



**BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL
NEW FOREST, HAMPSHIRE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
24th OCTOBER 2017 AT BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL.**

Members Present:

Sally Day – Chairman (**SD**)
Martin Vann - Vice Chairman (**MV**)
Sue Bennison (**SB**)
Kay Harrison (**KH**)
David Johnston (**DJ**)
Jenny Watts (**JW**)

Others:

6 members of the public

Clerk: Ian Milsom

Action

132/17 Apologies

Absence agreed in respect of Cllr Mark Medley.

Apologies received from NFDC Cllr Diane Andrews.

133/17 Disclosures of interest.

No disclosures were made.

134/17 Minutes

It was proposed that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 26 September 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business conducted.

Resolved

135/17 Reports to be received

- i) New Forest District (NFD) Cllr Diane Andrews sent, by email, a brief update. Attending the second of three workshops this week discussing the new areas being put forward for development in the emerging Local Plan.

NFD Council has recently undergone a peer review, with executives from other councils interviewing key members of NFDC. The final report will be published soon and will be available to the public.

- ii) Councillors' reports.
MV - provided an update on broadband for Fritham. Company offering non-BT microwave technology has pulled out, claiming they have too many projects to manage.

Looked at Hyde and Frogham broadband. Another solution from British Telecom (BT) is to take a signal from the A31, rather than from Brook.

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Fritham Broadband Committee would like to ask Hampshire County Council (HCC) Broadband Team and BT to present options to parishioners at a public meeting, possibly in the New Year. Venue could be the Valetta Barn in Fritham.

MV proposed that Council, in principle, agree to host the broadband meeting and to meet the cost of the venue hire. **Resolved, subject to venue owner being approached to provide a free hire of the facility as a community project.**

Clerk/
MV

Speed signs. **MV** has contacted suppliers. Various types are available, including solar powered. Some display vehicle registration numbers. Prices range broadly from £2,500 to £3,500, plus additional installation costs and ongoing maintenance.

JW - has visited Nigel Challis (**NC**) regarding re-hanging the door on the Telephone Box at Furzley. **NC** advised that this will be completed by 12 November 2017.

SD – attended Quadrant meeting with **MV**. Nothing to report. Volunteered Bramshaw to host next meeting.

Clerk

Stocks Cross sign has been attended to.

SB Asked that starting time of Bramshaw Horticultural Society meetings be added to their entry on the parish council website

Clerk

KH highlighted issue of dragon's teeth opposite The Bell Inn. Teeth have been cut down, creating a hazard for pedestrians and animals. Solution would be to remove completely or re-instate. **MV** will speak to his neighbour about this.

MV

136/17 **Public Forum**

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

Dragon's Teeth

A parishioner raised the issue of dragon's teeth at the entrance to properties at Brook Bushes. Installed over three-years ago by Forestry Commission, at request of another parishioner, to protect grass verges. Creates a very sharp vehicle turn off the B3079, which has resulted in NFDC having to use a small pick-up truck to collect refuse from properties at this location. **SD** to contact Sandy Shaw at Forestry Commission.

Litter Bins at Nomansland

The parishioner who requested that the litter bins at Nomansland be replaced due to their poor condition, was present (with spouse) at the meeting, enabling Members to gain additional first-hand information regarding this issue.

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According to the parishioner, the litter bins are dilapidated (one missing a door), and, in her view, are beyond repair. They have jagged edges that present a hazard to visitors and forest ponies. They also allow litter to overflow on to the ground, creating a further hazard to animals, this despite occasional litter picks. There are no other litter bins in the direct vicinity.

SB has visited the site (circulated photographs of the site/bins) and agrees that the bins are dilapidated.

Planning application 17/00826

Stocks Cross House, Furzley Common Road, SO43 7JH

Proposal: Creation of Access; installation of cattle grid, close existing access

The applicants were present at the meeting and were invited to comment on their proposal.

The applicants explained that a previously application was refused due to the proposal to tarmac the entrance surface. This has now been changed to a compact surface material.

Applicants were not fully aware of the ecological aspects at first application and have taken time to consider these before submitting the current application, and in particular are releasing more grazing land than taking away. Verge outside property will be reinstated.

Applicants are aware that there are several objections based on various visual aspects. Contend that nothing much will change from existing entrance and that they have done everything possible to address the concerns raised.

137/17 Planning

To consider planning applications notified to the parish council

- i) APPLICATION NUMBER: [17/00755](#)
Round Hill Lodge, Roger Penny Way, Brook, Lyndhurst, SO43 7HG
Summerhouse

Following discussion, and acceptance that the site is not in a conservation area and the development has no adverse impact on the environment, it was proposed that Council's response be 'We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers'. **Resolved unanimously.**

Clerk

- ii) APPLICATION NUMBER: [17/00826](#)
Stocks Cross House, Furzley Common Road, SO43 7JH
Creation of Access; installation of cattle grid, close existing access

There was a wide-ranging discussion of this application, partly informed by the exchange of information under 136/17 above, and consideration of objections raised by neighbours direct with the planning authority. Specifics discussed included:

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- Grazing loss/gain
- Safety of access to new grazing created
- Cars parking on reinstated verge outside the property
- Width of new entrance/gate

DJ reminded Council that it recommended refusal of the previous application. Reasons for this, tarmac surface and safety of new entrance. Highways have now said that access is safe, the tarmac issue has been dealt with, and planners ecological concerns have been addressed.

JW thinks proposed entrance is too near to crossroads, and asked for this to be minuted.

DJ proposed that Council's response to this application be 'We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below:

No significant detriment to parish or environment. Reasonable net gain on grazing'. **Clerk**

Resolved on a vote of 4 to 2. **SB** and **JW** did not support the application.

Trees Works Applications Entered Between 01/09/17 and 30/09/17

Application CONS/17/0762

26 CANTERTON LANE, BROOK, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HF

Date Registered: 06/09/2017

Fell 1 x Beech tree

Fell 1 x Holly tree

One tree is dead, and the Holly tree is obstructing the entrance to the property.

The above application was not considered as the planning authority reached a decision on 29 September to raise no objection.

138/17 Finance, policy and administration

- i) To agree bank reconciliation

Current account balance as per bank statement dated 28 September 2017	£13,813.22
Deposit account historic balance	.60
Sub total	<u>£13,813.82</u>
Less unrepresented cheque 000802	£ 9.30
Net bank balances at 28 September 2017	<u>£13,804.52</u>
Cash book balance at 28 September 2017	<u>£13,804.52</u>

- ii) To approve cheque payments

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No cheques were approved.

139/17 Lengthsman

The following works were identified:

- Clear ditch at turning up to Bramble Hill Hotel
- Clear brambles at Burnford Bridge
- Clean road signs:
 - Furzley crossroads direction sign cluster
 - Morgan's Vale
 - By cattle grid on B3079
 - Yellow reflective sign with animal casualty data on B3079

Clerk

4 hours work

140/17 Traffic Calming – To receive a post-consultation update

MV advised that Hampshire County Council Highways (HCCH) is still in the process of analysing the responses, of which there were forty-two. Initial analysis of these indicates support for most of the recommended measures, apart from the change of junction priority in Brook.

Once the analysis is complete, HCCH will send the report with initial recommendations to the parish council for consideration. HCCH will then commission a road safety audit and cost estimate for the preferred elements, which will be subject to further consultation with the parish council. It will probably be necessary to consult, during the design stage, other parties like the New Forest National Park Authority and the Verderers on the proposals.

As HCCH would not carry out any lining work during the winter, there is a few months to finalise the scheme and consult third parties if/where required.

MV will establish when the initial traffic calming report will be completed, with a view to including this in the November 2017 meeting agenda.

MV

141/17 Furzley Telephone Box – To receive an update

Covered under 135/17 above. Work due for completion by 12 November 2017.

Clerk

142/17 Pony-proof litter bins at Nomansland

To further discuss perceived problem and to decide whether to proceed with purchase and installation.

This was discussed further in the light of information obtained from parishioner, see 136/17 above. Cost to replace the existing two litter bins with ones that are pony-proof would be £955. Issues considered were:

Who owns the existing bins?

Can the existing bins be refurbished?

Is permission from NFNPA to site new bins required?

Ongoing maintenance responsibility for replacement bins.

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A cost share with New Forest District Council (NFDC) was identified as a possible way forward. Clerk to contact NFDC and explore this, and make Verderers aware of situation.

Clerk

143/17 Meeting dates

- Confirm date of December 2017 meeting (Provisionally 19th December) Carry forward to November meeting **Clerk**
- Circulate provisional list of dates for 2018 with 28th November 2017 agenda **Clerk**

144/17 Date of next meeting and items for the agenda.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 28th November 2017.

i) Items for agenda

- Pony litter bins
- Traffic Calming.
- Furzley telephone box

Clerk

The meeting closed to the public at 8.50pm

145/17 Closed Session

To discuss clerk's terms and conditions of employment.

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