



BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL NEW FOREST HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25th AUGUST 2015, AT BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL.

Members Present:

Denis Shaughnessy (DS) Chair
Sue Bennison (SB) VChair
Ian Davis (ID)
Kay Harrison (KH)
David Johnston (JD)
Jenny Watts (JW)

Others:-

1 members of the public

Cllr Diane Andrews
Cllr Edward Heron

Lee Hallum (National Trust).

Jane Mullan (Clerk)

096.15 **Apologies of Absence** – none.

097.15 **Disclosures of interest.**

Kay Harrison disclosed a personal interest in the application for a manege at Parsonage Farm

098.15 **Minutes** – to agree the minutes of 28th July 2015 as a true record.

David Johnston requested two amendments be made to items:

086.15 – Councillor's Reports – ii) Should read 'David Johnston *with Kay Harrison* attended the planning training

And

091.15 – Consideration of David Johnston's proposal to: 2.

Action: 'Agreed to *dispense with Matters Arising and cover progress reports under reports receive.*'

099.15 **Matters arising** from the minutes of 28th July 2015, ongoing actions to report not otherwise on the Agenda. (Information only).

100.15 **Reports to be received**

- i) County Cllr Edward Heron passed a booklet to the clerk entitled Neighbourhood Plans RoadMap. (this can be found by clicking here www.locality.org.uk with a direct link to the document [here](#).) Edward explained how the neighbourhood plans give local people the opportunity to say what type of development is right for their community by engaging in discussions with the Planning Authority early in the process of drawing up such a plan – he suggested that the council looked at the document he had provided to consider further whether this was something Bramshaw wanted to embark on.

Several questions were then put to him over various other matters including:

Q1 Public CCTV cameras in the village?

A1 It is likely that this would be highly problematic as any CCTV system covering a public area would most likely be subject to various legal restrictions.

Q2 Fixing the sides of the roads – see item 104.15 (2)

A2 Currently the County Council has a policy that roads must not be widened and that hoggins will be put at the side of the road if safe to do so. Fixing verges is something that is not so easy for HCC as Natural England does not allow them to use imported material. There is no written protocol for working in the forest.

ii) District Cllr Diane Andrews

Diane advised that the FC had back tracked over their decision over locating dog bins at popular dog walking spots as it is not a dog park. She also advised that dog waste can be put in ordinary litter bins.

The task and finish group on Child Poverty had concluded that whilst what was in place was good, there could still be better communication between the groups and organisations to help each other – this will be worked on this year.

iii) Lee Hulin, National Trust

Lee gave a comprehensive update on the current work programme of the National Trust on the northern commons. He mentioned that:

Local residents had been performing unauthorised work on the commons, such as digging ditches and putting inappropriate materials on tracks. The National Trust wanted local residents to know that they should consult with the Trust before considering any activity that might affect the commons, particularly since the commons are a 'Site of Special Scientific Interest' (SSSI) and it is against the law to carry out any work that was not approved by Natural England. NT was intending to provide a newsletter and leaflets to remind local residents of the need to protect the SSSI.

While NT had been acting as an intermediary in connection with concerns that had been raised about the possibility of encroachment near Honeysuckle Cottage, NT had no official role to play, and any further action required would be between the CDA and the owner of the land concerned.

NT was working to protect prehistoric barrows on Stagbury Hill which have been on the English Heritage 'at risk' register.

NT now has a caravan which attends various events to promote their work in the area. It would not be attending Nomansland Fayre at the bank holiday weekend.

DS thanked him and his team for all their hardwork, and commented that the commons looked in better shape.

iv) Councillors' reports including Bramshaw Village Hall Trust.

Sue Bennison: reminded the meeting that the crime commissioner and police chief would be attending the next NFALC meeting and that if anyone had any questions to put to them, it they should be raised at the next PC meeting.

David Johnston: advised under new legislation all councils have a legal duty to enroll eligible members of staff into a pension scheme and make contributions towards it. He suggested that the government scheme National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) would be an appropriate scheme for the Council, but he will report further in due course.

He advised that he had not yet completed his review of the Council's standing orders etc, and would report progress at the next meeting.

He raised a potential concern relating to the fact that the Council's procedure for approving travel expenses for meetings outside the parish applied retrospectively, and he volunteered to consider whether there was a way to simplify the process.

Jenny Watts:

Radio Solent are interested in the Aileen Cuss memorial and may try to get Woman's Hour involved. The Veterinary Historical Society is also very supportive of the whole project. There may be an issue with the defibrillator box – will advise further at next meeting. The Bramshaw Trust is considering putting in WiFi at the village hall and would like to ask the Parish Council for a grant (cost £115 plus VAT set up) – the Clerk advised that the Trust should complete a grant application form, available from the Council's website.

Kay Harrison:

Kay asked whether DS had had an opportunity to answer Jim Winter's queries about planning policy- DS responded he had seen Jim and explained the relevant planning policies.

She raised concern over the branches down Morgans Vale overhanging the road so far that they are damaging her tractor when she uses this route.

She also pointed out that some residents are placing logs to prevent parking on verges, and queried whether the property owners understood the liability implications.

101.15 **Public Forum** An opportunity for the public to make known the council any issues of concern, or to make comment on items on the Agenda including Planning Applications.

Peter Reynolds brought up the following points:

1. He is disappointed that the 40 mph signs are still there – Edward Heron and DS confirmed that this is all in hand – a work order has been placed but we are not aware of date yet.
2. Ditching and bramble clearing on Brook Hill Green and Forestry Commission land generally around the parish - Clerk to pursue with various authorities about getting them cut back.
3. Ragwort restricting sight lines at Cadnam Roundabout. Edward Heron said he would look into this.
4. Bin Lorries cutting up edges to track down to his house – Diane Andrews to take this up with Colin Read at NFDC.

102.15 **Planning**

i) Planning applications for comment:

[15/00604](#) PARSONAGE FARM, LYNDHURST ROAD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JF
Proposal: Ménage.

Notwithstanding the Landscape officer's report, Bramshaw Parish Council recommended permission be granted for the above because:

- a) They do not believe it to be visually intrusive,
- b) it is not raised up – it appears level with the surrounding area.
- c) it will reduce wear and tear on the open forest.

The Council would however ask that any approval should be subject to the conditions that the manege should be for private use only, and that it should not be lit.

[15/00605](#) PARSONAGE FARM, LYNDHURST ROAD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JF
Proposal: Addition of roof to create infill barn.

Bramshaw Parish Council resolved to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

ii) Planning decisions to note:

No new decisions to note.

iii) Tree applications for comment:

No new applications.

- vi) **Tree application decisions.** –
No new decisions to note.

vi) **Enforcement as per NF NPA's website (17/07/2015) - Parish Enforcement**

- a) **QU/14/0213:** WICKSMOOR FARMHOUSE, PENN COMMON ROAD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JL

Description: Without planning permission the erection of a wooden playhouse structure Case Status: Retrospective Application Refused. Priority: Enforcement notice issued.

- b) **QU/15/0144:** THE ROSARY GARAGE, BROOK HILL, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JB

Description: Unauthorised Residential Use of Buildings
Case Status: Complaint Acknowledged Priority: Standard

103.15 Finance and policy

- i) Payments for authorisation –

a)	National Association of Local Councils	000742	£ 10.50
b)	Sue Bennison (mileage)	000743	£ 31.05
c)	Jane Mullan (monthly salary plus lengthsman input and expenses	000744	£389.68
d)	Jim Donnelly – telephone box	000745	£250.00
e)	Information Commissioner	000746	£ 35.00

- ii) Financial Report.

Income to date:	£3111.32
Outgoings to date:	£3145.09
Bank balance	£9001.68

9.30pm Standing Orders suspended.

104.15 Consideration of the following proposals in connection with road edge repairs –

- 1) The PC should ask for the topic of road edge repairs to be put on the agenda at the next meeting of NFALC.
The council resolved to ask SB to bring this up at the next NFALC meeting.
- 2) The PC should write to Edward Heron asking him to assure us that the county's protocol for repairing road edges will not lead to road-widening by stealth, and will be put into effect promptly. The council no longer needs to write to Edward as asked him the question during this meeting. See Edward Heron's report for more detailed response (item 100.15).
- 3) The PC should nominate an individual councillor to attend the next NFALC meeting to ask the other councils to support the position we have taken in our letter to Edward.
No decision reached.
- 4) The Clerk should email all local councils in NFALC ahead of the NFALC meeting, explaining the PC's position and asking them to support it at the meeting.
No decision reached so no action required yet.

105.15 To appoint Parish Representatives:

Bramshaw Village Hall Trust
New Forest Association of Local Councils (NFALC)
New Forest Consultative Panel

Police Liaison
Footpaths
Transport
Planning

This item has been moved to the next meeting to be held on 22nd September 2015.

106.15 Consideration of Ian Davies request to discuss parking outside the Bentley Garage.

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107.15 Consideration of items for next meeting.

Parish objectives
Neighbourhood watch
Items 105.15, Items 106.15 and 109.15.

108.15 Confirmation of date of next 3 Parish Council meeting.

22nd September 2015; 27th October 2015; 24th November 2015.

Closed Session:

109.15 Clerk's review.

This item has been moved to the next meeting to be held on 22nd September 2015

Meeting closed 10.00pm

Signed:.....

Date: