

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2018 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Harry Oram	Chairman
Michael Croker	John Korbey
Henry Mellor	John Wingham
Kevin Whittle	
Mary Pattison	Parish Clerk

18/01 Apologies None.

18/02 Declarations of Interest None.

18/03 Minutes of the Meeting held 3rd October 2017

These were proposed, seconded and signed as correct.

18/04 Matters Arising (not on the agenda) None.

18/05 Amenities report

i) Allotments

We have one half plot available at present.

The barrier has again been locked with only the FC key so allotment holders cannot access the track. HO will contact James Young to alert commoners in the area to the problem. **Action: HO.**

ii) Churchyard

We have sheep grazing the unused part of the churchyard at present. They will be there for approx. five weeks.

New strimmer protective clothing is needed and this will be purchased. The groundsman has requested a new battery strimmer and this will be purchased in the next financial year. A grab lorry is needed to remove subsoil and this was agreed.

iii) War Memorial

A specialist report has been obtained on the Field Maple. This will now be inspected quarterly to monitor whether there is any movement in it due to its lean to the east.

Work has stopped now for the winter although Michael has recently planted 500 snowdrops. We need to chase HCC for the drain investigation before work can start on

planting the left hand border in the spring. Removal of the moss would be beneficial in the spring. The Chairman thanked Michael for his work on the renovation project.

iv) Playground

The surfacing quotes need further calculation but it is anticipated that the project will go ahead before spring. It is possible that we could remove the cross-trainer ourselves which would reduce the cost of the move. The Chairman and Clerk will investigate this. **Action: Clerk/HO.**

v) Seats, signs and bus shelters etc.

Michael has inspected the seats over the last couple of days. Three need attention and Kevin Baker has looked at them. The one near the school has had the cracks filled but needs a new wood within a year, the one at the Catholic Church needs to be removed and can be replaced by the one to be removed from the War Memorial. The one at Beachern Wood is not vertical but is firm in the ground. The Twinning Association have suggested a new bench to mark the 20th anniversary of the Declaration of Friendship with Pont St. Martin, and the War Memorial has been suggested as a suitable location. Another possibility instead of a bench is a drinking fountain which could be in the village centre.

The College has taken on the design project for the Village sign with enthusiasm. They will let us have their designs on 26th February. The next newsletter will have a request for designs from members of the public.

John Wingham will continue to chase up a seat at the station.

vi) Footpaths

The Mill Lane footpath cannot be re-opened but other possibilities are being investigated with HCC, the NPA and local landowners.

A request has been received for renovation of the footpath between Oberfield Road and The Coppice. The land appears not to be Crown land and further enquiries will be made.

18/06 Infrastructure Report

i) New Office update

The Clerk gave an update on the new office but progress is very slow. The sewer report has been received and we are seeking advice on its interpretation.

ii) Adoption of BT phone boxes

We are not able to make progress with the FC regarding wayleaves and so it is suggested that we should adopt the boxes in due course anyway. If they have to be removed later then we can cover the costs by selling them.

iii) Meeting with Business Association - 22.1

A meeting was held recently with the BBA to discuss their initiative to try to improve the appearance of Brookley Road. This will be discussed further at the BBA AGM this week.

iv) Event reports

The Pancake Races will take place next Tuesday 13th February.

The BBA/PTA would like to revive the Carnival and the project is ongoing.

A meeting is to be held on 19th February to discuss village WWI Commemoration events.

The MUGA official opening will take place on Sunday 25th February at 2pm.

18/07 Draft Terms of Reference for Committee and draft policies for approval

The draft Terms of Reference for the committee have been circulated for consideration and subject to the amendment of the number of meetings to three from four as additional ones can be held if needed, they were recommended for adoption by the Parish Council.

The Tree Management Policy was also recommended for adoption by the Parish Council.

18/08 Any Other Business

Following on from the College liaison meeting this week at which they expressed their support for a Pelican/Toucan crossing near their entrance, it was suggested that this should go forward to the Parish Council for support.

John Wingham will continue his project to improve signage for visitors at the station.

It was noted that Harry Oram is standing for the chairmanship of the Consultative Panel and an election is to be held soon.

18/09 Date of Next Meeting: 5th June 2018 7.00 pm. The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.