

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2019 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr. P. Wales Chairman
Mr. M. Croker Mrs. M. Holding
Mr. J. Korbey Mr. H. Mellor
Mr. H. Oram Mr. K. Whittle
Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk
Lymington Times
and three members of the public.

Public Presentments

No presentments were made.

19/50 Apologies for absence: Maj. M. Böckle Mr. I. Holden
Mr. R. Horne C. Cllr. K. Mans

19/51 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation: None.

19/52 Minutes of the Meeting held 19th March 2019. These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

19/53 Matters Arising:

i) Holmsley Bridge replacement project. We wrote to HCC with our suggestion for an amendment to the plan in order to give access for the depastured stock to the mitigation land. Mr. Whittle will make a presentment at Verderers Court tomorrow with the support of the Parish Council.

ii) Milestones on A337. The Clerk has been advised by the NPA that consent may be required if the cleaning is more than just a wash with a brush and soapy water.

19/54 Post Office

With the consent of the meeting, the running order was changed and the members of the public were invited to speak on the subject of the potential closure of the Post Office. It was noted that there is a high level of concern over the loss of the Post Office, if it should happen as many people rely on it, particularly the elderly and those with disability and their carers. At present the Post Office is not financially viable, several in our area have closed or are for sale. Sources of funding or support will be sought, possibly Leader funding or a form of community share ownership. The staff at the Post Office were thanked for the very good job that they do. It was noted that East Boldre PC may have information regarding community ownership.

19/55 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Councillor Mans there was no report.

19/56 District Councillor's Report

Mrs. Holding reported that new rules have been introduced on housing eligibility but that key worker status has been retained.

Cllr. Harris reported that the council is very aware of the importance of housing in town centres in order to maintain economic viability. They are pursuing improved communication with the NF businesses as so few are members of the NF Business Partnership.

Equipment is now available to monitor remotely such things as Legionella in water systems.

19/57 Annual Parish Meeting - 23rd April

The Post Office will be added to the agenda for the APM. PC Committee Chairmen will be invited to speak on the work of their committee.

19/58 Elections - May 2nd

Four councillors are standing down at the elections. All of them were thanked for their work on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chairman reminded them to delete any personal information relating to the Parish Council from their computers. Mr. Wingham has resigned with effect from today.

19/59 New office update

The solicitors have been appointed to advise us on the lease, and the architect appointed as Project Manager. BVT will be arranging the quotes but it is anticipated that the same contractor will do the work on both parts.

19/60 Reports and response to Consultations

Mr. Korbey reported on the March Planning committee at which it was agreed to invite the representative of HARAHA to attend the April meeting. We no longer receive paper copies of plans so they are displayed electronically now.

Mr. Croker reported on the latest A & I committee. The cemetery regulations remain under consideration due to their complexity, the playground surface is being progressed, as is the village sign and the village cycle parking provision.

19/61 Correspondence

No items to note.

19/62 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £169
- ii) Streets Ironmongers - supplies - £23.00
- iv) Gates Service - petrol - £12.29
- v) Forestry Commission - Allotment rent 19/20 - £237
- vi) BrightPay payroll subscription (Reimbursement) - £118.80
- vii) ICCM - subscription - £95
- viii) EdgeIT - Accounting subscription - £406.80
- ix) HALC - subscription - £770
- x) Mrs. M. Pattison - Back Pay and travelling expenses - £1437.69
- xi) Brock Village Trust - Office rent April-June - £687.50
- xii) X2Connect - paint for phoneboxes - £193.03.

19/63 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public

The Football Club were thanked for their sterling effort on the recent litter pick.

The continued parking and access difficulties caused by the development in The Rise were noted and once the work has finished the situation will be reviewed.

19/64 Date of Next Meeting

APM - 23rd April 7.00, Annual Meeting of the Council - 14th May 2019 - 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.