

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2018 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr. P. Wales Chairman
Maj. M. Böckle Mr. M. Croker
Mr. I. Holden Mrs. M. Holding
Mr. R. Horne Mr. J. Korbey
Mr. H. Oram Mr. K. Whittle
Mr. J. Wingham

Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk

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and two members of the public.

Public Presentments

Michael Harris has chased HCC for information on the school crossing, the namesign at Burley Road and the adoption of the telephone boxes. He reported that the Forest Spring Clean will take place from 2nd - 4th March this year. From its own funds, the District Council has invested in purchasing the medical centre in New Milton which is providing a better return than conventional investments.

18/01 Apologies for absence: Mr. H. Mellor Cllr. K. Mans

18/02 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation: None.

18/03 Minutes of the Meeting held 21st November 2017. These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

18/04 Matters Arising:

Christmas Fun Evening, 8th December. All the comments received have been positive. We may have to consider a different way of getting Santa to his grotto for next time. More help is needed at the end of the evening as there are a lot of lights and barriers to be moved.

18/05 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Councillor Mans there was no report.

18/06 District Councillor's Report

Mrs. Holding reported on changes to the NFDC Cabinet. She also reported that District Councillor Sophie Beeton has passed away.

The Post Office is to be refurbished in the spring and comments are invited.

18/07 Village Namesigns

We have continued corresponding with HCC's engineer regarding the village gateway signs and the replacement of roadside namesigns.

18/08 Precept Requirement for 2018/19 - no change to Band D at £42.49

It was resolved to continue the Band D precept at £42.49 for the forthcoming year. Due to a small reduction in the number of dwellings this means a reduction in the precept of £195. It is anticipated that the number of dwellings will increase significantly soon with new developments.

18/09 Reports and response to Consultations - to include ratification of recommendations

Mr. Korbey reported on the two last Planning committee meetings, November and December and on this morning's NPA Development Control meeting. The Lloyds Bank site application was refused today although the PC had supported it.

Mr. Wingham reported on the recent Personnel and Resources Committee meeting at which the playground surface renovation was recommended to be delegated to the Clerk to expedite the work, the moving of the cross-trainer from the playground to the MUGA has been suggested, no grant is to be recommended for the HomeStart New Forest organisation, an increase in the hourly rate for the Lengthsman from April and Christmas bonuses for staff were recommended. It was resolved to ratify all those recommendations. Councillors consider that it is unlikely that the Clerk can be designated as our Data Protection Officer under the General Data Protection Regulation (effective 25th May 2018). Our District Councillors were asked to elicit support from the District Council to provide this role and its support. Other options such as buying in the service from the NPA or others are being considered.

Mr. Oram reported on the latest Events Committee meeting at which the pancake races were discussed, the Church is holding a celebration event for the Royal Wedding on 19th May and the committee has been invited to join in. Also, the potential revival of the Carnival and Fete on August Bank Holiday and the form of commemoration of the end of the Great War were discussed. A further meeting is to be arranged.

Mr. Oram also reported on the December Consultative Panel where an update was given by Steve Avery on NPA matters, by Bruce Rothnie on the Forest Design Plan. A new chairman is needed for the panel and Mr. Oram intends to stand for election.

18/10 Cycle Way along Mill Lane

The problems at Mill Lane continue. The flooding under the BL railway bridge has improved with the recent clearance of the ditch drains. It is very easy for a cyclist or pedestrian to go into the ditch as there is very little space for vehicles and the bends make visibility limited. The road is part of the national cycle way. It was suggested that we should again enquire whether there is any possibility of re-opening the permissive path through the fields, and this was agreed.

18/11 Correspondence

District Councillor Michael Harris is contacting the Forestry Commission regarding the adoption of the BT phone boxes.

We reported to HCC RoW office that the gate on FP 501 to New Forest Drive is in need of support. It is not an opening gate and its sole purpose is to prevent access by the forest livestock. They do not intend to take action as they do not consider it to be a danger. We will contact the Verderers to see whether they wish to take action for the Commoners.

We have received an invitation to the Memorial Service for Alderman Ken Thornber to be held on 2nd March in Winchester Cathedral. Those who wish to attend are asked to let the Clerk know.

18/12 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £108.75
- ii) Esso Gates Service- petrol - £48.96
- iii) Streets - supplies - £118.70
- iv) VisionICT - website production - £1008
- v) Chastney Electrical Contractors - Christmas lights - £3142.80
- vi) SLCC - GDPR Webinar fee - £36
- vii) SLCC - Membership fee - £165
- viii) Allied Office Machines - photocopier - £92.20
- ix) Information Commissioner - subscription - £35
- x) J. Malcom & Son - mowing - £168
- xi) Terry Marsh - War Memorial tree insp. - £75
- xii) Table tennis table for MUGA area - £658.99
- xiii) Picnic Arch for MUGA - 50% deposit - £1019.33
- xiv) Street Master - picnic table for MUGA area - £748.80
- xv) BVT - Office rent - Jan-Mar 18 - £600
- xvi) HMRC - PAYE & NIC - £3329.46
- xvii) Petty Cash - £50.

18/13 Any Other Business

Mr. Whittle asked that Highways be informed that the culvert at the Rising Sun needs clearing and also that the grips on the way to Wootton Bridge need to be dug out to prevent the water flowing over the road and freezing.

Mr. Oram noted that the Quadrant meeting is to be held in the village hall on 13th February, and he wondered whether the Events Committee could purchase some Smithlights for the Christmas event as they are quite costly to hire.

18/14 Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm. Date of next meeting: 20th February 2018 7.00 pm.