



Bramshaw Parish Council New Forest Hampshire

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 7:30pm
Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)

Present:-

Councillors:

Mark Medley - Chair (MM), Martin Vann - Vice-Chair (MV), Adam Coutts (AC), Kay Harrison (KH), Sue Bennison (SB) and Carl Seabourne (CS), Vaughan Thomas (VT).

Plus:

Gemma Hinchliffe (Parish Clerk), Cllr Derek Tipp (New Forest District Council).

14/24 Apologies for Absence: None

15/24 Declarations of interest: None

16/24 Consideration of approval of the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd January 2023. Approved and signed by MM on 27/02/2024.

17/24 Public Forum

No members of public attended.

18/24 Report from NFDC

Cllr Tipp Reported that:

- Council Tax had been set and approved. This is set at £199.79.
- NFDC will be investing in CCTV in Fordingbridge as part of the budget.
- The new waste collection system is going ahead. Green waste bins have been delivered and wheely bin will replace waste bags.
 - Councillors raised concerns over the Refuse Trucks being able to navigate some of the smaller local lanes. Residents had been informed that wheely bins were to be taken to the point of collection. Councillor's raised concerns that it could be difficult to navigate a wheely bin along some of the local lanes.
 - Cllr Tipp confirmed that help will be offered, a smaller truck could be sent out to collect along these lanes and that if help is received currently before the new scheme begins, it will continue.
 - Councillors stated that there have been problems with this in the past.
 - Councillors raised concerns over wheely bins being knocked over by New Forest animals and whether they would be lockable.
 - Cllr Tipp confirmed that the Council are getting ready to support the change.
- Marchwood Waste Centre closure.
 - Cllr Tipp spoke about the possible closure of the Marchwood Waste Centre as part of HCC making financial savings. There is a consultation which closes at

the end of March. Cllr Tipp encouraged the Parish Councillors to complete the survey and voice their opinions.

- Cllr Tipp spoke about the Community Grant scheme. Applications can be made via the NFDC website.

19/24 Planning

No planning applications were listed on the Agenda. However, the following application was received after the Agenda was posted.

24/00186LBC - Little Popes Cottage, LYNDHURST ROAD, BROOK, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HE.

PROPOSAL: Rethatching of roof (Application for Listed Building Consent).

Decision: The Council decided against asking for an extension. Agreed by: MM, MV, AC, CS.

Action: Clerk to inform the Case Officer of the Council's decision.

The Council agreed that a list be put together on a regular basis to notify Councillors of decisions.

Action: Councillor SB volunteered to download the relevant Decision Notices and issue the report prior to each meeting. This will be added as a standard Agenda item for all future meetings.

20/24 Finance

Payments

Payee	Detail	Amount £	Method
G. Hinchliffe	Salary February 2024	£454.40	BACS
St Peter's Church	S187 Grant Application from St Peter's Church for maintenance	£300.00	Cheque
G. Hinchliffe	Reimbursement of Hall Hire for January 2024 meeting.	£22.00	BACS
G. Hinchliffe	Reimbursement for Ink Cartridge	£38.37	BACS
Martin Vann	Reimbursement of plaques for commemorative trees	£50.85	BACS
	Total:	£865.62	

Payments were approved and will be paid using online banking.

Receipts

No receipts received since last Parish meeting (23rd January 2024)

Online Banking –

- MM reported that Online banking was now up and running.
- Signatories for online payments will be MM and MV. SB remains a signatory on the account.

Standing Orders-

- MM confirmed that a standing order will be set up for the Parish Clerk's wages to be paid on the 1st of every month.

It was approved that the regular Hall Hire payment can be paid online whenever the invoice is received.

Other expenses, for example stationary, will be approved at the Parish meeting and then paid.

Updated Financial Risk Assessment – This was emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting and was approved unanimously by all Councillors.

21/24 S137 grants

The application by St Peter's Church, Bramshaw for £300.00 was approved unanimously by the Council.

22/24 Clearing of ditches of private properties in the Parish. Update by Cllr Medley (MM) and Cllr Coutts (AC).

Cllr Medley confirmed that it is the responsibility of the land / homeowner to clear and maintain the ditches in front of their property.

Resolved: No further action.

23/24 To approve the registering of the Parish Council to receive a free Portrait of HM The King.

Approved by Council, Clerk to register.

Action: MV to ask the Bramshaw Trust if the Portrait can be hung within the Village Hall.

Action: Clerk to register the Council for the Portrait.

24/24 Update on concerns raised at the last Parish Council regarding flooding and blocked drains

Action: It was decided that the Council will compile a report and Councillors MV, AC, CS and VT will meet on 10th March 2024 to take pictures and gather evidence of the flooding and issues that are causing the flooding.

25/24 Councillors Reports

Cllr Vann (MV) received correspondence from a gentleman who had collected historical postcards of British Parishes. He has written to the Council as he has four related to the New Forest, including Bramshaw and has offered them to the PC for £6.00. The Council approved to buy the postcards.

Action: Clerk to contact the gentleman by letter enclosing payment in the form of stamps (as requested)

Cllr Vann (MV) notified the Council that the Broadleaf Learning CIC had been part of a project to design a garden which will be part of the BBC Gardener's World Spring Fayre. After the

event the Garden will be brought to the Bramshaw Village Hall and permanently installed here.

Action: Clerk to include in the Bramshaw Telegraph.

Cllr Vann (MV) Informed the Council of a fundraising Quiz taking place at The Bramshaw Village Hall.

Action: Clerk to include in the Bramshaw Telegraph. Cllr Seabourne (CS) to co-ordinate a Parish Council team for the quiz.

Cllr Vann (MV) brought the 'Bramshaw within Living Memory' to the Council's attention. This is a book that was produced by the PC for the Millenium. The Council discussed re-producing this and how best to do this. Should it be updated to include changes and developments within Bramshaw over the last 25 years or should it be produced as it stands currently – or both.

It was agreed in principal that the Council should look at costings and continue to consider how best to proceed.

Action: Cllr Vaughan (VT) to gather costings for printing and reproduction.

Cllr Bennison reported on the Quadrant meeting which she attended.

- There are new contractors who are dealing with fly tipping and that a working group have been set up to discuss the situation.
- The Marchwood Waste Facility proposal and links from Steve Avery.

Action: to be distributed to Councillors

- Discussion regarding Forestry England proposal to tender licences for Refreshment Stalls with the proposition of selling food types other than ice-cream, for example teas, coffees and sandwiches. Councillors raised concerns regarding this proposal due to litter, the risk to animals, and the impact on local businesses.

Action: Clerk to write to Forestry England expressing our concerns, copying the Verderers

Cllr Seabourne (CS) reported that the streetlight in Bramshaw was still blinking. Cllr Bennison (SB) confirmed that she had reported this to the Council.

26/24 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters.

27/24 Date of next meeting

The date of the next Meeting for **Bramshaw Parish Council** will be held on

Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 7:30pm in the **Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room).**

Meeting was closed by Cllr Medley at 21:06pm.