

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2021 via ZOOM**

Present:

Mr P Wales	Chairman
Mr A Bartlett	Mrs R Bowles
Mr M Croker	Mr M Harris
Mr R Horne	Mr J Korbey
Mrs P Mueller	Mr R Wolstenholme
Mr J Wingham	Mr K Whittle

HC Cllr. K. Mans

Mrs. H. Lawrence Parish Clerk
Mrs. M. Beckett Communications Officer

21/47 Apologies for absence: Cllr M Holding

21/48 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation:

Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Mueller and Cllr Wolstenholme declared an interest in accounts for payment

21/49 Minutes of the Meeting held 16th March 2021.

These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

21/50 Matters Arising:

- i) Potential purchase of Church Lane land

This land has little value but would attract some liability to keep it in good condition. Cllrs agreed to explore options with the opportunity pursued.

Action: Clerk to reply to Longdown Management with collated questions

- ii) Household Waste Recycling Centres

C. Cllr Mans confirmed that there was some disparity between sites and some areas have more choice. The future of the booking systems and options will be considered particularly in regard to residents unnecessarily travelling across the forest and concerns about an increase in fly tipping where people are not using reputable contractors.

- iii) Cycle events

The recent cycle event was busy around Brockenhurst. There were concerns along the Brockenhurst – Sway Road with cyclists either four abreast or in long lines all together, which caused problems for motorists. Cllrs were unaware of the location of the cyclist feed points with no feedback from SAG.

C. Cllr Mans advised that there are challenges ahead with more visitors to the forest and more cycle events planned. Cllrs were invited to feedback to C. Cllr Mans.

21/51 County Councillor's Report

Covid-19 infection rates in the New Forest are below average and the vaccination rates are above average. Since schools have returned the attendance rates are good. Cllr Mans recommended Simon Harris from the Open Reach partnership for a briefing on Broadband.

The Government is going to allow cell companies to raise most masts to 30 metres and 25 metres in rural areas.

There are various Community Grant Schemes available.

It was noted that the Cadnam – Lyndhurst road has recently had the verges cleared and congratulations from the Parish Council will be fed back to the work force via C. Cllr Mans.

Forestry England claims Hampshire Highways are responsible for drainage on Rhinefield Road but this has been disputed so Cllr Mans asked for the details.

Action: Clerk to send details to C. Cllr Mans

21/52 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Edward Heron has been announced as the new leader of NFDC.

Cllr Harris remains in the Cabinet but his role has expanded and now includes - Support for New Forest Businesses. Liaison Go New Forest, High Street, Economic Development Strategy, Fund and Bidding opportunities.

The grant payment is ongoing with a further 1.4 million available if the previous money is spent by the end of June and Cllr Korbey thanked praised their distribution work.

High Streets are planning a virtual online seminar at various times.

With water shortages becoming an increasing concern in SE England Cllr Wingham asked for further details why NFDC was not in favour of the Fawley Desalination plant and Cllr Harris promised to report back to councillors.

21/53 Annual Parish Meeting

To be held online on the 27th April 7.00pm, press release placed in the Lymington Times and agenda issued.

21/54 To consider purchasing bulbs for the Autumn planting season

Unanimously agreed to spend up to £250.00 for bulbs.

21/55 Brockenhurst PCC grant for churchyard maintenance

Unanimously agreed that new arrangements for machine storage, up to £100 be spent on tools and a PCC employee will assist our groundsman for the next 6 months, for churchyard maintenance. The PCC will submit a monthly grant to cover the wages and expenses for up to 10 hours per week at the PCC rate.

21/56 Reports and response to Consultations - to include ratification of recommendations

i) LCWIP meeting 19th March

Cllr Mueller felt that the programme needs to be adapted to become more suitable for the Forest, having previously circulated a more detailed report.

ii) Planning committee - 22nd March

Cllr Korbey advised the last meeting had ten applications and five members of the public in attendance. Including the application on the former Redmayne site.
The next meeting will be one of the busiest with currently eighteen applications.

iii) Greener Brockenhurst – 7th April

Cllr Bowles reported that the recycling shed at the village hall car park opened on the 17th April. The Greener Brockenhurst website has a list of items to recycle.
Greenfest is planned for the 10th July in the church garden
There is a charity shop at the village hall. Nappy Library will be forest wide.
Pigs will be arriving at the school soon and the school fayre to be held on the 9th July.

iv) Quadrant meeting – 13th April

It was reported that Volunteer ambassadors will be used as Forestry England ranger activities are restricted.
The cycle events in the forest and the dark sky night pollution were discussed.
There has been increased aircraft noise due to increased RAF training.

21/57 Correspondence

Forestry England	Drainage Rhinefield Road – see 21/51
Brockenhurst College	Thank you for assistance with COVID-19 testing

21/58 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Mint Gardens Ltd - Lengthsman, Brock £337.28
- ii) Streets Ironmongers - Supplies £26.25
- iii) HMRC - PAYE & NIC £2053.15
- iv) Business Association £150.00
- v) Corbins Flowers £40.00
- vi) ICCM membership - £95
- vii) HALC Subscriptions - £807.94
- viii) Latham Steel Doors - £840.00

21/59 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public None

Cllr Bartlett advised that the gate near the Rainbow fish & chip shop has been padlocked.
This may be due to problems with shutting the gate.

Action: Clerk to report to HCC

21/60 Date of Next Meeting

4th May 2021 Annual Meeting of the Council – online 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.