quashed. As a result the planning applications will be reconsidered and further comments can be made by residents and the Parish Council. The chairman reported that a letter has been received regarding overflowing sewage in the area. Cllr Johnston said that the Parish Council has raised this issue in previous comments on the applications. Cllr Jones did not take part in the discussion, but he was asked to send a message from the Parish Council to the circulation list as only people who have previously made comments would be advised that further comments could be made. Anyone new to the village may not be aware that they can now make comments.

#### OPEN FORUM 7:55pm

- A resident reported that the Village Hall car park is in a bad state of repair. It was **AGREED** that the lengthsman would be asked if he could undertake work to fill in holes in the surface and that the Parish Council will provide the materials. Cllr Crew and the clerk will take this forward.
- A resident reported that she is disappointed about the decisions made regarding the Halls Hill triangle car parking issue (see item 4 above). The chairman said that HCC Highways are happy with the arrangements, and that if the resident's feel that problems still exist they should be reported to HCC. The resident said that parked vehicles obstruct the road and would prevent access by emergency vehicles. Cllr Jones said that when he met with HCC Highways officers they paced out the space available and they were satisfied that an emergency vehicle would be able to pass through. The residents were encouraged to report obstruction of the road by parked vehicles to the Police.

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- 9 Village Hall sub-committee report** – report from Cllr Gardner attached to these minutes was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Gardner summarised the report for the public present. The reconciled bank balance at the end of December 2017 was £4712. Servicing of lighting and sound equipment has been completed, PAT testing of electrical equipment is being undertaken and the boiler service is due. The sub-committee is planning a strategy of targeted marketing to increase bookings. The sub-committee requested that the Parish Council approve possible expenditure of up to £200 to implement the strategy. The clerk checked the Standing Orders and advised they state that expenditure up to £500 for general maintenance and running of the hall is delegated to the sub-committee and authorised by email by the Finance & General Purposes Working Group. The chairman thanked Cllr Gardner for her work and Cllr Gardner thanked the sub-committee members.
- 10 Recreation Ground and assets of community value** – Cllr Crew reported that the ground is very wet. A small tree has fallen and the lengthsman has been asked to clear it. Grass mowing estimates for the next season will be obtained shortly. New showers and electrical fittings have been installed in the changing rooms. PAT testing has been done, lighting did not pass but it is likely that this is because the batteries have not been charged for over a year. The changing rooms need to be painted. Nothing to report for assets of community value.
- 11 Rights of Way –**
- a) Kissing gate in Weston – As agreed at November meeting, the clerk has written to the landowner regarding a possible kissing gate, instead of a stile, on footpath 34 at its junction with Weston Lane. The landowner has replied that he is happy to agree to installation of a kissing gate, provided the Parish Council is prepared to cover the total cost. Cllr Jones reported that he has spoken with residents of Weston, who would be happy to fund 50% of the cost using the reserved funds held by the Parish Council for Weston. The Parish Council could apply for a grant from HCC Countryside Access Small Grants Scheme for the other 50%. Discussion regarding possible contractor concluded that the company that recently installed handrails alongside steps on footpath 17 should be asked to quote for the kissing gate as their work had been exemplary. This was **unanimously AGREED** and Cllr Jones offered to meet with the contractor and a resident of Weston to take this forward.
  - b) Update regarding appeal against non-determination of the application to record BOATs (Byways Open to All Traffic) 19 & 47 as bridleways. Cllr Jones reported that in February 2016 the Parish Council had applied to HCC to downgrade these BOATs (19 is known as The Milky Way). HCC has not yet actioned the application and at November meeting it was agreed to appeal to the Secretary of State. The Parish Council was required to send proof of the original paperwork to The Planning Inspectorate, and this was done on 17/01/18. The Planning Inspectorate is now deciding whether to write to HCC requesting they expedite the matter.
  - c) Hampshire County Council Priority Cutting List. The Parish Council has been asked to nominate six Rights of Way for priority cutting. It was **unanimously AGREED** to nominate the same ROW as for 2017. These were FP14,16 &17 - much-used central routes that should be kept on list, BW21 & FP22 - on the periphery of the parish and of more interest to longer distance walkers, horse riders & cyclists and BW23 - added to the cutting list some years ago after a complaint about overgrowth.
- 12 Playground** – Cllr White had prepared a report, which is attached to these minutes, and circulated it to councillors prior to the meeting. A letter had been received from the Tennis Club, which raised some concerns. The chairman had responded and it would seem that the Tennis Club are not unhappy with measures being taken. No one from the Fireworks Committee was present at the meeting, but correspondence had been received confirming that their insurance company was satisfied that the site of the new playground would not be a problem. The insurance company had asked for the Fire and Rescue Service to be

consulted. Cllr Gardner said that she understood the Fireworks Committee had been trying to get a F&RS representative on site but haven't been able to do so yet. It was considered that the playground could be closed for the night of the fireworks if necessary. A query was raised as to whether planning permission would be required, and it is understood that it would not, but the Chairman would seek written confirmation from EHDC.

The chairman signed the playground order form at the meeting, although it had been resolved to accept the quote at the November meeting. The chairman and vice chairman signed the terms and conditions form to accept a grant of £18901 from EHDC. The clerk had submitted the application form to request remaining £6612.62 held by SDNPA in Developers Contributions (Open Spaces).

**13 Commemorative bench** – Cllr Johnston reported that the working group has made various applications for grant funding. They are currently working on an application to The Big Lottery Fund; this requires a supporting signature from the clerk and previous 2 months Parish Council bank statements. It was **unanimously AGREED** that this could be done to support the application. The clerk had submitted the application form to request the remaining £1597.00 held by EHDC and SDNPA in Developers Contributions (Environmental Improvements). The chairman reported that residents had requested a demonstration of the location of the bench.

**14 Pond car park** – EHDC had been instructed to go ahead with the works and will notify when the work is to begin.

**15 Other reports** - none

**16 Dates of other meetings** – none.

**17 Correspondence** –

The list of correspondence received since last meeting is attached, all relevant communications are forwarded to councillors and many have appeared as agenda items. A letter had been received after publication of the agenda which relates to reports of sewage and waste water leakage from the Manor Estate which has run across North Lane. It was decided that the Parish Council should write to the residents of the Manor Estate, Southern Water, Environmental Health officers at EHDC, Contracts Monitoring Officer at EHDC and The Environment Agency. The chairman and Cllr Jones will draft letter for the clerk to send.

The chairman reported that he had received an email requesting that the Parish Council organise a street party for the forthcoming royal wedding. It was considered that this is an event the Parish Council should support, but not organise.

An email had been received regarding work that is taking place at the rear of the pond on land owned by Buriton Estates. Undergrowth has been cleared, leading to concerns about destruction of wildlife habitat, and the effect of run off of silt and chemicals from the field. A fence has been erected, but it is uncertain that it is in the correct place. Trees have been removed and it is not known if permission was sought or is required. Cllr Mocatta offered to make enquiries with officers at EHDC.

**18 Date of next meeting** – **26 March 2018 (Annual Parish Meeting).**

Meeting ended 9.13pm

THESE ARE AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Signed..... Dated .....

**BURITON PARISH COUNCIL  
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP  
Report for the period 28 November 2017 to 29 January 2018**

**Bank accounts and financial summary**

Financial reports to end of December 2017 sent to councillors via email. Also reserves spreadsheet sent councillors by chairman of working group, addressing VAT query raised at previous meeting (VAT for playground/commemorative seat to be reclaimed from HMRC).

**Payments received since last meeting**

£207.68 – Playground funds donation from Fireworks and pub collection box

**Cheques issued since last meeting**

£36.00 – CRPE annual membership 2018 (£40.00 precepted) – as agreed Nov 17 meeting.  
£313.83 – K Crookshank clerk salary Nov 2017 – as agreed Nov 17 meeting.  
£149.97 – Bin Shop – replacement bin for playground – as agreed Nov 17 meeting.  
£111.38 – Idverde – bin emptying  
£294.03 – K Crookshank clerk salary Dec 2017  
£42.80 – HMRC – PAYE Sept – Dec 2017

**Cheques for issue at 29 January 2018 meeting**

£49.24 – K Crookshank – reimbursement for stationery and ink  
£21.10 – South East Water – cricket square standing charge only, no usage  
£326.00 – K Crookshank – clerk salary Jan 2018  
£800.00 – St Marys PCC for church and cemetery – precepted  
£370.00 – Petaprint – Parish Magazine winter 2017 edition - £360.00 precepted **decision required**

**For consideration at 29 January 2018 meeting**

**HCC – school plot tenancy renewal** – at November 2017 meeting councillors resolved to request an increase in respect of RPI (this has not been applied since 2011). **£363 has been payable from 21/07/2011. HCC proposed that the annual rent for the new tenancy should be £425.** The new index figures 235.2 for 2011 and remain at 275.1 for 2017. This has been calculated by taking the lower index figure away from the higher index figure and then dividing the result by the lower figure to multiply by £363. In order for HCC legal department to begin work on the agreement before Xmas 2017, this figure was agreed by email. In addition HCC asked if BPC intend instructing a solicitor, after consultation the clerk has replied that BPC will not. **To be confirmed at January 2018 meeting.**

**HCC - Draft Heads of Terms for school car parking licence** – BPC currently receive £394 p.a. Initial rent (in 2008) was £382 and was last increased in respect of RPI in 2011. HCC are proposing 10 year licence with an initial licence fee of £490 p.a.. Future RPI increases to be reviewed by BPC every 3 years. **For decision at January 2018 meeting.**

**Councillor training offered by EHDC** – email with details of events forwarded to councillors. Chairman would like to attend on 6/3/18, cost is £35.00. **For decision at January 2018 meeting.**

## VILLAGE HALL SUB COMMITTEE REPORT JANUARY 2018

This report deals with: the current finances of the hall; maintenance issues including heating; the contract with the school; defibrillators and a marketing strategy for the hall. I will elaborate and update further at the meeting.

**FINANCES:** The financial papers relating to the hall will be circulated by the Village hall manager under separate cover. Income and expenditure is currently on target and the budget is on target though this is early days. As at end Dec 2017 the bank balance was £13,178 but this includes the loan from the Parish Council for the hall and the insurance pay-out for the changing rooms. The reconciled running balance without these items is £4,712. There will need to be a financial year-end balancing with the Parish Council's accounts for VAT purposes.

**MAINTENANCE AND HEATING:** the servicing of the lighting and sound equipment as reported at the last meeting, has now been completed. PAT testing of the electrical equipment is currently being completed, and the fire alarms, fire extinguishers, and cooker have now all been serviced or tested. The boiler is due to be serviced on 2/2. Since the Parish Council took over the management of the hall last year, we have undertaken a wide-ranging and comprehensive programme of maintenance and testing.

I received some complaints about the heating during the cold weather. The Village hall manager checked the timers and thermostats and bled the radiators. We also discovered that the thermostat in the upper hall was influencing the temperature in the lower hall. As the boiler service is imminent, Terry will ask the service man to check the temperature of the water and the reason for the relationship between the two thermostats to ascertain whether the situation can be improved.

Terry is also investigating the costs of a possible energy audit of the village hall to see if we can save money on our energy use.

**THE SCHOOL:** I have now signed our agreement with HCC for the school's use of the hall, as agreed at the last PC meeting. I have also written to the school about their outside lighting and will report on any response in due course.

**DEFIBRILLATORS:** We have ascertained that the cost of defibrillators is some £600-£900. However we have become aware that the NHS/DfE have a programme to put defibrillators into schools and this may be something we can link into. We are exploring this further and I have asked the school if they are participating in the programme. I have also heard that this might be something one of the pubs might pursue - again we will investigate this.

**MARKETING STRATEGY:** the Village Hall committee wishes to improve usage of the hall during the day and over the weekends - i.e. during the periods when we have no regular bookings - in order to maximise use of the hall and hence income from it. This is in accordance with the objectives/guiding principles for the hall agreed by the Parish Council last year.

To this end we are devising a strategy of targeted advertising and promotion of the hall. This will involve targeted emails, fliers and adverts, for example on the website and in the Parish magazine, aimed at specific local groups or organisations as well as parishioners, together with specific features or events. I will outline the strategy in more detail at the meeting and the views of Councillors and members of the public will be most welcome. In order to realise the strategy, the Parish Council is asked to give 'in principle' approval of expenditure of up to £200 to implement the strategy.

The marketing strategy is our main focus of attention at present, but in the near future we will be reviewing and addressing the maintenance schedule, risk assessment for the hall, and storage.

Month	Received	Paid	Balance	Run. Bal.	Deposits	Owing	Notes
31-Mar-17			£5,153.24				Opening Balance
April	£1,242.75	£3,237.88	-	£3,158.11			No Invoice income - still paying account
May	£472.74	£1,046.64	-£1,995.13	£2,584.21			No Invoice income - still paying account
June	£1,765.25	£1,999.37	-£234.12	£2,350.09			
July	£4,534.20	£1,198.29	£3,335.91	£5,686.00			£3,567.95 received from 'old' H Account
August	£2,071.00	£1,061.65	£1,009.35	£6,695.35			
September	£1,076.00	£930.51	£145.49	£6,840.84			
October	£4,875.12	£1,088.18	£3,786.94	£10,627.78			
November	£1,547.75	£1,225.36	£322.39	£10,950.17			
December	£1,681.50	£1,725.25	-£43.75	£10,906.42	£900.00	£625.00	Tai Chi & Waggy Tails
January							December Invoices issued 11
February							
March							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£19,266.31</b>	<b>£13,513.13</b>	<b>£10,906.42</b>	<b>£10,627.78</b>	<b>£900.00</b>	<b>£625.00</b>	<b>Bank Balance as at 29 Decem £13,178.19</b>

Reconciled Balance	£4,712.30	Running Balance <u>Plus</u> Decem Owing <u>Less</u> Deposits, Amount Changing Room Insurance Pa
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## Playground report: January 2018

Since our last meeting I have been in contact with Steve Weston, Chair of the fireworks Committee, and Jon Moss who deals with the insurance for the fireworks committee to make sure that the playground doesn't have an impact on the fireworks display.

Below is a copy of the emails received from Selstar (Fireworks company) who confirmed they are happy and also the insurance company who are also happy, but would like confirmation from our local fire brigade.

I had an email from Jon asking for additional information, so he could send it to the fire brigade, this was sent to him on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018. As yet I haven't heard anything back.

*See e-mails below*

**From:** Info Selstar <info@selstarfireworks.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 17 December 2017 14:42:30  
**To:** karen white  
**Subject:** Re: Atten Stephan Harriott

Hi Karen,

It was my display manager Iain who met you onsite, yes I can confirm this all looks fine to us.

Many Thanks

Director  
Stephen Harriott  
Selstar Fireworks Ltd

**From:** Charlotte Ainsley <[Charlotte.Ainsley@ladbrook.co.uk](mailto:Charlotte.Ainsley@ladbrook.co.uk)>  
**Date:** 9 January 2018 at 12:16:49 GMT  
**To:** "[jon.moss1@btinternet.com](mailto:jon.moss1@btinternet.com)" <[jon.moss1@btinternet.com](mailto:jon.moss1@btinternet.com)>  
**Subject: Buriton Firework Committee – Insurance Query**

Dear Jon, I hope you are well and enjoyed a good Christmas and New Year.

I refer to your e-mail of 14 December 2017 in respect of the above and apologise for the delay in being able to come back to you.

However, I have now received a response from your previous insurers, Ansvar Insurance. They have advised that they would not see the new playground as a problem as long as the authorisation from your local fire brigade and fire authorities give permission for this as per the fireworks endorsement previously applied (and likely to be applied for future event policies).

I trust that this is in order but should you require any additional information or assistance then please do not hesitate to come back to me.

Kind regards,  
Charlotte Ainsley  
Trainee Account Handler

## Playground report continued

To date there is another correspondence to report in relation to the playground.

We had an email from the chair of the tennis club that had a few questions (in italics), below are the answers. I know the playground has come a little closer to the tennis courts than we previously thought or wanted but this had to be done to accommodate the regulations for the bonfire!

Tim Crew and myself hope to meet with the playground designer and their contractor in February to discuss the final position of the playground and equipment. We are aiming to have the playground up and running for the Easter holidays, but we do need volunteers to help us lift the old matting, move the existing fencing and plant the hedging.

- 1) *Given that the proximity to the courts has changed, does there have to be a tall piece of equipment close to the corner of the courts (or could that be located elsewhere within the new playground)?*

I'm sure this can be put on the other side

- 2) *Why is it no longer proposed to provide a screening hedge between the courts and the new play area as we had been assured at the consultation?*

I don't remember ever discussing a tall hedge or screening hedge from tennis courts, I did say that we were going to have a hedge but never said a height. I do remember saying that if the players were distracted it might be worth the Tennis club installing a fine green mesh to their fence. The hedge will be Low level one, mainly to keep dogs out of the area and to soak up rain water. It is recommended by ROSPA to have a hedge low enough, so parents could see in from a safety point of view and so Children cannot hide at get up to mischief or be bullied There will be a gate facing toward village hall, so people not make their own hole in the hedge. We are also trying to cut costs by reusing our existing fencing.

- 3) *Will a new path be running all the way alongside the courts (or elsewhere)?*

Not sure yet need to speak to the contractor, Tim Crew and possibly the grass cutting firm. My personal thoughts would be a diagonal line from the car park or the most direct. The grass would grow through the matting

Karen White  
Chair playground fund raising group  
January 2018

CORRESPONDENCE from 28 November 2017 (emails unless otherwise stated) forwarded to councillors

- War Memorial News 28th November 2017, 12 December 2017, 9 January and 28 January 2018
- East Hampshire Sports Awards 17/18 – deadline for nominations 5 Jan 18
- Amendment to Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan – comments by 27 Dec 17
- Confirmation of Dark Skies application from SDNPA
- CPRE newsletters
- Response from Cllr Mocatta regarding planning issue at Weston
- HCC request for Priority Cutting List path requests, response required 29/01/18.
- Petersfield Museum news
- The Old Hop Kiln Buriton, notification of hedge cutting
- EHDC Parish and Town Councillors' Newsletter
- Water level Buriton Pond, email from resident and response from EHDC
- South Downs News
- SDNPA Planning Committee Agenda 14 December
- Letter from the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel
- GLEAM news
- Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing Winter news
- EHDC Sports Awards Nominations Open
- Information regarding the East Meon Neighbourhood Plan.
- Info from HALC - Esso Southampton to London Pipeline Project
- Letter from Tennis Club regarding proposed new playground site
- HCC - Parishes Autumn Briefing Presentation 13/12/17
- EHDC news letters and press releases
- Hampshire County Council - Access Team newsletter
- Home Start Butser newsletters
- Hampshire County Council - News for Local Councils
- Notes of “ National Take over day” with Buriton School
- Hampshire Association of Local Councils E up date Jan 18
- South Downs National Park newsletter
- Planning news from your National Park
- Emails from resident regarding pollution Manor Estate