



BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL NEW FOREST HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27th OCTOBER 2015, AT BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL.

Members Present:

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

Jane Mullan (Clerk)

Others:-

Cllr Edward Heron
3 members of the public

Richard Daponte from the Forestry Commission to attended prior to start of council meeting to answer any questions that parishioners and councillors might have with regards to their work in the area.

The following are short notes made from Richard's presentation –

Richard is a recreation ranger and represents both the visitors and the locals. There are 2 foresters covering the whole of the Forest. The FC works to a 100 year plan which is broken down in to 20 year chunks. The planners are based in the Queens House, Lyndhurst. The foresters know what is expected of them per quarter. The work, such as that currently underway in Islands Thorns Enclosure, is undertaken by contractors. There are also the wild-life keepers who are responsible for the cull or deer and keep their eye on the endangered species found in the forest. The keeper for this area is the first female New Forest Keeper – Sandi Shaw.

The work currently being undertaken by Forest Commission in this area include:

Island Thorns thinning of hand picked trees – the FC are well aware of the mud on the rides, but the enclosure is not as popular as others.

Conservation Volunteers are busy in Kings Garn cutting small conifers.

Fencing work in Sloden

Rake and burn is taking place between Long Beech and Pitts Wood; and Eyeworth and Pitts Wood – this is being done to restore the open forest habitat.

Tree surgeons are being employed locally in Bramshaw attending to dead trees that are a danger to the public around the area.

In response to the query raised about the fallen trees in the ancient woodland the FC has no plans to clear the trees as they are good for wildlife.

124.15 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from David Johnston and NFDC Cllr Diane Andrews.

125.15 **Disclosures of interest.**

There were no disclosures of interest.

126.15 Minutes – to agree the minutes of 22nd September 2015 as a true record.

Cllr Diane Andrews had notified the clerk that there had been an omission from these minutes concerning the damage the household collection vehicles were doing to the access road to the properties at Brook Bushes and how Colin Reed of NFDC had agreed to send smaller refuse lorries to collect the waste.

Apart from the above point, it was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on 22nd September 2015.

127.15 Reports to be received

i) County Cllr Edward Heron.

Edward brought the recently issued report by Hampshire County Council on the use of average speed cameras in animal accidents hotspots.

In summary the report says a trial average speed zone would be discussed with police, but there was currently no funding for the scheme.

Other measures include the roll-out of signs with seasonal changing slogans and wild pony road markings.

According to the report being considered by County Councillors, an average speed check system would cost in the region of £100,000 with £40,000 for each additional unit.

It said Hampshire Constabulary warned the scheme was cost-prohibitive and needed a 3G mobile signal and electrical supply to function - a potential problem in the heart of the forest.

But the report said the scheme remained an "aspiration" for the council.

ii) Councillors' reports.

Sue Bennison had previously sent her report around – copy attached to these minutes.

The Council confirmed their agreement that the road edges, maintenance and widening by stealth was an item that SB could bring up at the NFALC meeting she attended on behalf of the council.

SB felt that the Welcome Pack should make new residents to the area aware of the danger to livestock of placing refuse sacks outside the property on bin day.

She had also attended the consultation on the Latchmore Restoration project and ask for this to be put on the next agenda.

Gary North had been asked to arrange for the litter to be picked up from the M27 up through Bramshaw and along Roger Penny Way.

Kay Harrison raised her concern about refuse sacks being put outside of properties on bin day and asked for an item to be put in Forest Views reminding people of the danger of doing this.

Jenny Watts advised that the defibrillator was being installed during the coming week and that should be commissioned shortly. She was also hoping to have another discussion with the Parochial Church Council over the placing of Aileen Cust's plaque in the church.

128.15 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.

David Coates let the meeting know that he was about to make another grant application on behalf of St Peters Church, to the parish council for assistance towards the upkeep of the church yard – this work costs in the region of £2-3.5 thousand pounds per year but includes for mowing, strimming and cutting the hedges and generally tidying up.

David also raised his concern over the overall state of the ground and general area around the Bentley Garage and that in view of the prestige of the company, the parish council should be making sure that on completion of the works the verges, which are SSI's, are reinstated properly, the light pollution is moderated, dead trees across the front replaced and that all future deliveries are undertaken within the confines of the site and not on the open forest.
The Council agreed to make this an agenda item at the next meeting.

129.15 **Planning applications for comment:**

15/00742 BUDDLES CORNER , FRITHAM, SO43 7HL

One and two storey extensions, roof alterations and replacement cladding.

The Council resolved to recommend permission be granted for the following reasons:

1. Removes a flat roof extension which isn't in keeping with the property or the conservation area.
2. It is an improvement on what is already there with the resultant changes being minor to the visual amenity of the local area, particularly as the work is to the rear of the property and does not alter the appearance of the front of the property.
3. The house will become a more complete dwelling for the current occupier by providing a house suitable for modern living (particularly with the provision of a downstairs WC).
4. The two storey extension will, because of its reduced height be subservient to the original property.
5. There is huge support from local residents.

15/00699 STOCKS CROSS HOUSE, FURZLEY COMMON ROAD, BRAMSHAW, SO43 7JH

Two storey extension, single storey extension with balcony, porch, alterations to fenestration.

The Council resolved to refuse the application because:

The property stands on a prominent position at Stocks Cross and as such:

- a) The flat roof extensions are inappropriate, as is the two storey extension incorporating a new porch.
- b) The removal of the chimney and the rear bay window have a detrimental effect on the character of Stocks Cross House.
- c) the appearance of the proposals is inappropriate for the character and appearance of the conservation area.

15/00695 TILE COTTAGE, BROOK, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HD

Replacement garage, access alterations, oil tank, rainwater tank (Amended plan)

The Council resolved to recommend permission be granted for the following reasons:

Because they feel is a great improvement on what is currently there.

15/00762 BENTLEY HAMPSHIRE, LYNDHURST ROAD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JF,
2no. replacement internally illuminated Fascia signs; 1no. replacement internally illuminated totem sign (Application for Advertisement Consent)

Bramshaw Parish Council recommend this application be refused because they question whether there is a need and if such advertising is appropriate in such a rural location where passing night traffic is minimal. They are also concerned that any additional lighting will contribute to the light pollution already created by the site from the brightly lit show room windows.

- ii) **Planning decisions to note:**
[15/00629](#) THE GROOMS COTTAGE AT PENN COTTAGE, PENN COMMON ROAD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JL
 Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for Existing use of Building as ancillary accommodation. Waiting NPA Decision.
[15/00604](#) PARSONAGE FARM, LYNDHURST ROAD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JF
 Proposal: Ménage. Withdrawn.
[15/00605](#) PARSONAGE FARM, LYNDHURST ROAD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JF
 Proposal: Infill roof between barns - Granted.
- iii) **Tree applications for comment:**
[CONS/15/1005](#) TO THE LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE TO WICKSMOOR FARM, PENN COMMON, BRAMSHAW SO43 7JL – Prune 1 Oak tree. (10/11/2015).
[CONS/15/1078](#) BRUNSWICK HOUSE, FRITHAM, SO43 7HH
 Prune 1 x turkey oak tree and group of juvenile ash trees. (06/11/2015)
- vi) **Tree application decisions.** –
 No new decisions to note.
- v) **Enforcement as per NF NPA's website (17/07/2015) - Parish Enforcement**
- a) **EN/14/0213:** WICKSMOOR FARMHOUSE, PENN COMMON ROAD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JL
 Description: Without planning permission the erection of a wooden playhouse structure
 Status: Retrospective Application Refused. Priority: Enforcement notice appeal lodged.
- 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.
- c) **EN15/0179:** OAKLANDS, BROOK, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HD.
 Description: Unauthorised change of use – Extension of garden into field.
 Case Status: Complaint Acknowledged. Priority: Standard.
- d) **QU/15/0202:** THE GATEHOUSE, EYEWORTH, FRITHAM, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HJ.
 Description: Development not in accordance with approved plans - PP 15/00021 (footprint of extension larger than approved); Stationing of skip and portaloo and storage of soil outside of site. Case Status: Complaint Acknowledged Priority: Standard.
- e) **QU/15/0208:** 2 THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, LYNDHURST ROAD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JE.
 Unauthorised development - oil fired outside boiler.
 Case Status: Complaint Acknowledged Priority: Standard.

Appendix 2: - payments for authorisation:

130.15 Finance and policy

- i) Payments for authorisation – The council authorised the following payments:
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| Bramshaw Trust (Grant x 2) | 000748 | £243.63 |
| Jane Mullan (Clerk) October 2015 - | 000749 | £321.30 |
- ii) Financial Report.
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| Receipts for year to date: | £6111.32 |
| Payments for year to date: | £3972.52 |

Balance in Current Ac	£11769.63
Balance in Deposit Ac	£0.60

- iii) Grant applications from: Disability Information Services New Forest.
The council are satisfied that DIS does assist residents in Bramshaw and have agreed to award a £100 grant to them.
- iv) **Approval of BDO's Audit Conclusion.**
The Parish Council resolved to accept the result of BDO's Audit –points made noted, but no recommendations made.

131.15 Remembrance Sunday

- i) Approval of Purchase of wreath for Remembrance Sunday under Section 137.
The Council were advised by David Coates that there was no need to purchase a wreath for 2015 as the previous wreath had been retained.
- ii) Consideration of David Coates' invitation for a representative of Bramshaw Parish Council to attend the Remembrance Sunday service at St Peter's Church, Bramshaw.
Denis Shaughnessy was pleased to accept David Coates' invitation.

132.15 Consideration of report on CSG's proposed planning application for the reinstatement of Pound Bottom landfill site and:

- a) whether Bramshaw Parish Council should respond. The Council resolved they would like to respond.
- b) Bramshaw Parish Council asked the clerk to respond saying that they thought the importing of the restoration materials to be over a short of space of time as possible rather than being strung-out. They also thought it would be appropriate if WYG and CSG wrote to the houses immediately affected by the increase in traffic providing them with more information on their proposals and asking what they thought.

133.15 Consideration of reports on noise nuisance within the parish and what can the Parish Council do about it.

The Chairman read-out a letter from the occupants of Hounds Cottage who raised concerns about speeding traffic on Penn Common and noise from quad-bikes and parties.
It was agreed that:

Only NFDC had powers to deal with the noise nuisance from the quad-bikes; local residents should report such nuisances to NFDC as an when they occur.
It was unlikely that occasional parties would count as a nuisance, and that residents should accept them with some 'give and take'.
The Verderers might be able to persuade the Police to implement the speed camara on the Penn Common road, as there was a particular risk to animals given the high numbers of commoners' animals in that area.
The Clerk should contact the occupants of Hounds Cottage to ask whether there were particular times when the speeding was worst, and inform the Verderers accordingly.

134.15 Following the removal of the 30/40 mph signs on Brook Hill, consideration of whether the Parish Council purchases two new signs to indicate boundaries between Bramshaw and Brook.

Bramshaw Parish Council asked clerk to follow up with the Verderers and investigate possible costs.

- 135.15 Consideration of Items for next meeting.
Latchmore restoration
Bentley Garage

- 136.15 **Confirmation of date of next 3 Parish Council meeting.**
24th November 2015; 22nd December 2015; 26th January 2016.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm

Signed:.....

Date:

Confidential Session:

137.15 To agree minutes of the last confidential sessions.

Council resolved to raise the clerk's payscale by one point back dated to April 2015.

Clerk confirmed currently on SCP22 - £10.527 p/hr. SPC23 is £10.836 p/hr.

138.15 Finalise clerk's review.

Bramshaw Parish Council is satisfied with the pay increase for the clerk.