

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2019 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Mr. P. Wales Chairman  
Mr. M. Croker Mr. M. Harris  
Mr. R. Horne Mr. J. Korbey (from 7.40)  
Mrs. P. Mueller Mr. H. Oram  
Mr. K. Whittle  
Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk  
Lymington Times  
and nine members of the public

**Public Presentments**

A presentment was made to report that the concrete at the end of the Butts Lawn bridge is in need of repair and two people have been tipped out of their buggies. **Action: Clerk.**

**19/86 Apologies for absence:** Cllr. K. Mans District Cllr. Mrs. M. Holding

**19/87 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation:** Harry Oram declared an interest in the election to be Chairman of the Quadrant meetings.

**19/88 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14th May 2019.** These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

**19/89 Matters Arising:**

Sarah Neller is holding a meeting at the village hall tomorrow at 6pm to discuss options for retaining the Post Office, which we will attend.

**19/90 County Councillor's Report**

In the absence of Councillor Mans there was no report.

**19/91 District Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Michael Harris reported that the Boundary Commission has agreed to undertake a review to consider a reduction in District Councillors from 60 to forty five or so. This may entail some changes to ward boundaries. He will enquire whether this will be subject to public consultation.

### **19/92 Co-option of two Parish Councillors following the election**

Five candidates have put themselves forward for co-option to the two vacancies. For the first vacancy John Wingham was co-opted and for the second one Richard Wolstenholme was co-opted. The results were scrutinised by a member of the public.

### **19/93 Declaration of Casual Vacancy following resignation**

Henry Mellor has resigned from the Parish Council, which creates a Casual Vacancy. NFDC will be notified tomorrow and the necessary notices published on the noticeboard and website. In his letter he thanked all his fellow councillors and the Clerk. Cllr Harris, supported by the Chairman, thanked Henry for his valuable and at times passionate service. No objection was raised to Henry continuing in his role as the PC representative to the Brockenhurst Village Trust following the decision at the Annual Meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

### **19/94 Election of Quadrant representative - Harry Oram**

It was resolved to vote for Harry Oram in the election for Chairman of the SW Quadrant. **Action: Clerk.**

### **19/95 Approval of advertising the post of Parish Clerk**

A meeting of the Appointment Working Party is to be held tomorrow to draft some of the requirements for the new Parish Clerk. It was agreed that the advertising should be organised as soon as practical.

### **19/96 Additional signatories to bank account**

The bank mandate needs to be updated following the election and co-options. Michael Harris, Russell Horne, Pauline Mueller and Richard Wolstenholme will be added as signatories, and ex-councillors removed. **Action: Clerk.**

### **19/97 Holmsley Bridge replacement project**

Following the site visit on 23rd May the Chairman reported on the subsequent discussion. The construction of the bridge in the new location is agreed but the loss of the over-run is resisted due to the lack of alternatives for use by lorry drivers. The over-run could well be closed due to safety concerns even if it were agreed to keep it open in the interim. In view of this it was **resolved** to accept the new location for the bridge, and reluctantly withdraw our objection to the closure of the Markway over-run on condition that the abandoned C10 is investigated as potential mitigation land which would allow the over-run area to remain.

### **19/98 Reports and response to Consultations**

John Korbey gave a report of the recent Planning committee, at which he was re-elected as chairman.

He also reported on the Consultative Panel meeting last week at which a questionnaire on SFBB provision was mentioned. We will respond to this by Monday next.

Harry Oram reported on the Amenities and Infrastructure committee meeting held last week, at which he was elected Chairman. The expenditure of £70 pa on the green waste collection scheme for the War Memorial, the opening and closing of the Watersplash sluice from around Easter to the end of October, weather permitting, and the expenditure of £1500 on the purchase of additional Christmas lights were all approved unanimously.

### **19/99 Correspondence**

No councillors are available to attend the Investiture of the New Milton Town Mayor.

A request for support has been received from the New Forest Shakespeare Festival in 2020. This was supported as a positive step and interest will be sought from the Business Association before we respond. **Action: Clerk.**

John Wingham attended the Community Rail Partnership meeting at the beginning of May on our behalf. He reported that the downside waiting room and the booking hall will be refurbished. A community noticeboard is offered and volunteers continue to be sought. The old Country Lanes railway carriage is to be replaced with a sleeping car.

### **19/100 Accounts for payment.** Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £107.50
- ii) Streets Ironmongers - supplies - £104.30
- iii) Gates Service - petrol - £13.19
- iv) VisionICT - Operation London Bridge website page preparation - £84
- v) Lyndhurst Landscaping - WM mowing - £72
- vi) New Forest IT Ltd. - computer repair - £48
- vii) X2Connect - Engraved glass panels for South Weirs phone box - £76.80
- viii) Surrey Hills Solicitors - payment on account for lease preparation - £3000.

### **19/101 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public**

Harry Oram noted that the next Quadrant meeting is on Tuesday 18th June. He will also attend the Wetland Recreational Strategy meeting on 28th June if he is still Chairman. He also noted that due to the Forestry Commission becoming Forestry England their vehicle livery will change from green to silver.

Michael Croker reported that the footbridge at Culverley Green is being repaired at present.

NFDC have reported problems of excessive advertising of furniture sales at village halls which has been carried out illegally.

### **19/102 Date of Next Meeting** - 16th July 2019. - 7.00 pm. The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.