

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr. P. Wales Chairman
Mrs. R. Bowles Mr. M. Croker
Mr. M. Harris Mr. R. Horne
Mr. J. Korbey Mrs. P. Mueller
Mr. K. Whittle
Mr. J. Wingham Mr. R. Wolstenholme
HC Cllr. K. Mans D Cllr. Mrs. M. Holding
Mrs. M. Pattison Parish Clerk
Mr. J. Bailey Deputy Clerk
Lymington Times
and four members of the public.

Public Presentments

The overnight parking of double decker buses at the College was raised as possibly requiring Change of Use planning consent. This has been passed to Enforcement as a potential material change.

The verge reinstatement in The Rise was raised and the Chairman confirmed that talks are under way between Hampshire Highways and the Developer to reinstate them.

The general pedestrian experience around the village was highlighted, with the cut-through at Fibbards Road, overhanging trees at the Watersplash and the sandbags at the Butts Lawn ford all being mentioned. The chairman agreed that the areas would be inspected.

20/01 Apologies for absence: Mr. H. Oram

20/02 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation: None.

20/03 Minutes of the Meeting held 19th November 2019. These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

20/04 Matters Arising:

i) Precept Requirement for 2020/2021. The Clerk reported that the Tax Base figures are confirmed as presented in November.

ii) Christmas Fun Evening. A very successful event once more, and again lucky with the weather. The LED twirlers were a novelty.

iii) Link cash machine. The cash machine will be replaced with another "free to use" one although the timescale cannot be confirmed.

20/05 County Councillor's Report

Keith Mans reported that the Library Service consultation is open at present and urged people to respond to it. The decision will be made in early summer.

With the recent extreme weather the county vehicles were out for flooding and now for gritting. He suggested that we check that our grit bins are full. **Action: Clerk.**

The registration scheme for Hampshire users of the Recycling Centres is now operational, with effect from 1st April 2020.

Our application for a grant towards the cost of VE Day celebrations has been agreed and the funds should be with us soon.

Cllr. Mans was questioned regarding the proposed introduction of parking charges on Lymington High Street. HCC's plan is to add vibrancy to the High Street, and the scheme will be monitored for modification if necessary. The revenue will assist with the cost of providing charging points for electric vehicles. Concerns were raised that the scheme will be expanded to include other towns and villages such as Brockenhurst and Beaulieu, which were not denied. The first half-hour will be free and the charge will allow parking for up to two hours instead of having to leave after one hour, as at present, and will be enforced.

20/06 District Councillor's Report

Maureen Holding raised concern over the closure of the Post Office and the postbox.

She also clarified the reasons that she had opposed the Black Knoll planning application, which was contrary to the Parish Council's opinion.

Michael Harris reported that further work is being carried out on providing SFBB to the remaining areas.

The council housing lists have recently been re-organised to prioritise need over length of time on the list. The number of applicants from Brockenhurst was requested, as well as the number staying in B & B accommodation, and this will be provided. **Action: MH.**

A Facebook survey regarding wheelie bins versus black sacks was criticised for being inappropriate, few councillors being aware of it. The publicity process will be investigated. **Action: MH.**

A request was made for a copy of the proposed re-marking of Brookley Road car park, and this will be provided. **Action: MH.**

20/07 Closure of Postbox in Brookley Road

We have made representation to Royal Mail regarding the closure of the postbox and any possible replacement. The internal RM consultation for a new box takes twenty five weeks and a new box may not meet the distance criteria. Access to other boxes is not easy for the less mobile and many have muddy or flooded approaches. The suggestion was made that we should produce a plan showing the alternative boxes and put it on the closed one, for which we would have to approach the owner. **Action: Clerk.** A new free-standing box, perhaps at the end of Fibbards Road, would be ideal and it was agreed that we should

request Royal Mail to provide one. It was further agreed that we should lobby our MP for his help. **Action: Clerk.**

20/08 Potential Keep Clear marking in Brookley Road

A request has been received by Hampshire Highways for Keep Clear to be marked on Brookley Road at the entrance to The Paddock. This proposal was supported, with a request that it be turned 90 degrees if possible. **Action: Clerk.**

20/09 Reports and response to Consultations to include ratification of recommendations

The Chairman reported on the Bailey Trust meeting held before Christmas to decide on the beneficiaries of the Trust for this year. 18 gifts of £25 were made to those in need and if anyone knows of a person who could benefit they should let the Chairman know.

John Korbey reported on the November and December Planning committees. The Black Knoll application was discussed but was refused by the Development Control Committee. An appeal is pending. A new application for the Balmer Lawn hotel will be on the agenda in January. The Air Traffic Control consultation will be responded to within the time limit of the end of March.

The Clerk reported on the Events meeting held after the Fun Evening. Plans are progressing for the Pancake Races and the VE Day celebration in May. The Deputy Clerk reported on the Village Events meeting on 10th January, held to discuss the village VE Day celebrations as a whole.

The Chairman and two Councillors attended the Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry briefing in Winchester which focused on Climate Change as a priority for the county. Full details were circulated prior to this meeting for consideration. Please see 20/10.

A very useful meeting was held with Hampshire Highways and the BBA, at which the main issues were pointed out on a walkabout. A discussion was then held at the office when other issues too far to visit were raised, such as Mill Lane, Hollands Wood, and Balmer Lawn and Latchmoor bridges. Action points were listed and taken note of by Highways. There are other issues such as the poor location of the bus cages on Sway Road, and the Brookley Road cattle grid gate being locked. Concern was raised over the diversion route whilst The Rise is closed for re-surfacing and when the village entry signs might be installed.

John Korbey reported on the NFALC meeting in January.

A S106 Funding Working Party meeting was held immediately prior to this meeting. The ideas discussed will be passed to the A & I committee for progression. **Action: Clerk.**

20/10 Consideration of Declaring a Climate Emergency

After much discussion it was resolved that we should set up a Climate Action Group to form a strategic and practical plan rather than making a rhetorical emergency declaration. It will look at the actions that individuals can take, including the Greening Scheme, encouraging visitors to walk from the campsites and highlighting walking routes. The members will be Ros Bowles, Pauline Mueller, Michael Croker, Michael Harris, Russell

Horne, and Mary Pattison. We could have a stall to publicise it at the BVT event on 11th April, and it could be a regular agenda item.

20/11 Brockenhurst / Pont St. Martin Twinning

Given that Brexit will take place 31st January 2020, it was agreed that we will write to our colleagues in Pont St. Martin to reassure them of our continued friendship. **Action: MH/Clerk.**

20/12 Correspondence

A site visit was recently held with Jayne Albery of the FE to discuss replacement of dragons teeth at Balmer Lawn Road.

The surface of Black Bridge is lethal when frosty and there is a damaged plank. We have contacted Network Rail who are taking the matter up.

In North Road a car is being parked on the verge by the College entrance which is making visibility difficult. We have established that the land is part of the highway and we will contact all the residents of the road to ask whether they would like dragons teeth installed.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has requested information on local forums so that they can contact older members of the community. We will contact them to see how we can help.

NFDC have sent details of a grant scheme for the Rural Community Energy Fund for which they are holding a seminar in February. We will send a representative.

BVT are hold an Activity Day on Easter Saturday for local groups to publicise themselves.

20/13 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Brock Village Hall - Room hire - £138.50
- ii) Streets Ironmongers - supplies - £281.99
- iii) Gates Service - petrol - £51.07
- iv) Mr. P. Wales - Mileage 9.1 - £26.10
- v) Mr. J. Bailey - Reimbursement - official stamp, ILCA fee, glass sheet and mobile phone cover - £205.90
- vi) Chastney Electrical Contractor - Christmas lights - £1545
- vii) SLCC - Membership subscription - £180
- viii) Ace Office Environments - sweatshirts and polo shirts - £89.17
- ix) Positano Ltd. - WM mowing - £30
- x) BT phone bill - £133.22
- xi) HMRC - PAYE & NIC Oct-Dec - £4369.97
- xii) NFDC - Road Closure fee for Pancake Races - £160
- xiii) Viking Supplies - Stationery - £41.22
- xiv) Westbeams Tree Care - Churchyard tree work - £528
- xv) Petty Cash - £50
- xiv) Surrey Hills solicitors - lease fees - £630.

20/14 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public

It was noted that Jim Bailey, our new Clerk, has attained his iLCA certificate, and he was congratulated by the Chairman.

It was noted that the intrusive lighting at Holmwood is being looked at by Enforcement.

The Primary School needs a crossing patrol person.

Next month for one week everyone is encouraged to count the number of stars in Orion when the moon is dark, as part of the dark skies mapping project.

The ditch and culvert near Wootton Bridge need clearing to prevent the water going across the road and freezing.

20/15 Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm. Date of next meeting: 18th February 2020 - 7.00 pm