



Bramshaw Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 7:30pm
Bramshaw Village Hall (Main Hall)**

Present:-

Councillors: Mark Medley - Chair (MM), Martin Vann - Vice-Chair (MV), Carl Seabourne (CS), Kay Harrison (KH), Adam Coutts (AC), Sue Bennison (SB), and Jenny Watts (JW).

Plus: Melanie Camilleri (Clerk/RFO), Cllr Diane Andrews (NFDC), and one member of the public attended.

29/23 Apologies for Absence: None

30/23 Declarations of interest: None

31/23 Minutes: the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **21 February 2023** were approved.

32/23 Public Forum

33/23 To receive a report from Cllr Diane Andrews (NFDC)

A flavour of the Documents which have come to Cabinet

- Health and Wellbeing
- Strategic Risk register update
- Rural England Prosperity Fund
- Levelling up and Regeneration Bill
- Totton Community engagement: 847 response, key themes ranging from the railway crossing to the community centre and the area around the police station. Going forward we are looking for quick wins, better signage, route maps for those walking. The quick wins will be funded through the UK Shared prosperity fund.
- Supplementary Planning Document
- Planning for Climate change clarifies how developers should address climate change
- Conservation of Habitats and Species.
- We have spent £850,000 on 11 projects across the district from CIL contributions, the council already hold these funds. The projects are across the District.
- Attached to the Cabinet Agenda of 5th April there is a lot of information about the Public Space Protection Orders, (PSPO's) 125 pages which includes the responses from the consultation, 2 sets of maps of the areas covered, and diagrams of the signs and a list of the places the signs will be erected. (In their hundreds) size 30cm x 22cm (12 x 8):
PSPO No 1 is no Fires or BBQ's. No 2 is No Petting and feeding of animals. Due to come into force on 1st July once training of Rangers is complete. The penalty is set at £100.00 to be paid within 28 days but is reduced to £75.00 if paid within 14 days. Encouragement and education, a safer new forest.
- In 16 days, there will be an election which will see the reduction of 12 councillors, with a total of 48. This reduction was initially proposed to save money. Many of our existing wards have been changed after the boundary review. My own was divided and now Minstead has joined with Lyndhurst and Bramshaw, Copythorne, join with Ashurst and Netley Marsh a ward covering a large area which will have two councillors.

- After 12 years as a councillor, I will sadly not be standing again. It was not my choice. I thank you for your support over the years it has truly been an honour. Whoever your new councillor is I hope that they will be a local person who knows and understands our area and give you the attendance and standard of service you have come to expect.

34/23

Planning

- i) Recommendations made to New Forest National Park Authority as follows:-

Given SB is a member of the National Park Authority, and sits on the Planning Committee, SB did not take part in the discussion of any of the planning applications on the agenda and abstained from voting; forfeiting her vote.

23/00105FULL and 23/00106LBC: FORGE COTTAGE, BROOK HILL, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JB

Proposal: Replace conservatory roof with solid roof; solar panels

Decision: Bramshaw Parish Council recommend PERMISSION but would accept the decision reach by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

23/00439VAR: Lister Tower, ROAD THROUGH FRITHAM, FRITHAM, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HH

Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 21/00797 for alterations and refurbishment to tower; conversion of stable block to ancillary accommodation

Decision: Bramshaw Parish Council recommend PERMISSION but would accept the decision reach by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

23/00493CONS: ROYAL OAK, FRITHAM, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HJ

Proposal: Prune 1 x Oak tree

Decision: No comment – leave to the Tree Officer to determine.

- ii) Planning decisions, as set out in Appendix B of the Agenda, were noted.

RESOLVED: pre-consultation on a proposed Telecommunications Installation at CS30708500 – Land at Forest, West of Hisscocks Hill, Whiteshoot, Whiteshoot Bottom, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, SO43 7HL. Invitation to respond on whether or not the Parish Council is amenable to their proposal and siting of equipment or whether they would need to consider alterations to the proposal or alternative siting.

Due to the high level of public interest, this matter will be reported to parishioners (and views sought) at the Annual Parish Meeting taking place on 23 May 2023. MC will invite representation from Sinclair Dalby Ltd to attend the meeting.

35/23

Commemorative Tree (Wych Green)

- i) RESOLVED: MC to write a letter of response to the Verderers CC Forestry England:-
- Acknowledging and apologising for the Parish Council's mistake (due to a communication breakdown between Forestry England and SB)
 - Seeking prior approval to the tree guard design to be installed at Wych Green: 7ftx7ft (per approved design), height of 6ft (using 4 rails), use of stock wire fencing for the upper two tiers to protect the tree. Animals retain grazing access at the bottom tier (the tree trunk base will be protected by a 2ftx2ft wire stock fencing)
- ii) Options (and financial implications) as to who will remove and reinstall the current tree guard were noted. Resolution deferred until tree guard design approved by Verderers and Forestry England.

- iii) Commemorative plaque purchase deferred until re-installation of Tree Guard completed.

36/23

Finance

- i) The Cash Flow Report and payments were approved

Bank balances

Current Account (as at 03 April 2023): £8,782.29

Business Reserve (as at 03 April 2023): £0.60

Payments

Payee	Detail	Amount £	Method
M Camilleri	Gross Salary + office expenses (Feb)	677.69	Standing Order
M Camilleri	Gross Salary + office expenses (March)n	677.69	Standing Order
M Vann	Reimbursement Fencing Materials	42.77	905
M Camilleri	Reimbursement Village Hall Hire 21/2	20.00	906
Hampshire Association of Local Councils	Subscription	304.33	907
Total debit		£1,044.79	

- ii) Noted the internal audit will be taking place on 26 April.

37/23

Local Elections

- i) Noted the 'Notice of uncontested election for Bramshaw Parish Council' filling six seats, leaving one Councillor vacancy which may be co-opted.
- ii) MC reminded newly elected Councillors who take office at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 23 May 2023 must return their completed expenses form by 06 June 2023.

38/23

Councillors Reports

KH: Reported that the issue with blocked drains continues. Action: KH and SB to meet to identify exactly which drains demand remedy. SB will then report to HCC Highways.

39/23

Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters

- i) Green Dragon: Noise complaint received for live outdoor music event held over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend plus concerns expressed over permissions (camping and music) to hold an all-day music festival scheduled to take place on 12 June.
- Noise nuisance complaints must be made to NFDC online www.newforest.gov.uk/article/1355/Noisen or via email eandr@nfdc.gov.uk
 - Following Article 4 Direction – New Forest National Park Authority relating to Temporary campsites, all temporary campsites over 50 pitches as well as all new temporary sites established since 1 March 2020 are required to apply for planning permission to help protect the environment. SB will investigate the position regarding the Green Dragon's planning permission application.
- ii) Noted Bramshaw Village Hall Hire charges are increasing by 10% wef 01 May 2023
- iii) It was noted that the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, has tendered her resignation, and by mutual agreement her last date of employment will be 31 May 2023. MM and MV will get recruitment for a replacement underway.

40/23

RESOLVED: that Agenda item 41/23 would be closed to members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) by reason of the personal nature of the business to be discussed

41/23

Confidential matter

RESOLVED: Bramshaw Parish Council's Communication Protocol will be readopted at the Bramshaw Annual Parish Council Meeting which all newly elected Councillors must abide by.

42/23

Date of next meeting

Bramshaw Parish Council's Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on **23 May 2023** at **7:00pm** in the **Bramshaw Village Hall (Main Hall)** immediately after the **Annual Parish Meeting** which commences **6:30pm**

Being no further business, Cllr Mark Medley closed the meeting at 9:30 pm

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING