

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 15th MARCH 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

C Cllr K Mans (left the meeting 7.23pm)
Mrs H Lawrence Parish Clerk
Four members of the public

Cllr Wales announced that Michel Goux the Mayor of Pont St Martin from 1989 – 2000 passed away at the age of 92. A minute's silence was observed.

Public Presentments: None

22/35 Apologies for absence: Mr D Bennett

22/36 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation:

Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in accounts for payment.

22/37 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 15th February 2022

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

22/38 Matters Arising:

Burley Road and the Rise parking restrictions

HCC have given an update on the suspension signage and the white line markings.

Sway Road HGV experimental order

Cllr Wales advised that HCC has been contacted to ask how monitoring will be achieved. We are in contact with Meadens regarding the transporters.

22/39 County Councillor's Report

C Cllrs Mans reported that next year's council tax bill will show a reduction on energy saving.

Funding to be put aside from reserves to help Ukrainian families. HCC are supporting families and it is hoped that jobs should be available straightaway.

It was noted that the Holmsley Bridge replacement is ongoing, but the completion date is still to be confirmed. The ongoing traffic issues in Brockenhurst continues.

C Cllr Mans to look at the condition of Station Road.

C Cllr Mans left the meeting

22/40 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Harris reported that NFDC are returning to normal with more physical meetings.

The Solent Freeport is about to become a reality.

The NFDC Waste Strategy is ongoing with the aim to increase the recycling rate from 30+% up to 60+%. Further details of how the weekly collections will work and the possible supply of wheelie bins are still to be confirmed.

Councillors expressed concerns that ponies will work out how to open the food waste bins and could the bins be collected from inside the fenced boundary of properties? Cllr Harris to make enquiries.

22/41 Martins Corner Footbridge – update

HCC have agreed to replace the existing handrail and add a rail on the other side of the bridge. New plans were considered by councillors and concerns regarding the width of the bridge with the handrails added were discussed but agreed that this is a standard size and would not cause a problem to the livestock crossing the bridge.

Ongoing inspection costs were noted along with the low additional premium to be added to the insurance policy and the £300 to be paid to Forestry England for the licence.

It was resolved to accept the HCC latest plans to replace the existing handrail and add the other rail before the bridge is handed over the Parish Council and the Forestry England licence is applied for. Eight councillors agreed and two objected.

ACTION: Clerk to contact HCC and Forestry England

22/42 Casual Vacancy – Co-option

Two applicants put themselves forward for the one casual vacancy, but one applicant withdrew prior to voting.

Following voting, Paul Pearse was co-opted. The results were scrutinised by a member of the public.

ACTION: Clerk to send form and information to Paul

22/43 Reports and response to Consultations - to include ratification of recommendations

i) Planning committee meeting held 28th February 2022

Cllr Korbey gave an update on the last planning meeting and ongoing issues.

ii) P&R meeting held 1st March 2022

A report of the meeting was given by Cllr Harris and the following items were proposed, seconded and agreed: -

- a) There would be no immediate increase in the cemetery fees, P&R to review again in November 2022.
- b) There would be no immediate increase in the allotment fees. To be reviewed again in July 2022.
- c) Creation of a new budget heading "Village Improvements" and £50,000 to be transferred from reserves.
- d) Local Government Pension scheme, legal advice to be sought.

- e) Salary increases agreed, Mrs Lawrence increased to SCP 25 and Mrs Pritchard to SCP 18 from the 1st April 2022
- f) Creation of a new budget heading "Chairmans Allowance" with a £500 provision.
- g) The Parish Council Chairman to be permitted to authorise the payment of extra hours worked by employees.

iii) Events committee held 7th March 2022

Cllr Harris reported that despite the rain the Pancake Races went ahead on the 1st March and there was a fair attendance from children and local businesses.

Cllr Harris gave an update on the ongoing plans for the Platinum Jubilee, which will provide entertainment in Brookley Road, Football Club and the Village Hall.

Plans are underway for vintage vehicles to be displayed in Brookley Road along with the hope for flags and bunting.

iv) College Liaison Meeting held 2nd March 2022

Cllr Wales reported that the college gave an update on their building project.

The college are part of the Platinum Jubilee planning and are helping to provide some of the resources. The college will be invited to give a report at the Annual Parish Meeting. All students are back to onsite learning with online learning only used in special circumstances.

22/44 Correspondence

Network Rail have provided an update on the North Road footbridge and confirmed that following recent reviews they have identified a solution meaning the footbridge can re-open. Once a date is confirmed a letter will be sent by Network Rail to the local community.

22/45 Items for the Jubilee edition of the newsletter

It was unanimously agreed for £200 to be spent for a joint venture to produce a Jubilee issue of the Parish Magazine. This edition will be free of charge and extra copies will be printed, incurring the extra costs. The Parish Council would have a page in the magazine to be able to have an article for Jubilee mugs. Volunteer teams will be used to distribute to households and local businesses.

ACTION: Clerk to prepare article

22/46 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

BT - February bill - £51.30

Ross Boyle Electrical - Office lighting works - £816.00

Hambrook Garden Supplies - Topsoil for cemetery - £144.98

Mr Rideout - Expenses reimbursement - £4.32

Gates Engineering - Fuel - £14.98

Streets Ironmongers - Supplies - £24.70

Mint Gardens - Lengthsman (Brockenhurst) - £384.00

Wessex Window Cleaning – February - £15.00

H Lawrence – office supplies re-imburement - £4.40

H Lawrence – Eye test re-imburement - £25.00

RBL – 1 x wreath Remembrance Sunday 2021, 2 x wreaths for Anzac 2021 + 2022 - £75.00

Accujet – CAD design of Village Sign - £360.00

Corbins – Flowers Commonwealth war grave - £67.50

David Bennett – History Boards - £584.05

Positano – Grass Cutting - £30.00

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

22/47 Cemetery Land Registry submission

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should submit an application to Land Registry, probably before Easter. The application would be submitted without the diocese formal support. The estimated cost is £105.00 which should be refunded.

There would be three parts to the application: -

- 1 – Alter title for the area of land conveyed to the PC 18 August 1955.
- 2 – Register the land from 1955
- 3 – Amalgamate the land to registered under (2) with the northern strip owned and already registered to the Parish Council, to create one coherent title with the property description of “Burial Ground”

22/48 To consider the Church Lane land proposal

Cllr Wales advised that Barker-Mills have made an amended offer of £7500 for the Parish Council to purchase the Church Lane land before this is sent to auction. The legal fees would be capped at £1200 + VAT. It was confirmed that S106 monies can be used and it was noted that the land would make an attractive entrance to the village.

The proposal was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain solicitors quotes

22/49 To confirm NJC National Pay Awards to be back dated from April 2021

It was explained that the 2021 NJC pay scales and back dated pay will be calculated from April 2021 and paid for all relevant staff.

22/50 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public

Cllr Wales advised that a small ceremony took place on the 11th March to commemorate the three Indian graves within the Commonwealth War Graves at St Nicholas.

Flowers were laid on behalf of the Parish Council and this is to become an annual event.

Cllr Korbey advised that there is a rural forum on the 29th March, where fly tipping will be discussed. Councillors to let Cllr Korbey know of any fly tipping issues.

The Watersplash railings need to be re-painted, which will be added to the Lengthsman list. The village sign on the Burley Road has fallen over and needs reporting.

Three lampposts remain unlit on Lyndhurst Road, after Careys Manor and before Balmer Lawn Road on the opposite side of the road.

There is a broken fencing by Balmer Lawn Road

**ACTION: Clerk to contact the Lengthsman
Clerk to report village sign to HCC
Clerk to report lampposts and fencing**

22/51 Date of Next Meeting: 19th April 2022 at Brockenhurst Village Hall
26th April 2022 Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm