

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 20th JUNE 2017 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr. P. Wales Chairman
Maj. M. Böckle Mr. M. Croker
Mrs. M. Holding Mr. J. Korbey
Mr. H. Mellor Mr. H. Oram
Mr. J. Wingham

Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk

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and two members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting with the usual fire safety information and noted that, following the recent tragedy in London, he has requested fire risk assessment information from the Village Hall and Homeforde House.

Public Presentments

District Councillor Michael Harris reported to the meeting that NFDC is undertaking additional fire safety checks on its housing; that by 2019/20 NFDC will receive no government funding at all so will rely on Council Tax and its own resources by commercial operations, and that recent filming at Fawley Power Station generated £40k per day for 28 days. He suggested that the railway station should be renamed Brockenhurst New Forest as many visitors get off at Ashurst thinking that it is the central station for the Forest, and that the Burley Road namesign should be replaced with one in the same style as the Lyndhurst ones.

17/82 Apologies for absence: Mr. I. Holden Ms. A. Whittle
Mr. K. Whittle Cllr. K. Mans

17/83 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation: None.

17/84 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 16th May 2017. These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

17/85 Matters Arising: BVT Directorship. The position is still under consideration by a councillor and SLCC have recently confirmed that we can retain an additional director position but are not obliged to appoint a director.

17/86 County Councillor's Report - In the absence of Councillor Mans there was no report.

17/87 District Councillor's Report

Mrs. Holding said that she did not have a great deal to report due to the recent election. A house had recently become available in Auckland Avenue and many families had wanted to take it on which showed the need for family housing in the village. The issue of housing mix had been discussed at the recent Quadrant meeting.

It was agreed that we will contact NFDC direct to enquire about summer use of a parking space for cycles. **Action: Clerk.**

17/88 Newsletter

It was agreed that we should continue to manually deliver the newsletter to all homes in the parish.

17/89 Approval of Annual Accounts and Annual Return

i) Accounts for the year 2016/17

It was resolved to adopt the Annual Accounts for 2016/17.

ii) Annual Return Section 1 - Governance Statement

It was resolved to respond 'Yes' in all boxes of Section 1 of the Annual Return for 2016/17, the Governance Statement.

iii) Annual Return Section 2 - Accounting Statement

It was resolved to adopt the Accounting Statement in Section 2 of the Annual Return.

17/90 Revision of Churchyard fee policy

On advice from NFDC the Churchyard fee policy wording was amended but no changes were made to the fees themselves. It was resolved to accept the amendments.

17/91 Reports and response to Consultations - to include ratification of recommendations

Mr. Korbey reported on the recent planning committee, at which the proposed demolition of the old Gates car showroom was discussed.

The Chairman attended the Masonic Hall Open Day but it was poorly supported by the public. He cut the ribbon to open their new defibrillator.

Mr. Oram reported on the Amenities and Infrastructure committee held on 6th June. Issues discussed included the rabbit problem at the allotments and a proposal for a village sign which will be taken forward for further information. We will talk to the Tourist Board regarding the station sign.

The setting up of a new independent Flood Action Group for the New Forest is being investigated to which the Parish Council is not opposed.

The Recreation Management Strategy Consultation opened yesterday and a response has been received from a Mr. Totty which we will consider. Councillors were requested to send in their comments to the Clerk by Monday 3rd July for distillation into a PC response in time for consideration at the July PC meeting. Councillors can send in their own individual responses too if they would like to. It was also agreed that we should write to the Chief Executive as again a major consultation has been launched over the summer holiday period when many councils do not meet in August.

Mr. Korbey reported on today's NPA Development Control meeting at which both of the Brockenhurst proposals went against our views, one passed and one refused.

The Chairman reported on the recent Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting that he had attended with Mr. Horne, relating to SFBB. There seems to be a further delay while BT Openreach gain the requisite permissions.

There is no progress at present on the phonebox adoptions. We do not want to spend money on them if they have to be removed but the FC have not responded with the wayleaves to identify the conditions under which they were originally installed. In the meantime we have instructed the Lengthsman to wash and tidy them as they are very scruffy even though they are not yet decommissioned.

The Consultative Panel has not yet had a report on the Forest Design Plan.

17/90 Correspondence

Friends of the New Forest are holding a National Parks Conference in October and councillors were asked to let the Clerk know if they would like to attend.

The NPA has sent an invitation to the Green Halo Project in July. Mr. Mellor will attend and others may too if space is available.

HCC are carrying out a road repair in Brookley Road on 28th June, for which the road will be closed for the day. We will seek further information on what the repair actually is. **Action: Clerk.**

17/91 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £74.50
- ii) Fair Account - Internal Auditor - £180
- iii) Streets - supplies - £82.16
- iv) Kompan - new timber for playground - £450
- v) Allied Office Machines - photocopier - £80.88
- vi) Haven Gardens - War Memorial paving (S106 funds) - £5472
- vii) Esso Gates Service- petrol - £22.80
- viii) ICCM - membership subscription - £90.

17/92 Any Other Business

Mr. Wingham reported that the new flower boxes at the station have been filled with compost and they will be planted when the weather is a bit cooler. The rail franchise changes on 20th August and the new company is keen to support branch lines. It was also noted that Google maps show a non-existent rail crossing at the top of Highwood Road, and that bike parking is available at the station although that is not very convenient for most visitors.

Maj. Böckle noted that he is keen to see the PC take up the use of Twitter to disseminate information to the public. We have already registered our Twitter name.

Mr. Oram noted that Verderers Court is in session tomorrow morning.

17/93 Date of Next Meeting - The meeting closed at 8.55 pm. Date of next meeting: 18th July 2017.