

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2022 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Cllr P Wales	Chairman
Cllr M Harris	Vice Chairman
Cllr A Bartlett	Cllr R Bowles
Cllr M Croker	Cllr J Wingham
Cllr J Korbey	Cllr P Mueller
Cllr K Whittle	Cllr R Horne
Mrs H Lawrence	Parish Clerk
Four members of the public	

Public Presentments

A request was made from an allotment holder that the Parish Council uphold their part of the allotment agreement and continue to monitor and deal with poorly maintained plots. It is noted that there is a large waiting list and the Clerk and Cllr Bartlett will schedule in the three inspections in April, May and June.

Concerns were raised by residents for the Sway Road Experimental one-way weight restriction. See 22/27.

22/20 Apologies for absence: C Cllr Mans

22/21 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation:

Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in accounts for payment.
Cllr Harris declared an interest in the discussion concerning the school.

22/22 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 18th January 2022

They were both proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

22/23 Matters Arising:

Burley Road and the Rise parking restrictions

The parking suspension notices at the bottom of The Rise and Burley Road were discussed as it was felt that they should be removed.

It was agreed that the situation should be clarified with HCC parking services department.

ACTION: Clerk to contact HCC Parking Services Department

22/24 County Councillor's Report In the absence of C Cllr Mans there was no report

22/25 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Harris reported that NFDC are pleased with the budget and will come out of Covid in relatively good shape. Some savings are to be made and limited use of reserves. The new Chief Executive Kate Ryan is making a good start. The Waste Strategy consultation results will be coming out soon. Southampton Freeport is going ahead.

Climate and Nature Emergency, NFDC have agreed new measure to cut CO2 emissions, improve climate resilience and safeguarding the environment. Lymington recently had five solar powered rubbish bins installed.

22/26 Reports and response to Consultations - to include ratification of recommendations

i) Planning committee meeting held 24th January 2022

Cllr Korbey gave an update on the last planning meeting. Meadens application was taken to the NPA planning committee and temporary permission was granted but noted that this will be for the last time. Councillors wished to thank Councillor Korbey for all his work and time spend dealing with planning.

ii) NFALC meeting held 27th January 2022

Councillor Korbey advised that notification of three cycle events were given

Nikki Swift reported on the strategic assessment 2020-2021, new plan ready mid-March

Steve Avery spoke various matters including the Government Landscape review, nature recovery and the NPA Design guide adopted on the 27th January 2022.

Speed Limit Motion was debated with a majority vote for councils to implement selective 20mph areas

iii) A&I meeting held 1st February 2022

A report of the meeting was given by Cllr Wales and the following items were recommended for approval:-

- a) £300 to spend on the continuation of the bulb planting project to plant in Autumn/Winter 2022
- b) Approval of the digital screen and pole for the office window costing £1091.27
- c) Approval for electrician to complete the office lighting and install additional socket for the screen £680.00

All items were unanimously agreed by all.

The ongoing parking and traffic problems on Sway Road were discussed and noted that this is increased with the current A35 closure. It was recommended that we contact NFDC to ask to be added to the SIDS schedule and ask HCC if a traffic survey could be conducted. It was noted that the school crossing white lines are very faded and that we should pursue them being painted. Cllr Harris advised that this was already on C Cllr Mans list.

The school has asked HCC to include the school in it's 20 mph review due to the volume of traffic using Sway Road. This will be reviewed by HCC later in the year and agreed that the Parish Council should be considered in the group of people that HCC contact to gather evidence.

iv) Events Committee held 20th January & 9th February 2022

Cllr Harris confirmed the Platinum Jubilee event taking place on Saturday 4th June 2022 will be at three venues, Brookley Road, Football Club and the Village Hall. Various entertainment and refreshments are being arranged at each venue. Seven trees are to be planted in various location in the parish. A Brockenhurst Jubilee logo has been created and plans are ongoing to produce mugs. Advertising for the event has started including a life size cardboard figure of the Queen in the office window.

22/27 Correspondence

HCC – Sway Road experimental order

Hampshire County Council has made an experimental order which came into force on 11th February 2022 and continues until 11th August 2023. This imposes a temporary one-way weigh limit of 7.5 tonnes for vehicles travelling Northbound to proceed in the entire length of Junction Bridge. The objection period is running until the 11th August.

The statement of reasons on the order states:

Following localised concerns regarding traffic and parking behaviour around Brockenhurst (Town) Centre, a potential safety issue has been highlighted with large vehicle transporters servicing a dealership on B3055 Sway Road have been turning around in side roads in avoidance of a existing 7 tonne weight restriction. Therefore, Hampshire County Council proposes to revoke the existing weight restriction at Junction Bridge and trial a new 7.5 tonne weight restriction for northbound vehicles only. This will allow these vehicle transporters to continue south on B3055 to join the A337 via Latchmoor Lane.

Councillors noted residents' environmental and safety concerns, possible solutions together with the lack of consultation before implementation. It was agreed the Parish Council would ask HCC how this scheme will be monitored but in the meanwhile approach Meadens to ask if the delivery time could be changed.

ACTION: Clerk to contact HCC & Meadens

22/28 Update Scheme of Delegation policy

The policy was updated to reflect the change in job title in the document.

The policy was proposed, seconded and agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to update the policy and update the website

22/29 To ratify Tree Policy

The policy was proposed, seconded and agreed.

It was reported that at the cemetery an identified tree from the tree inspections is causing concern. Westbeams have noticed that the split in the tree has increased and it will need to be taken down. Due to the location of the tree the church has been advised and matters are ongoing.

ACTION: Clerk to include the amended policy on the website

22/30 Village Centre Strategy Group

The working party has now met and revised the draft brief, which was circulated to councillors. Cllr Bowles explained the strategy and the future plans for the village centre. It was agreed that Cllr Bowles would research potentially companies that could provide a presentation to the councillors and provide a pricing strategy or advise what could be achieved within a budget.

Cllr Bowles circulated a first draft of the results of the 2021 village survey. Work is still ongoing with online results still to be added.

ACTION: Cllr Bowles to send councillors links to agencies

22/31 Annual Parish Meeting 26th April 2022

Councillors to send the clerk any ideas for this year's meeting.

22/32 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

Brockenhurst Village Hall - Room hire for January - £168.75, February £205.50
SPG Machinery - Collection/delivery of equipment - £12.00
Streets Ironmongers - Supplies - £2.50
SCIS UK Limited - Screen and pole for office window - £1,309.52
The Festive Lighting Company Ltd - Replacement Christmas lights - £2,411.82
Mint Gardens Ltd - Bulb planting - £72.00
Mint Gardens Ltd - Lengthsman (East Boldre and Sway) - £1,055.88
Wessex Window Cleaning - Office windows January - £12.00
DIY Framing Limited - Picture hanging system for front office - £114.91
Viking – Stationary - £46.44
Mobile phone top up Ray – December £10 + Feb £10 = £20

22/33 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public

Cllr Korbey was concerned about the road surface in Grigg Lane, this has only been partially completed.

Cllr Whittle has concerns regarding subsidence on Station Road.

22/34 Date of Next Meeting: 15th March 2022 at Brockenhurst Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.25pm