

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2017 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Mr. P. Wales Chairman  
Maj. M. Böckle Mr. M. Croker  
Mr. I. Holden Mrs. M. Holding  
Mr. J. Korbey Mr. H. Oram  
Mr. K. Whittle Mr. J. Wingham  
Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk  
Lymington Times

and three members of the public.

**Public Presentments**

Mr. Hebard made a presentment to explain that the Flood Management Plan aims to reduce the incidence of road closures due to floods. There are area action plans for Latchmoor and Balmer Lawn underpasses, Mill Lane, Burley Road and the Forest NW of the village. The HCC grant application is due for consideration on 9th March and is to revive the Catchment Model from Southampton University and interpret the results using new LIDAR data. It was noted that both Latchmoor and Balmer Lawn railway bridges flooded last weekend when two cars were written off.

District Cllr. Michael Harris congratulated the chairman on receiving a Local Heroes award for Solent Dolphin. The Chairman responded by confirming that the award was accepted on behalf of over 100 volunteers. He requested that any other unsung local heroes should be made known to him or to Maureen Holding for nomination in future. He reported that the District Council social care budget has a £240,000 deficit.

Dr. Browne reported that the Memorial Service for David Bartlett is to be held this Thursday afternoon. The Chairman gave condolences to the whole family on behalf of the Parish Council.

**17/01 Apologies for absence:** Mr. H. Mellor Ms. A. Whittle  
Cllr. K. Thornber

**17/02 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation:** None.

**17/03 Minutes of the Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.** These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

**17/04 Matters Arising:**

i) BT Phone box adoption. A meeting for interested local residents was held at the beginning of December and several people came forward to volunteer to look after the boxes at Butts Lawn and South Weirs. There was no interest in the box at Wootton although the suggestion was made that it should be purchased and used for spares. The NPA have registered our interest with BT and we await hearing from them.

**17/05 County Councillor's Report**

In the absence of Councillor Thornber there was no report.

**17/06 District Councillor's Report**

Mrs. Holding was welcomed back by the Chairman after her recent bout of illness.

Mrs. Holding reported that it is a tribute to the staff of NFDC that the council is still doing so well despite the severe cutbacks. There have been few redundancies and we have both a thriving Parish Council and community.

### **17/07 Signage Proposals at Watersplash**

HCC Highways have produced proposals for permanent signage in three locations at the Watersplash, which can be opened up to show that the ford is closed at times of spate. The general consensus was that these would not make a discernible difference to the numbers going through the ford when it is deep but would be additional clutter. The depth marker should be marked in metric as well as imperial.

HCC Highways have also produced proposals for increased signage on the B3055 which is a high risk route for animal accidents. There appear to be some minor corrections needed to the proposals but the signs are considered to be an information overload.

### **17/08 Cycle parking provision**

It was resolved to request NFDC to undertake a trial of converting one or two car parking spaces in Brookley Road to cycle parking spaces with a temporary rack provided. **Action: Clerk.**

### **17/09 Approval of Budget and Precept for 2017/18**

The budget for 2017/18, including a precept of £79,275 as agreed in November, was unanimously approved.

### **17/10 Flood Management grant application**

The provision of a grant of £300 towards the Flood Management project was unanimously approved. It was noted that this will combine with the funds from Sway and Boldre to give a contribution of £500. The time being given to the project is valued at almost £10,000.

### **17/11 CCTV**

Since CCTV was first suggested in April 2014 the police area has doubled. The Chairman presented a full and detailed report on the potential installation. The Information Commissioner states that even if it is possible, affordable and has public support it is not a justification for processing personal data. With the low number of burglaries in the village councillors did not consider the scheme to be justified, proportional or necessary. It was resolved not to continue.

### **17/12 Reports and response to Consultations**

Mr. Korbey reported on three Planning committee meetings since the last PC meeting. This was necessary as so many applications had been received at one time, some of which were significant, including Balmer Lawn Hotel, Fernlea, Tile Barn Centre, the MUGA and Vinneys Close.

Mr. Oram reported on the December and January NPA Development Control meeting. Vinneys Close was approved in December and today the annual monitoring report was discussed. The Core Strategy is performing well.

The Christmas Fun Evening went well and the lights have received many compliments again this year. The next event is the Pancake Races on 28th February.

### **17/13 Correspondence**

Dorset NHS is running a Clinical Services Review consultation which people may wish to respond to on a personal basis.

Hampshire Constabulary are holding a Rural Crime Conferences in Lyndhurst on February 11th.

The New Forest Association is re-launching as the Friends of the New Forest. They have sent an invitation to become affiliate members at no cost for Parish Councils. It was agreed that we should take that up. There is to be a launch event on 24th January.

The Marathon organisers have sent a request to meet to discuss 2017 marathon. This will be arranged with them.

Hampshire Constabulary are running an online Budget survey, if individuals wish to respond to it.

Mr. G. Otter has written to report continuing parking problems in Chestnut Road and to request further signage or yellow lines.

**17/14Accounts for payment.** Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £74.50
- ii) Wel Medical - Defibrillator pads - £37.14
- iii) NFDC - 2017 diaries - £5.45
- iv) Mrs. M. Pattison - Reimbursement of stamps, purchase of topsoil for churchyard - £224.80
- v) NFDC - Road Closure Fee - Pancake Races - £147
- vii) HMRC - PAYE & NIC Oct-Dec - £3162.77
- viii) Brock Village Trust - Office Rent Jan-March - £600
- ix) Land Registry - War Memorial registration - £32
- x) HALC Transparency Seminar - £15
- xi) Petty Cash - £50
- xii) Streets Ironmongers - supplies - £32.45
- xiii) Office Depot - Stationery - £54.20.

**17/15Any Other Business**

The Directory is almost ready to go to print. The website is in production at present and a Facebook page could be considered in the near future.

It was noted that the Tourist Information Centre in Lyndhurst is to close.

**17/16Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm. Date of next meeting: 21st February 2017.