

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr. P. Wales Chairman
Mrs. R. Bowles Mr. M. Croker
Mr. M. Harris Mr. R. Horne
Mr. J. Korbey Mr. K. Whittle
Mr. J. Wingham Mr. R. Wolstenholme

HC Cllr. K. Mans

Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk

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and two members of the public.

Public Presentments

A presentment was made asking for views of the recent press reports and for support for the MUGA.

19/119 Apologies for absence: Mrs. P. Mueller Mr. H. Oram
DCllr. Mrs. M. Holding

19/120 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation:

The Clerk confirmed that the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Mrs. Bowles has been signed.

19/121 Minutes of the Meeting held 16th July 2019. These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

19/122 Matters Arising: None.

19/123 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Mans reported that further cuts to the County budget have to be made over the next two years to save £80m, but will use reserves to spread the effect over a longer period.

Discussion ensued over the loss of laybys from the main roads in the county and the problems this causes for lorry drivers.

19/124 District Councillor's Report

Michael Harris suggested that retailers could be supported by encouraging visitors through holding events and activities. Retail businesses have significant overheads, particularly business rates, and cannot compete with online suppliers. It was noted that the College is an ideal venue for large events.

An update on the review of the parking provision in the main car park is not available at present.

19/125 Return of AGAR from External Auditor

PKF Littlejohn have returned the AGAR signed off and unqualified.

19/126 Playground

The Chairman gave a report of the outcome of the recent consultation, which showed a majority in favour of retaining it in its current location. BVT are having a board meeting this week at which they will discuss the matter. A final decision will be made in October.

19/127 Display of Silent Soldier and Lamppost Poppies

It was resolved that the display should be the same as last year with the Silent Soldier in the War Memorial from late October to the end of November, and the poppies on lampposts from mid-October approx. **Action: Clerk.**

19/128 Road Closure Order for Christmas Fun Evening - 6th December

It was resolved to apply for the Road Closure Order for 6th December. **Action: Clerk.**

19/129 SuperFast BroadBand provision

SFBB has finally been provided to the last section of the village from Box 2 on Rhinefield Road. Russell Horne was thanked for his tremendous work over several years to bring this about. Work at Wootton appears to have been stopped and we will endeavour to discover why this might be.

19/130 Committee membership additions

Newly co-opted councillors were added to the standing committees, Richard Wolstenholme to Planning, Nalder and Events, Ros Bowles to Nalder, and Amenities and Infrastructure, John Wingham to Planning. Pauline Mueller was also added to Nalder. The Planning Committee will consider whether changing to a different day is feasible in order to allow others to join.

19/131 Balmer Lawn Bridge accident

An accident occurred recently when a child jumped from Balmer Lawn bridge and was badly injured. We had been in correspondence with FE and HCC prior to the incident and it was resolved that we will again take up the improvement of the warning signs there as a matter of urgency. **Action: Clerk/Chairman.**

19/132 Adoption of Standing Orders

The draft Standing Orders having been circulated in advance they were adopted without amendment.

19/133 Reports and response to Consultations to include ratification of recommendations

The Chairman reported on the BVT AGM in July.

John Korbey reported on the NFALC meeting in July, and the Planning committees in July and August.

Russell Horne reported on the NPA Development Control Committee meeting this morning at which the application in Chestnut Road was passed, and the Development Control tour in October will come to Brockenhurst.

It was noted at the Planning Training Afternoon that Neighbourhood Plans can be used to limit use of new dwellings as second homes. Now that the Local Plan Core Strategy has been approved we should consider producing a Plan in the future.

Harry Oram attended the Consultative Panel meeting in September and sent a written report. It was noted that white-tailed eagles have been released on the Isle of Wight, the last one shot in the Forest was in 1810.

John Wingham reported on the recent Community Rail Partnership meeting. A Friends of Brockenhurst Station group has been established, which has access to some funding. The replacement of the old railway carriage, with a newer one to be used for overnight accommodation, is planned.

The Clerk reported on the Events meeting. Arrangements are continuing for the Christmas Fun Evening, with some new performers this year. Consideration is starting to be given to the D-Day commemoration in May 2020.

19/134 Correspondence

We have been contacted by residents and the Business Association concerning various aspects of the appearance and condition of the village. The chairman intends to meet BBA to discuss the issue. Ros Bowles will join the meeting as she has considerable experience in this issue in other places.

19/135 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £158
- ii) Streets Ironmongers - supplies - £98.05
- iii) Gates Service - petrol - £50.89
- iv) PKF Littlejohn - External Auditors - £480
- v) Mrs. M. Pattison - reimbursement of newsletter stamps - £51.24
- vi) NFDC - GIS mapping system fee - £125.
- vii) Mint Gardens Ltd. - Lengthsman Scheme - £396
- viii) Viking Supplies - stationery supplies - £113.92
- ix) Surrey Hills Solicitors - lease preparation - £1140
- x) Lyndhurst Parish Council - Councillor training event - £275
- xi) Festive Lighting Co. - new snowflake bracket - £60
- xii) Kompan Ltd. - new toddler cradle swing - £166.34
- xiii) Brockenhurst College - newsletter printing - £110

- xiv) Cash - Petty Cash - £50
- xv) SPG Mowers - Supplies - £132.76
- xvi) Lyndhurst Landscaping - WM mowing - £60
- xvii) HCC - Lamppost poppy licence fee - £25

19/136 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public

The Marathon took place earlier this month. It has become a well-established event over the last five years, since the initial problems were resolved. We will write to congratulate the organisers but also to note that reports of access difficulty experienced by carers in getting to their clients. **Action: Clerk.**

The Chairman noted that he was not prepared to comment on the MUGA in view of the potential litigation at present.

It was noted that there are roadworks in Brookley Road which are causing some difficulty for the passage of traffic. Following a recent incident, a car has been on its side at The Weirs for more than two weeks now.

It is noted that the first residents are due to move into the new development on The Rise in October. A meeting has been held between the developer, FE and HCC to discuss the reinstatement of the verges and resurfacing of the road.

Some of the litter bins at Angel Valley and near the school have been overflowing lately, and a report has been received of enquiries for the supply of Class A drugs. **Action: Clerk.** It appears that a vagrant was found completely passed out in the street on a recent evening.

On the Sway Road railway bridge the white line on the southern side is so far forward that approaching vehicles are forced too close to the side of the carriageway which causes the edges to break up. The vegetation needs cutting back again and the Lengthsman will be instructed. **Action: Clerk.**

19/137 Date of Next Meeting - 15th October 2019 - 7.00 pm. The public part of the meeting closed at 8.45 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.

19/138 Appointment of new Parish Clerk

The appointment of Jim Bailey as the new Parish Clerk was unanimously ratified. Due to notice requirements he cannot start until November. There will be a handover period of two to three months, following which the current Clerk will become solely the RFO for a time, before that post is also passed on.

19/139 Receipt of tenders for refurbishment of Parish Council Office

Five tenders were received. One was selected on consideration of both timescale and price but this cannot be confirmed until a meeting with BVT to consider their part of the contract.