

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2020 VIA ZOOM VIDEO–CONFERENCE**

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
Mr. J. Bailey Parish Clerk
Mrs M Beckett Planning & Communications Officer
and seven members of the public.

Public Presentments

Presentments were made by two residents; one representing sixty households in the Balmer Lawn Road area. Documentation including pictures were provided expressing concern for the area where there are continual issues with litter, flouting of bye laws, erosion of land, parking violations, wear on the verges and other areas.

20/73 Apologies for absence: DCllr. Mrs. M. Holding.

20/74 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation: Cllr Wingham declared that he lives in Balmer Lawn Road and is a Director of Brockenhurst Village Trust. He took no part in the item on the new office. Cllr Wolstenholme declared that he runs a business in Brookley Road.

20/75 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held 19th May 2020. These were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

20/76 Matters Arising:

The Parish Council is already aware of the issues referred to in the Presentment which will be the subject of debate at the local Parish Councils forum; South West Quadrant. They will also be followed up by HC Cllr K Mans & D Cllr M Harris.

A link for the site to report breaches of the Covid–19 regulations will be put on the Parish Council web site.

An App called “New Forest In Touch”, available since 2018 from New Forest District Council (NFDC), has some performance issues. These will be reported to the District Council teams.

Brockenhurst Business Association was thanked for recommending a voluntary code not to sell disposable barbeques.

Whilst NFDC public toilets have re–opened in the village, following lobbying by the Parish Council, Forestry England had yet to follow suit after similar pressure.

The Casual Vacancy will be publicly notified from 17th June via noticeboards and our website. Any election might not take place until May 2021 under present legislation.

20/77 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Mans reported that there was good progress with schools returning across the county. Care homes now have sufficient PPE to manage the Covid-19 virus and deaths are reducing across the county. There will be an estimated £68m funding deficit by the end of year but he thanked the local community for coming together to support each other.

20/78 District Councillor's Report

Cllr. M. Harris will seek clarification around collection of litter in the Balmer Lawn Road area. **Action: MH**

A further £2m Discretionary grant funding for small businesses is being taken up very well.

20/79 Brookley Road

Five options to assist residents with social distancing in Brookley Road have been suggested.

- 1) A 20mph speed limit between Tesco and the Watersplash.
- 2) Extend the pavement on the north side of Brookley Road from Pot Pourri to The Paddock by one additional metre.
- 3) Extend the pavement on the south side of Brookley Road from Tesco to Dynasty to two metres which will mean moving the parking bays further into the carriageway, therefore;
- 4) Make Brookley Road one way heading westbound from Tesco to the Watersplash.
- 5) Make pedestrian access in Brookley Road one way.
- 6) Cycle Racks to be provided in three locations in Brookley Road; possibly at Tesco, mid Brookley Road near the Bakehouse, at the Watersplash. The Business Association gave its support for these proposals and Friends of Brockenhurst were in discussion simultaneously with this meeting. **Unanimously resolved to support items 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6** with item 5 rejected.

It was resolved to put these suggestions in place as quickly as practically possible.

20/80 VJ Day and Remembrance Day

It was noted that where possible Brockenhurst would support the national VJ Day celebrations on 15th August and continue to promote the online material started for VE Day. Remembrance Day will proceed as normal as long as regulations allow.

20/81 Reports and response to Consultations

- i) John Korbey having been re-elected Chairman of the Planning Committee on 26th May, confirmed that a site visit has been arranged to Beachern Wood. Black Knoll applicants have submitted a planning appeal.
- ii) Pete Wales reported on the Amenities & Infrastructure Committee of 2nd June when he had been elected Chairman. The recommendations to
 - a) use NFDC Tree Service for all future tree inspections.
 - b) accept the Westbeams quote for Churchyard tree work.
 - c) spend up to £200 on re-planting the noticeboard borders.
 - d) replace the Firebell post
 - g) use of Ross Boyle for the Xmas Light works, accepting the quote to check Brookley Road sockets for water ingress at £370

- h) accept the Terms of Reference for the Brookley Road improvements working party with a confirmed completion date of end August.
were all ratified.
- iii) The clerk reported that discussions had been held at the 9th June Climate Change Working Party on a variety of topics including the feasibility of solar power to charge the groundsman's tools, the support of both the Local Electricity Bill (see 20/82) and development of a web page to promote positive climate action.

20/82 Local Electricity Bill

It was unanimously agreed to support the Local Electricity Bill and request our MP to do the same **Action: Clerk**

20/83 Correspondence

None.

20/84 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

- i) Positano Ltd. – War Memorial Mowing – £60
- ii) Streets – supplies – £88.80
- iii) Gates – petrol – £10.99
- iv) HALC – CiLCA training sessions and support – £408
- v) Mrs. M. Pattison – stamps – £33.84
- vi) Vitaplay – Playground resurfacing and new inclusive equipment – £41,308.62
- vii) Lyndhurst Landscapes – War Memorial Gardens Grass – £60
- viii) Reimbursement J. Bailey – Banding Machine for Memorial Inspections £89.99

20/85 Items to note – to include items raised by members of the public

The chairman asked councillors and members of the public for feedback on the meeting and the usability of Zoom.

20/86 Date of Next Meeting 21st July 2020 7.00 pm. Via Zoom

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.

Members of the public left at 8:45pm

20/87 Parish Council Office and Storage

- i) Storage. It was unanimously resolved to spend up to £5,000 on an insulated storage facility to be located at New Park.
- ii) Office. An alternative opportunity to the current premises has arisen and it was resolved that it should be progressed. The draft terms were ratified, subject to legal advice.

The meeting closed at 21.30 pm.