

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 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 K Whittle	(from 7.30pm)
HC Cllr K Mans	(left 7.40pm)
D. Cllr M Holding	
Mrs. H. Lawrence	Parish Clerk
Mrs. M. Beckett	Communications Officer

Four members of the public

Public Presentments

Two presentments were made regarding Hampshire County Council's intention to permanently remove the footbridge known as FB 182 Martins Corner having been asked to remove it by Forestry England. It is considered to be a well-used bridge but both residents were unhappy with the lack of consultation. HC Cllr Mans responded that the Director of Highways would be reviewing this decision. It will be included in a site meeting shortly with the Parish Council and he hoped that the matter could be resolved with funds being found.

21/61 Election of Chairman

Cllr P Wales was unanimously elected as Chairman.

21/62 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman on screen and would be signed and witnessed by the clerk on 5th May.

21/63 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr M Harris was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

21/64 Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Vice-Chairman on screen and would be signed and witnessed by the clerk on 5th May.

21/65 Election of Committees and Representatives:

Amenities and Infrastructure	Alan Bartlett John Korbey Pete Wales	Ros Bowles Michael Harris Kevin Whittle	Michael Croker Pauline Mueller Richard Wolstenholme
Events	John Korbey Pete Wales Members of public W.I. Brockenhurst Church Friends of Brockenhurst		Richard Wolstenholme Michael Harris PTA Business Association
Nalder Bequest	Ros Bowles Pauline Mueller Mark Böckle (co-opted)	Michael Croker Richard Wolstenholme Helen Barnett (co-opted)	Michael Harris John Korbey Peter Wyatt (co-opted)
Personnel & Resources	Ros Bowles John Korbey	Michael Croker Pete Wales	Michael Harris Russell Horne
Planning	Ros Bowles Kevin Whittle	Russell Horne John Wingham	John Korbey Pauline Mueller Richard Wolstenholme
Policy	Michael Croker	Russell Horne	Pete Wales
Climate Action Group	Ros Bowles Russell Horne	Michael Croker Pauline Mueller	Michael Harris Kevin Whittle

Representatives on outside bodies:

Bailey Benefice	Chairman
Hampshire Association of Local Councils	John Korbey
Village Trust Directors	Richard Wolstenholme
New Forest Consultative Panel Representative	John Korbey
New Forest Association of Local Councils	John Korbey
New Forest Passenger Transport Forum	Kevin Whittle
Solent Community Rail Partnership	John Wingham
Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Partnership	Pauline Mueller

All proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.

21/66 Apologies for absence: Cllr Wingham and Jon Waller (A&T)

21/67 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Wales declared an interest in accounts for payment.

21/68 Minutes of the Meeting held 20th April 2021

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

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th April 2021 to be approved at the next PC meeting.

21/69 Matters Arising

Annual Parish meeting future invitees:

It was agreed that the online APM was a success, but only a limited number of local organisations were invited to give a short talk. It was decided that for future APM meetings that the NPA appointee, police, college, fire service and Doctors Surgery would be included on the list of invitees.

21/70 County Councillor's Report

Nothing to report as a report had recently been given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

21/71 District Councillor's Report

Nothing to report as a report had recently been given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

21/72 Declaration of Eligibility for General Power of Competence

It was noted that GPC would be retained until the 2023 Elections and that the new clerk has passed CiLCA.

21/73 Reports and response to Consultations:

i) Planning Committee

Cllr Korbey reported that Councillors expressed concern that any loss of retail units will undermine the long-term economic viability of Brookley Road shops to the detriment of the village.

Stephen Tarling noted that the NFNPA design guide is being rewritten and a consultation will follow shortly. Light pollution is a hot topic at NFNPA and any comment Brockenhurst Parish Council cares to make on this will be particularly welcome.

Redmayne Engineering Site – The developer is proposing to name the new road “Connaught Place” but this does not have any obvious links to the village. Alternative names are being considered by councillors.

ii) Anzac service 25th April 2021

Cllr Wales thanked the British Legion for a well organised and covid-9 secure service. The service was limited to thirty people, scouting group attended earlier in the day.

21/74 Correspondence

Correspondence has been received concerning pony attacks in Brockenhurst. This was also mentioned in the Verderers court. Publicity is required to educate tourists into not feeding the animals in the forest.

21/75 Pending removal of Martins Corner footbridge

Cllrs agreed that although this is a well-used bridge with no known accidents or injuries for over 80 years it is in fair condition but also in a state of disrepair. Cllrs were disappointed not to be consulted prior to a decision being made but welcomed HC Cllr Mans intervention. Cllr Harris acknowledged the presentments offering his support with Cllr Korbey to raise the issue at the Consultative Panel in view of the unknown whereabouts of other bridges being mentioned.

Action Point: Clerk to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

21/76 Future meetings

As the legislation allowing virtual meeting has not been extended it was decided that the next Parish Council meeting would be held after the covid-19 restriction are due to be lifted. Date confirmed as Tuesday 22nd June, venue to be confirmed.

The May planning committee meeting would not be held face to face and would operate under the scheme of delegation, see 21/76. Further information to be issued.

**Action point: Clerk to book and confirm next PC meeting.
Clerk and Planning & Communications officer to discuss future planning meetings.**

21/77 To consider the Scheme of Delegation

This had been previously circulated and agreed that the scheme should be put into place and will be used for the next planning meeting and in place should covid-19 restriction change in the future.

All proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.

21/78 Accounts for payment: Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- I) Petty Cash - £50.00
- ii) Office Parking Clock – reimburse clerk - £25.00
- iii) Expenses to visit Archives Cllr Wales - £30.50
- iv) Corbins - £17.00

21/79 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public: None

21/80 Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 21st June Village Hall 7.00pm in the main hall

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.