

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

Present: Mr. P. Wales Chairman
Mr. M. Croker Mr. M. Harris
Mr. R. Horne Mr. J. Korbey
Mrs. P. Mueller Mr. H. Oram
Mr. J. Wingham Mr. R. Wolstenholme
Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk
Lymington Times
and six members of the public.

Public Presentments

A presentment was made regarding the problem of vehicles obstructing the pavements, either by parking inappropriately or driving on them, causing a hazard to pedestrians, particularly those with limited mobility. Help with dealing with the situation was requested.

On the subject of parking, the problems associated with the building work in The Rise continue. Some of the parking appears to contravene the Highway Code

19/103 Apologies for absence: Mr. K. Whittle Cllr. K. Mans

19/104 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation: John Wingham declared an interest in item 19/110 relating to the Playground, as a Director of BVT.

The Clerk confirmed that the Declarations of Acceptance of Office for Messrs. Wingham and Wolstenholme have been signed.

19/105 Minutes of the Meeting held 11th June 2019. These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

19/106 Matters Arising

None.

19/107 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Councillor Mans there was no report.

19/108 District Councillors' Report

Mrs. Holding reported that the large development at Fawley will have a knock-on effect on Brockenhurst and all the Forest in terms of increased traffic.

The parking problems are very difficult to enforce as there are too few staff.

Michael Harris reported that we should respond to the Boundary Commission consultation on the changes to the DC ward boundaries.

The DC hopes to improve the recycling rates and a review is to take place. Changes are being made to the way housing is allocated following a review.

19/109 Co-option of a Parish Councillor to fill casual vacancy

There were two candidates for co-option and both were nominated and seconded. After voting Mrs. Ros Bowles was duly co-opted. The result was scrutinised by a member of the public.

19/110 Playground - to consider whether to renovate or investigate relocation

Representation has been received to re-locate the playground to the open space on the far side of the MUGA. BVT is willing to consider the proposal but, taking into account the time needed to make the move, the need to improve the current playground surface and the limited time available to use the S106 funding, the PC's preferred option is renovation rather than re-location. A consultation will be carried out over the summer using the newsletter and the outcome considered at the September meeting.

19/111 Newsletter - summer edition

Councillors were requested to send in any contributions to the Clerk by Monday of next week so that the draft can be prepared.

19/112 Road Closure Order for Remembrance Day Parade

It was resolved to apply for the Road Closure Order for the Remembrance Day Parade in November. **Action: Clerk.**

19/113 Reports and response to Consultations to include ratification of recommendations

Harry Oram gave a report of the latest Quadrant meeting at which he was re-elected as Chairman. There were thirteen representatives from four Parish Councils. A new charter has been produced covering commercial dog walking services, which allows up to eight dogs per walker. The Verderers would prefer a licensing system. The next meeting will be on 8th October in Sway.

John Korbey reported on the June Planning committee, at which a replacement of a bungalow with a two storey dwelling was supported, and an application for a residential caravan in Balmer Lawn Road was objected to.

At the Wetland Restoration Strategy meeting it was noted that too much drainage had been carried out in the 1960s and it should be reinstated.

Michael Harris reported on the P & R committee in early July, at which he was elected Chairman. The grant of £100 recommended for HloW Victim Support was approved. A

Government Procurement Card with a limit of £1,000 for our purchases via telephone and internet was approved.

Harry Oram reported on the Events meeting of last week. The Christmas Fun Evening will be on 6th December this year. A working party was suggested to make new bunting for the village in preparation for the VE Day Anniversary in May.

Harry Oram reported on the main NPA Meeting last week, at which it was noted that 85% of planning applications are approved. The NPA has now adopted the CIL, of which Parish Councils can get 15% (25% with a Neighbourhood Plan).

19/114 Correspondence

Forestry England have written to advise that the EIA regulation application has been approved. Appeals can only be made regarding the procedure used, rather than the outcome. The proposals relate to the removal of conifers in some of the Verderers Inclosures, mostly on the Waterside. This raises concerns over livelihoods as well as climate change, air quality and the changed appearance of the Forest in the future. Michael Harris will write to our MP on the matter.

The PCC have invited councillors to visit Holidays at Home 3-5 September, when they will be joined by a Beefeater and the Pearly King of Peckham.

NFDC have forwarded information on the review of Polling Districts and Places. No change is proposed in our ward.

19/115 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £88.75
- ii) Streets Ironmongers - supplies - £76.55
- iii) Gates Service - petrol - £26.52
- iv) VisionICT - Website annual hosting service - £270
- v) Fair Account - Internal Audit Nalder Trust - £65
- vi) Mr. K. Baker - commercial use vehicle insurance - £598.24
- vii) Mint Gardens Ltd. - Lengthsman Scheme, Brock and East Boldre - £1100
- viii) Identitag Ltd. (reimbursement) - Tree numbering tags - £39.36
- ix) Langley Arb Ltd. - Allotment tree work - £1137.60
- x) Came and Company - Insurance premium - £1516.39
- xi) Positano Ltd. - WM mowing - £60
- xii) BVT - Office rent Jul-Sept - £687.50
- xiii) BVT - Playground rent - Sept 19 - Aug 20 - £1.

19/116 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public

Lyndhurst PC are arranging a training session for councillors on 5th November. It is anticipated that all our councillors will attend.

A bus stop was recently installed on the A337 at Long Meadow campsite entrance. When the accident record was pointed out it was immediately removed.

Following the presentments regarding parking, Michael Harris will be in contact with HCC. A site visit was suggested to show officers the whole issue, once the building work has finished. Making parking of contractors' vehicles within sites a condition of the planning permission was suggested. We will contact the developer for further information on the completion and reinstatement of the verges.

Michael Harris noted that wildflowers have recently been sown in Station Road in New Milton and they look beautiful. The possibility of a similar scheme here was discussed but the SSSI may cause difficulty. He also suggested that we chase up the village entrance signs that were proposed a year ago. **Action: Clerk.** The re-surfacing of Brookley Road was also suggested.

19/117 Date of Next Meeting - 17th September 2019 - 7.00 pm.

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

19/118 Post Office

The Post Office is to close on 8th August, but also for next week due to holidays.

Recent legal advice is that we can support a Post Office using the GPC. We need further advice on whether we could run one, although this would not be the favoured option.

It is clear that there is currently demand for a Post Office in the village, and their loss is a problem nationally.

It was **resolved** to spend up to £500 on further legal advice if it is considered necessary, once other options have been exhausted.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.