

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2018 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr. P. Wales Chairman
Maj. M. Böckle Mr. M. Croker
Mr. I. Holden Mr. R. Horne
Mr. J. Korbey Mr. H. Mellor
Mr. H. Oram Mr. K. Whittle
Mr. J. Wingham
Cllr. K. Mans
Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk
Lymington Times
and eleven members of the public.

Public Presentments

District Councillor Michael Harris reported that Leader Fund grants for businesses in rural areas are still available until the end of the year for up to 40% of project costs.

He has written to the Minister and will be having a meeting with the Forestry Commission, along with Harry Oram.

Confirmation has been received that the Burley Road namesign will be replaced.

Several members of the public attended to address County Councillor Keith Mans with their concerns for the safety of the schoolchildren due to the poor state of repair of the zebra crossing, and the withdrawal of the lollipop patrol since September.

Dr. Browne thanked Mr. Croker for his work on the War Memorial garden. He noted that the MUGA is well used but that parents were unable to supervise children in the playground and on the MUGA at the same time, so gave support to the possibility of the playground being moved to the open space next to it.

A resident expressed their concern that the development of the old Scout Hut is being built bigger than approved on appeal.

18/15 Apologies for absence: Mrs. M. Holding

18/16 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation: None.

18/17 Minutes of the Meeting held 16th January 2018

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

18/18 Matters Arising:

- i) The Pancake Races were once again very successful, and had dry conditions despite heavy rain in the morning. All those who helped to put the races on were thanked for their involvement.
- ii) Cycle Way along Mill Lane. Mr. Croker reported that it will not be possible to re-open the permissive path and he will try to progress the issue with HCC, the FC and other local landowners. **Action: MC.**
- iii) BT phone box adoption. We have received no further information from the FC regarding wayleaves but BT are asking again whether we wish to adopt the boxes. We will go ahead with the adoption for £1 per box as the communities will take responsibility for the maintenance. We will investigate whether the boxes could be listed to protect them from removal. **Action: Clerk.**
- iv) FP501 gate. The Verderers have replied that neither they nor the commoners are able to carry out repairs. As this gate is on such a well-used path we will investigate repairs and grant applications. **Action: Clerk.**

18/19 County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Mans thanked the concerned parents for their emails regarding the loss of the lollipop patrol and the poor state of the zebra crossing, which had helped to support him in getting the Highways Department to take action to refurbish the crossing and its approaches, the question now is when this will happen.

It was noted by the Chairman that the Leader of the Council, Roy Perry, has stated that council tax has risen in order to retain local services residents value highlighting school crossing patrols. Whilst Cllr. Mans cannot guarantee that the patrol will be funded, he has asked that HCC look again at the training policy which prevents training being offered to non-HCC employees. This could allow sponsorship of patrols, or volunteers. As soon as any update is available Cllr. Mans will make it known.

The County precept will rise by almost 6% this year, half is a general increase and half for provision of services for the elderly. Cllr. Mans confirmed that all recycling sites will remain open.

The Secretary of State for Education will be visiting the County next month.

18/20 District Councillor's Report

In the absence of Councillor Holding there was no report.

18/21 Newsletter

The draft newsletter has been circulated and councillors are asked to let the Clerk have their comments as soon as possible.

18/22 APM ideas

Some suggestions for the APM are the Village Sign display, our new website, Sean Marsh from the FC, Jason the Policeman, the new office and preferred means of communication.

18/23 Reports and response to Consultations - to include ratification of recommendations

At the NFALC meeting in January the major topic was the cycling events and the disruption they can cause to communities on their route. A representative of UK Cycling Events was present. In April the event does not come through Brockenhurst but it is nearby in Sway. On 7th July there will be approx. 2,400 riders coming through the village via Meerut Road, as well as Burley Road and Rhinefield Road, over a period of more than four hours, and in September over two days a ride comes through via Burley Road and Rhinefield Road. On August Bank Holiday weekend the New Forest Rattler takes place although the route is not yet publicised. It was agreed that we will write to Neil Martin at Burley for him to take our concerns to the SAG, to Fawley PC for the July event and to the NPA. **Action: Clerk/Chairman.**

Mr. Korbey gave a report of the last Planning committee meeting at which Squirrels on Lyndhurst Road and Meadens garage were discussed. The NPA this morning approved the Meadens application.

The Chairman reported on the recent College Liaison meeting and it was noted that the designs for the village sign are being collected on Monday.

Mr. Oram reported on the Amenities and Infrastructure Committee. Items under discussion included an offer of a commemorative bench to mark 20 years of Friendship with Pont St. Martin.

Mr. Croker reported on a recent meeting at Hatchet Pond. There are 30-40 carp which need to be removed as the water quality has deteriorated partly due to their presence.

The Chairman reported on the Business Association AGM to which the Parish Council had been invited.

At the recent Quadrant meeting there was a good turnout of Brockenhurst councillors. Issues discussed included Google mapping of the forest tracks, the GDPR and electric car charging points.

A committee has been formed to organise WWI Commemoration events. A concert is to take place on 3rd November and hopefully a service on 19th February 2019 which is the centenary of the NZ Flag being handed over as the soldiers left.

The MUGA Opening takes place this coming Sunday afternoon and all are invited.

A seminar on invasive non-native species is being held on 1st March and Messrs. Croker and Mellor will attend.

18/24 Adoption of policies and Terms of Reference

The Tree management policy and the Terms of Reference for the Amenities and Infrastructure Committee were both approved for adoption.

18/25 Community Challenge Fund - Flood prevention

This week the BBC has reported that Mill Lane is tenth in the list of places where most motorists have had to be rescued from floods, 30 in five years. Peter Hebard has requested that we use some of the grant funding received last year for some work to be carried out in the area and for the expense of attending a conference. This was supported but agreement will be sought from the grant providers before final approval.

18/26 Correspondence

In response to our recent enquiry, the NPA have informed us that S106 Open Space funds of £52,573.50 are now available.

NFDC has proposed an antenna installation for internet service in village car park but no further details are yet available.

18/27 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £88.25
- ii) Esso Gates Service- petrol - £48.96
- iii) Streets - supplies - £120.57
- iv) J. Parker Dutch Bulbs - snowdrops for WM - £73.14
- v) Mr. R. Horne - reimbursement for Christmas light parts - £12.10
- vi) Mrs. M. Pattison - reimbursement - First Aid Course for assistant groundsman - Brockenhurst College - £60
- vii) Office Depot - stationery - £21.76
- viii) Picnic Arch for MUGA - 50% balance - £1019.33
- ix) SPG Mowers - wheelbarrow tyre repair - £30.90
- x) SPG Mowers - strimming clothing - £205.43
- xi) Fair Account - Part-year audit fee - £240
- xii) Kevin Bennett - Lengthsman - East Boldre - £358

18/28 Any Other Business

Mr. Wingham noted that the station works have been completed and flower beds have been planted. Volunteers are sought to be "Friends" of the station.

It was noted that "Toad Crossing" signs have appeared at Balmer Lawn Road.

The Culture and Community Activity Fund could be a source of funds for some of our projects.

18/29 Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm. Date of next meeting: 20th March 2018.