

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2019 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  
District Cllr. M. Harris  
Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk  
Lymington Times  
and three members of the public.

**Public Presentments**

A presentment was made regarding the lack of drainage of the ditch at Waters Green, and the litter in secluded areas, both there and at Martins Road.

A presentment was made to report that late at night cars are being driven onto Whitefield Moor, by removing one or more of the dragons teeth. The grazing is then severely damaged by the tyre marks, and significant disturbance is caused. This is happening three or four times a week by up to twelve cars. A deep ditch was suggested to prevent access.

**19/16 Apologies for absence:** Mr. H. Mellor County Cllr. K. Mans

**19/17 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation:** Mr. Wingham declared an interest in the matter of the playground and new office as a member of the BVT Board.

**19/18 Minutes of the Meeting held 15th January 2019.** These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

**19/19 Matters Arising:**

The Chairman brought forward the response to the presentments to this point in the meeting.

- i) Whitefield Moor damage. It was noted that after a warning initially, a car can be confiscated on a subsequent offence. We will contact the Forestry Commission to ensure that they are aware of the matter. **Action: Clerk.**
- ii) Waters Green. We have a liaison meeting with the College next week and will bring up the issue of the litter once more. We will contact the landowner on the opposite side of the A337 as it may be that the ditch there is in need of deepening or clearing. **Action: Clerk.**
- iii) Defibrillator and CPR evening. This is now confirmed for Thursday 7th March at 7pm in the main hall. **Action: Clerk.**

iv) Culverley Green Bridge. There is no update on the Culverley Green bridge at present.

### **19/20 County Councillor's Report**

In the absence of Councillor Mans there was no report.

### **19/21 District Councillor's Report**

Mrs. Holding reported that a group at NFDC are looking at social housing provision and priorities. Whilst the parking problems in The Rise are impacting the residents there she expressed concern that these may continue once the properties are sold.

Cllr. Harris reported that the NF Spring Clean litter pick will run from 22nd March to 23rd April, and the NF Film Festival from 8th to 16th June. SFBB is a top priority and a letter has been sent to the Prime Minister to suggest that a local Ombudsman be appointed to solve local issues. He suggested that famous Forest residents should be recognised with green (similar to blue) plaques.

### **19/22 Elections - May 2nd**

The Clerk reported the significant dates in the nomination process, and that the Annual Meeting in May should be brought forward by one week due to the requirement for it to be held within fourteen days of the day on which councillors take office, four days after the Election.

### **19/23 Operation London Bridge**

The Chairman has prepared a draft protocol for Operation London Bridge, the death of a Senior Royal, following responses to his report last month. **It was resolved** to fly the Union Flag at half-mast throughout the period of mourning, our website will show a black page with portrait and words from the Chairman, the proclamation will be put on the noticeboard, we will obtain loose-leaf Condolence Books and make them available in our office and other locations, an official portrait to be obtained at approx. £100 with black ribbon put on one corner, 15 black armbands to be ordered. **Action: Clerk.**

### **19/24 Annual Parish Meeting - 23rd April**

Ideas were requested for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was noted that last year some people could not hear the speakers and so all are requested to use a microphone this year.

### **19/25 Newsletter and 2019 edition of the Directory**

The Directory should be ready in about two weeks' time. The newsletter is being drafted at present.

### **19/26 Village Gateway Sign**

A new design of gateway sign has been received from HCC. It was resolved to accept the design with some amendments to the wording to read "Brockenhurst welcomes careful drivers". **Action: Clerk.**

### **19/27 Village Diary**

A Village Diary facility has been suggested on our website. We will enquire with VisionICT whether this is possible and ask at the APM whether it is something that people would like to see. **Action: JW.**

### **19/28 SuperFast BroadBand**

Mr. Horne reported that the proposed completion date of the end of March is now in jeopardy due to finalising wayleaves. We have written again to Dr. Julian Lewis MP to elicit his help.

### **19/29 New Forest Spring Clean - Litter Pick**

The District Council are running the NF Spring Clean and the Football Club are organising a litter pick for their members and supporters.

### **19/30 New office update and lease negotiations**

The chairman reported on the negotiations so far with BVT on the lease, and that the drawings for the office are now finalised. A 15 year lease with a 5 year break clause was supported, at a pro-rata rent to the current level, plus a 10% service charge, and reasonable legal costs for BVT to prepare the lease. The Chairman will continue negotiations on that basis. **Action: Clerk/Chairman.**

### **19/31 Reports and response to Consultations to include ratification of recommendations**

i) At the NFALC meeting in January, the Chief Executive of HALC came to speak, as did Bob Jackson, Chief Executive of NFDC and Steve Avery, Head of Development Control at the NPA.

ii) Mr. Korbey reported on the last Planning committee and NPA Development Control this morning at which the Lloyds Bank flats, Forest View house and MUGA fencing applications were approved.

iii) Mr. Croker reported on the recent Amenities and Infrastructure committee meeting. It was resolved to approve the expenditure on the allotment skip, the cemetery skip, fence for the compound and path top dressing. It was further resolved to go ahead with the playground re-surfacing, including removing the cross-trainer, and to write to Meadens Garage with our concerns over the transporter lorries parking on the pavement and turning in the top of The Rise. **Action: Clerk.**

iv) Mr. Oram reported on the Quadrant Meeting, attended by five parish councils, and the NPA Head of Development Control. They now have six planning officers but as yet no compliance officer. The next meeting is on 11th June. It was noted that paper plans will not be sent after 1st March.

### **19/32 Correspondence**

The RBL have confirmed the date of the ANZAC Day Service as 28th April. Unfortunately the Chairman cannot be there to lay the wreath so Maj. Böckle will stand-in.

HCC are holding a site visit at Holmsley Bridge to discuss the replacement work. This is to be on Wednesday 27th February at 10 am and five councillors will attend.

The Twinning Association have invited a representative to attend the visit to Pont St. Martin to mark the 20th anniversary but the Chairman is not able to go. A volunteer is sought if possible.

Councillors have been invited to a meeting of the NF Business Partnership on 7th March. Messrs. Oram, Wales and Mellor will attend.

**19/33 Accounts for payment.** Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £107.50
- ii) Streets Ironmongers - supplies - £165.45
- iv) Gates Service - petrol - £12.49
- v) SPG Mowers - supplies - £24
- vi) Royal British Legion - Lamppost poppies and two wreaths - £ 410
- vii) PKF Littlejohn - External Auditor fee - £480
- viii) Mrs. M. Beckett - printer ink reimbursement - £67.93
- ix) G. Farwell Ltd. - Supplies for cemetery path and drain - £570.29
- x) Mrs. M. Pattison - printer ink reimbursement - £43.50
- xi) Fair Account Internal Audit - £250
- xii) Mint Gardens Ltd. Lengthsman, East Boldre - £943.20
- xiii) Westbeams Tree Surgeons playground tree removal - £300.

**19/34 Items to note**

Mr. Wingham noted that some of the Forest pubs are using "A-board" style signs which seem to be more informative regarding reasons not to feed the ponies.

Mr. Korbey noted that the HALC Conference is on 13th March.

Mr. Oram noted that the bridges on the old railway line have been closed and the FC hopes to replace them this year.

The Chairman asked whether the bins could be removed from the short-term parking bays at the station. Mr. Wingham will enquire. **Action: JW.**

**19/35 Date of Next Meeting**

19th March 2019. - 7.00 pm. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.