

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr. P. Wales Chairman
Mr. M. Croker Maj. M. Böckle (from 7.50)
Mrs. M. Holding Mr. R. Horne
Mr. J. Korbey Mr. H. Oram
Mr. K. Whittle Mr. J. Wingham
Cllr. K. Mans
Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk
Lymington Times
and one member of the public.

Public Presentments

District Councillor Michael Harris reported that the NFDC Local Plan is being put forward for consultation, and they are now recruiting a new Head of Development Control. There are now very few DC staff left at the Town Hall in Lymington and the building is being let out to commercial interests and the Police. The DC has won an Innovation Award for the Film New Forest project.

18/100 Apologies for absence: Mr. I. Holden Mr. H. Mellor

18/101 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation: None.

18/102 Minutes of the Meeting held 17th July 2018. These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

18/103 Matters Arising:

Telephone box adoptions/refurbishments. The South Weirs box has been inspected and needs minor repairs, the Butts Lawn box is awaiting the return of the group co-ordinator. A non-K6 box is to be removed in Wootton.

18/104 County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Mans reported that there is a County Council meeting this Thursday; the changes to reduce expenditure in 2019 are on track, a review of the Local Enterprise Partnerships may mean the NF LEP will move to the M3 LEP from the Solent one and Parish Councils can make their views known by contacting the Minister, James Brokenshire.

The recent re-surfacing planned for The Rise has been postponed due to the amount of building work going on there at present. Cllr Mans would like to see the 30 mph extended southwards on the A337 to the junction with at Latchmoor and suggested that we write in support of the measure. This we will do. **Action: Clerk.**

It was reported to Cllr. Mans that the vegetation at the junction of the A35 and Holmsley Road at Wootton needs further cutting back. Regarding the bridge works at Holmsely, Cllr. Mans suggested we ask a Highways Officer for a briefing.

18/105 District Councillor's Report

Mrs. Holding reiterated that the Local Plan is out for consultation again and that development on the edges of the Forest will impact Brockenhurst.

The District Council has a "Tommy" silhouette near its flagpole at Appletree Court. The use of plastic cups is being reduced by the DC in their offices.

The Brilliance in Business awards are open for nominations.

18/106 New Office update - Potential expenditure of £1,000 on plan preparation

The Chairman outlined the latest thinking on converting the second changing room at the VH to provide a larger space for us, possibly with an extension. The architect could do a feasibility study for £710 and this expenditure was agreed. The proposed location for the storage shed also seems to be problematic due to drains underneath.

18/107 Christmas lights condition report and potential expenditure of £200

Mr. Horne has examined all the Christmas lights and reports that we need to purchase some replacement icicle strings, some small tree lights and need to refurbish some of the snowflakes. He can do this for approx. £250, and this was agreed. The snowflakes are coming to the end of their life so consideration needs to be given next year to their replacement.

18/108 Consultation on Council Tax Referendum Principles

This questionnaire has been considered over the summer and our response was agreed to be that whilst we agree with the government stance not to have referenda for PCs as long as modest increases continue, we do not feel that referenda should be a requirement at all. **Action: Clerk.**

18/109 WWI Commemoration

The acquisition by the Parish Council of a Silent Soldier was raised. The chairman reiterated that this had been discussed; the lamppost poppies had been preferred. The Chairman stated that he is prepared to discuss this further. The Business Association has ordered one.

i) Concert - 3rd November. The concert organisation continues, a film of the famous Christmas football match will be available to show. £500 was agreed to allow the printing of the tickets and programmes. This should be recouped in the ticket sales in due course. As the Committee are putting on this community event they should be eligible to get ten of the "There But Not There" silhouettes to place on seats.

ii) Remembrance Sunday. Volunteers are sought to steward the road closures. A meeting was held yesterday with our Police Officer to discuss the stewarding plan. If we can prevent parking opposite the WM it would help considerably so we will try to do this.
Action: Clerk.

iii) Potential expenditure on "Remembrance" Crocus bulbs. It has been suggested that we should give ten bulbs to the people attending the concert, with any spares being planted in the War Memorial garden. This would entail expenditure of a maximum of £450 and this was agreed. **Action: Clerk/MC.**

18/110 Adoption of Auditor's Report on Annual Return

The External Auditor has not yet returned the AGAR and we have been advised to put up a notice to this effect if it has not arrived by 30th September.

18/111 Reports and response to Consultations

The Chairman reported on a meeting held by BVT to vote on a change to its Constitution, but the motion was defeated, which led to the resignation of its Chairman.

Mr. Korbey reported on the two latest Planning committee meetings, at which the Redmayne site, Forest Park Hotel car park and a proposed wine bar in Brookley Road were discussed.

Mr. Oram reported on the latest Events Committee which is organising the Christmas Fun Evening.

He also reported on the Consultative Panel meeting this month, at which the pylon scheme at Hale was again discussed, as was the re-development of Fawley Power Station. The RMS received 1,000 responses. There had been concerns that the Forest Design Plan consultation had a short deadline and was held over the summer, consequently the closure date was extended.

The NF Marathon took place again on 9th September, without too many concerns although there were some traffic hold-ups, partly due to a road accident within the route.

Mr. Oram also reported on the Quadrant meeting, at which Sway PC raised several planning issues relating to the quality of plans provided. There is to be a review of AONBs and National Parks so the Minister, Julian Glover, will visit on 26th October. We will chase up the NPA regarding the percentage of planning appeals which are lost.

The Chairman reported on a meeting to discuss the provision of a School Crossing Patrol which is to be funded by a village charity. The recruitment is being undertaken at present,

and the village is very grateful for this assistance. Mr. Horne was thanked for his role in bringing this about.

Mr. Wingham reported on a recent Community Rail Partnership meeting. The CRP seems to be more successful now and has received some funding. Another promotional film is to be made soon. A volunteer has come forward to help with the flowers on the station. An update of the WWI walk leaflet is to be produced. The question was raised as to whether wi-fi could be provided at the station. Mr. Wingham will enquire. **Action: JW.**

Maj. Böckle reported on yesterday's Nalder Charitable Trust meeting. A meeting to discuss the financial and investment strategy is to be held on 11th December.

The Chairman reported on a meeting with PS Jason Eastwood at which it was reported that we have suffered a spate of burglaries and thefts, particularly of bikes, over the summer. A Beat Surgery is held every fourth Saturday outside Spencers between 11 am and 12 noon. The Beat newsletter is available on the Hampshire Constabulary website.

18/112 Correspondence - Items already dealt with elsewhere in the meeting.

18/113 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £71.00
- ii) Mr. R. Horne - reimbursement of Land Registry fees - £9.00
- iii) Streets - supplies - £73.40
- iv) Gates Service - petrol - £19.94
- v) Mr. A. Tyler - mowing - £63.00
- vi) Mint Gardens - VAT on previous invoice - £36.80
- vii) SPG Mowers - Supplies - £25.75
- viii) Mrs. M. Pattison - reimbursement - stamps - £23.04
- ix) Petty Cash - £50
- x) Brockenhurst College - newsletter printing - £102
- xi) The Play Inspection Co. Ltd. - Annual inspection report - £78.

18/114 Any Other Business

Mr. Wingham wondered whether there is any enthusiasm for the new style name plates at village entrances.

Mr. Horne reported that the legal issue plaguing the SFBB installation is close to resolution. Michael Harris is trying to get a meeting organised to make further progress as this issue affects several small areas across the Forest.

The Clerk reminded that the level crossing will be closed from Saturday evening to Monday morning this weekend, and again in October.

18/115 Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Date of next meeting: 16th October 2018, 7.00 pm.