

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr P Wales      Outgoing Chairman  
Cllr M Harris      Newly Appointed Chairman  
Cllr A Bartlett      Cllr R Bowles  
Cllr R Horne      Cllr J Korbey  
Cllr K Whittle      Cllr P Pearse  
Cllr J Wingham

HC Cllr K Mans (left 7.45pm)  
Jon Waller Advertiser & Times  
Mrs H Lawrence Parish Clerk  
23 members of the public

**22/70 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Harris was unanimously elected as Chairman.

**22/71 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr Harris

**Public Presentments**

On behalf of the BBA Richard Wolstenholme thanked Cllr Wales for his seven years as chairman and for the support that he has given.

Twenty-three members of the public attended concerning the HCC Sway Road Experimental Order. Several members spoke to express their concerns which included the impact of the lorries using the bridge, the safety for the public walking and cycling, livestock, carbon emissions and that it is contrary to the draft Local Transport Plan policies. They all wished for the consultation and the order to stop.

**22/72 Sway Road Experimental Order**

Further to the public presentments Cllr Wales advised that the Parish Council has attended meetings with the NFNPA, HCC and Meadens.

The Parish Council has consistently questioned HCC Highways about the need to continue the temporary weight restriction on the railway bridge following completion of damage repairs, given that buses are exempt.

It was explained that the Parish Council planning committees' response to a recent Meadens planning application included a request for a requirement for off road parking to be necessary for loading and unloading of vehicles. This was not supported by the NFNPA planning department as no adverse comments had been received from HCC Highways.

It was noted that transporters have been reversing into The Rise for many years.

The bus exemption however was not extended to car transporters but concerns were expressed about the continued practice of delivery vehicles parking on the pavement and using The Rise to reverse, increasing the conflict with users in the Sway Road area.

Meadens have asked for transporters not to park on the pavement and to be scheduled at a quieter time.

Cllr Whittle advised that buses and refuse collection lorries are heavier than the transporter lorries.

Cllr Wales advised that a consultation cannot be stopped but there are three options, 1 – The Parish Council could ask for the Order to be revoked in August 2022. If revoked, HCC would need to change some signage, but which signs and time scale would need to be confirmed.

2 – Parish Council to do nothing

3 – Continue with the consultation and trial until August 2023

It was agreed, with two abstentions, that the Parish Council should formally write to ask for the order to cease after the period of consultation is completed in August 2022 as the trial revisions have not improved matters.

It was agreed that further meetings should be arranged with HCC and Meadens once the results of the consultation are published.

### **ACTION: Clerk to contact HCC and Meadens**

### **22/73 Election of Vice-Chairman**

There was no nomination for vice-chairman. This will be an item for the next agenda.

### **22/74 Election of Committees and Representatives:**

<b>Amenities and Infrastructure</b>	Alan Bartlett John Korbey	Ros Bowles Michael Harris	Michael Croker Pauline Mueller	Kevin Whittle
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<b>Events</b>	John Korbey Michael Harris Members of public including School PTA Brockenhurst Church		Paul Pearse  W.I. Friends of Brockenhurst Business Association
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<b>Nalder Bequest</b>	Ros Bowles Mark Böckle (co-opted)	Michael Croker Peter Wyatt (co-opted)	Michael Harris Richard Wolstenholme (co-opted)	John Korbey
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<b>Personnel &amp; Resources</b>	Ros Bowles John Korbey	Michael Croker Pete Wales	Michael Harris	Russell Horne
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<b>Planning</b>	Ros Bowles Kevin Whittle	Russell Horne John Wingham	John Korbey	Pauline Mueller
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<b>Policy</b>	Michael Croker	Russell Horne	Pete Wales
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<b>Climate Action Group</b>	Michael Harris Pauline Mueller	Paul Pearse Kevin Whittle	Russell Horne
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**Representatives on outside bodies:**

<b>Bailey Benefice</b>	Chairman
<b>Hampshire Association of Local Councils</b>	John Korbey
<b>Village Trust Directors</b>	Michael Harris VACANCY
<b>New Forest Consultative Panel Representative</b>	John Korbey
<b>New Forest Association of Local Councils</b>	John Korbey
<b>New Forest Passenger Transport Forum</b>	Kevin Whittle John Wingham
<b>Solent Community Rail Partnership</b> <b>Local Cycling &amp; Walking Infrastructure Partnership</b>	John Wingham Pauline Mueller

All proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.

**22/75 Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Croker and Cllr M Mueller

**22/76 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation**

Cllrs Wales and Bartlett declared an interest in accounts for payment.

**22/77 Minutes of the Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to be approved at the next PC meeting.

**22/78 Matters Arising**

Active Travel Scheme – Brookley Road

The amended plans were considered and it was noted that two parking spaces would still be lost and the ongoing concerns for the turning space for lorries to get into Tesco Express car park. It was agreed that HCC should now have another public consultation prior to implementation.

North Road Footbridge – Repairs have now been carried out and the bridge has re-opened.

**ACTION: Cllr Wales to contact HCC**

**22/79 County Councillor's Report**

C Cllr Mans reported that he will stand down as leader of Hampshire County Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. He will continue as a County Councillor for Brockenhurst.

Ukrainian families continue to arrive in Hampshire although there are some ongoing issues with visas. Children have been found educational places.

The Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy Scheme will see ½ million trees planted, mainly in groups where there is someone to look after them.

C Cllr Mans advised that he is supporting a wide range of local causes with grants amounting to £8000.

Concerns for the poor condition of Grigg Lane was raised and it was noted that only a small section of road at the Brookley Road junction was patched. Clerk to send further details to C Cllr Mans.

Cllr Whittle reported fence and gateway issues on the A35 at Markway Hill

ACTION: Clerk to send Grigg Lane details to Cllr Mans

## **22/80 District Councillor's Report**

D Cllr Harris reported that the new Chairman of NFDC for 22/23 is Cllr Alan O'Sullivan and the deputy leader is Cllr Neville Penman.

## **22/81 Reports and response to Consultations:**

### **i) Anzac service 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Cllr Wales thanked the Royal British Legion for arranging the service and refreshments. It was noted that the Commonwealth War Grave Commission thanked the groundsman for the high standard of work in keeping the War Graves looking immaculate, highlighted in a Radio Solent broadcast the following day.

### **ii) Planning Committee**

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

### **iii) Events Committee meetings held Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April & 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Cllr Harris gave an update on the two events meetings. Final arrangements are being made at the three venues. Bronya and Sarah were thanked for all their hard work in the organisation of the event.

David Eley was thanked for his help with the Platinum Jubilee issue of the Parish Magazine

### **iv) Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The APM was a successful meeting although it was felt that the time of each speech should be limited. For 2023 the manager of the Doctors Surgery has offered to give a report. A report was given by PC Jason Eastwood as he was due to leave being a rural beat officer. It was agreed that we should contact Hampshire Police for news of a replacement officer. It was reported that Ralph Elliott, caretaker at Brockenhurst Village Hall has now left and thanks were given for all the help he has given to the Parish Council over the years.

### **v) NFALC online meeting held Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Cllr Korbey gave an update from the recent meeting, the minutes of the meeting were circulated.

**vi) A&I Committee meeting held Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

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

- a) £300 to be spent on purchasing additional daffodil bulbs
- b) £300 to be spent to instruct the Lengthsman to clear the vacant plots at the allotment. Parish Council to provide a skip
- c) To instruct Lyndhurst Landscapes to weed and restore the War Memorial Garden ready for summer at a cost of £389 + VAT
- d) To spend £150 on additional plants for the War Memorial Garden
- e) To spend up to £500 on replacement rope lights and various other items for the ongoing upkeep of the Christmas lights.

**ACTION: Clerk to reserve bulbs, instruct Lengthsman, instruct Lyndhurst Landscapes. Arrange purchases of plants and Christmas lights**

**22/82 To consider allowing one beehive at the allotments, following allotment holders' consultation**

Responses from allotment holders were considered and with no objections received it was unanimously agreed to allow the beehive for a six-week trial in June-July 2022.

**ACTION: Clerk to advise allotment holder**

**22/83 Correspondence None**

**22/84 Confirm all meeting dates for 2022-2023**

All circulated meeting dates were agreed

**Action Point: Clerk to booking meeting rooms**

**22/85 Additional holiday allowance for staff for the extra Platinum Jubilee bank holiday day**

It was unanimously agreed for pro-rata additional holiday hours to be given to all three employees for this additional bank holiday day.

**ACTION: Clerk and RFO to calculate additional holiday hours**

**22/86 Approval of the Platinum Jubilee Mug quote**

It was unanimously agreed to accept quote up to the value of £1565.47

**22/87 Accounts for payment:** Proposed, seconded and agreed.

Gates Engineering Co Ltd - fuel - £16.47

Streets Ironmongers - supplies - £63.00

New Milton Advertiser - APM advert - £36.00

Mint Gardens Ltd - East Boldre Lengthsman - £595.20

Brockenhurst Village Hall - hall hire - £155.25

HALC - HALC fees and NALC levy 2022/23 - £820.21

Rob Hurl Carpentry & Building Ltd - office external door - £1,356.00

Wessex Windows - office window cleaning - £12.00  
R Rideout - expenses reimbursement - £3.37  
Pete Wales – reimbursement (from chairman's allowance) - £41.50  
Nuneaton Signs – 2 x road closed signage - £121.20  
Corbins Florist – plant (from chairman's allowance) - £4.50  
Westbeams – Tree works - £4176.00  
Lyndhurst Landscapes – WM grass cutting - £63.00  
HALC – LCPD membership - £198.00

**Payments made during the month:**

The Flag Shop Ltd - Jubilee bunting - £785.25  
The Painting Princess - Jubilee face painting - £240.00  
Land Registry - Cemetery application - £125.00  
Surrey Hills Solicitors - Barker Mills legal fees - £1,440.00

**22/88 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public:**

Cllr Bowles needs to reschedule a proposed village centre strategy meeting for the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

An update on the office digital screen was given, this is ongoing but there will be a timetable of events displayed for the Platinum Jubilee event on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr Harris thanked Cllr Wales for his seven years as Chairman of the Parish Council and gave a short rundown of some of his many achievements during that time. Cllr Wales was particularly thanked for the time that he dedicated to the Parish Council.  
A small presentation was made.

**22/89 Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 7.00pm at Brockenhurst Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022