



BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL NEW FOREST, HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 January 2017, AT BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL.

Members Present:

Sue Bennison - Chairman (SB)
Sally Day (SD)
David Johnston (DJ)
Kay Harrison (KH)
Jenny Watts (JW)

Others:

Dylan Everett (National Trust)
James Taylor (National Trust)
Samantha Farrar (Bell Inn)

2 members of the public

001.17 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Martin Vann, NFDC Cllr Diane Andrews and HCC Cllr Edward Heron. The councillors accepted these.

Rachel Winter Garrett had tendered her resignation in the week prior to the meeting. The NFDC Monitoring Officer is aware and the vacancy will be advertised from 26 January 2017.

002.17 **Disclosures of interest.**

There were no disclosures of interest.

003.17 **Minutes** – to agree the minutes of 13th December 2016 as a true record. It was agreed that the main minutes of the meeting were a true record of the meeting held on 13th December 2016. However, a minor amendment required to the confidential session which was attended to after the meeting had closed to the public.

004.17 **Reports to be received**

- i) In James Taylor's (National Trust) report he advised the meeting that removal of the pylons at Hale Purlieu has only progressed as far as the design stage and there will be many opportunities for the council to provide their views and comments on any application in due course. National Grid is the lead on the project and the National Trust main aim at present is to understand what is on the table at present with regards to this work. The ground investigations are about to commence before the bird nesting season starts. Wildlife surveys have already been carried out. It is hoped that the planning application will be submitted in Spring 2018 with the work commencing in Autumn 2018 – however the final decision rests with the Secretary of State as the work is on common ground. Dylan Everett was asked to thank his team for the prompt attention to the clearing of brambles particularly at Stocks Cross – it was agreed that these locations needed to be included in the habitat management plan but if safety concerns arise again, they will obviously be dealt with as and when.

ii) Councillors' reports.

Kay Harrison expressed her concern over the drain outside of Parsonage Farm – the hinged cover is damaged and currently sticks up.

Sue Bennison reported on the NFALC meeting – notes attached to these minutes.

005.17 **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.

Andrew Tollevery asked for an update on HCC and the traffic calming – clerk advised that from what she understood Tobias Baeur was meeting with an engineer (not Steve Swaine) early next week and the preliminary design work will start once he has been briefed. HCC are aiming to have draft options for the Parish Council to consider by the end of February.

Nick Nell expressed his disappointment with the level of litter generally in the parish and the fly-tipped television in the layby close to Roundhill remains. He also asked if there was any possible way of reducing the signage in the village, with reference to Roger Penny Way.

AT also mentioned as the white-lining in the village had changed following the resurfacing work in 2016 there was a redundant road narrowing sign at Burnford Bridge.

006.17 **Planning – see Appendix 1 i) –v) for more details.**

Planning applications for comment:

i) [16/01060](#) GREEN DRAGON, BROOK, SO43 7HE.

Repair and Display of 2No. non illuminated fascia signs; 1No. illuminated hanging sign; 1No. post mounted double sided illuminated sign (Application for Advertisement Consent).

Bramshaw Parish Council resolved to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers for Sign 1, 2 and 5.

However Bramshaw Parish Council resolved to recommended refusal of sign 3, 4, 8, the unnumbered proposal to write the name Green Dragon in 500mm letters on the barn wall and to illuminate that name and the sign 4 below and the lighting of the applied lettering, from behind the lettering on the front of the listed building for the following reasons –

- The signs are unnecessary, unnecessarily large and are unnecessarily lit.
- The visual impact would be gross and detract from the appearance and character of this part of our Parish – there are 4 other listed buildings in the immediate vicinity.
- The significantly increased lighting would introduce additional light pollution into an area where there is already significant artificial light but there is still some prospect of seeing the night sky.
- Permitting additional commercial lighting in this area would be damaging both in terms of the visual impact and damage to the environment.

The council would also like to express their concern about the poorly presented application as the application is far wider than appears on the Application Form or the description of the proposal both of which refer only to 4 signs. It would appear that no consideration has been observed by the Wadworth's Building Designers to the fact that The Green Dragon main building is a Grade II listed

building (no listed building consent applied for) nor for the overall sensitivity of this rural iconic area of the New Forest.

ii) **Planning decisions to note:**

[16/00951](#) 2 Morgans Vale, Bramshaw, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JG – Cladding to an existing building. Granted subject to conditions.

[16/00793](#) - Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for use of existing outbuilding as a single dwelling. ANNEXE, 2 ROSE COTTAGE, BROOK, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HF. Still waiting decision.

iii) **Tree applications for comment:**

None at time of putting agenda together.

vi) **Tree application decisions.** –

CONS [16/1299](#) Burnford Lodge, Bramshaw – prune 4 x beech trees and fell 1 poplar tree. Raise no objections.

v) **Enforcement as per NF NPA's website on 15/01/2017 and as per list published–
Parish Enforcement**

QU/16/0135: PENN MANOR FARM (Formerly Penn Vale Farm), PENN COMMON ROAD, BRAMSHAW, SO43 7JL

Description: Habitable use of outbuilding contrary to Breach of Condition Notice (served 20 July 2012); Use of different roofing materials on conservatory (Breach of condition 3 of pp 08/93170); Creation of additional bedroom in the roof of the dwelling contrary to S106 agreement; Use of French doors rather than window in first floor rear elevation.

Case Status: **Closed** as regarded as non-expedient to follow further

007.17 Finance and policy

i) Payments for authorisation – at Appendix 2.

The following payments were authorized and cheques signed.

Jane Mullan (Clerk) January 2017 -

Salary	£273.50
Home office monthly charge	£ 5.00
Mileage –	£ 5.00
Plus extra hours:	
October 11.5 hrs x £10.94	£125.81
November were 7.5 hrs x £10.94	<u>£ 82.05</u>

Chq No 000785 £491.36

Society of Local Council Clerks subscription

Chq No 000786 £118.00

- ii) Financial Report.

Income -	£ 7120.00.
Expenditure -	£ 5094.74
Bank Balance	£10987.84
- iii) Confirmation and approval of clerk attending Transparency Code training on 6 February 2017 at a cost of £15.00 plus VAT.
Council confirmed that they were happy for the clerk to attend this course.
- iv) To consider applying for a grant from the Transparency Code Fund to purchase a new computer, printer and scanner to enable Bramshaw PC more readily meet its obligations under the code.
The council resolved to ask the clerk to progress this ASAP.
- v) Grant application from St Peters Church for assistance towards maintaining the church yard.
The Council resolved to give St Peters Church a grant of £250 towards the church yard maintenance providing the parochial church council reconsidered placing the plaque for Aleen Cust – Jenny Watts to write letter for clerk to send to Church warden expressing this.

008.17 Presentation by Samantha Farrar, the Marketing and PR Manager at the Bell Inn, and her proposals as to how the Bell Inn and the parish council could work together.

The Bell Inn wishes to work more closely with the parish and its residents and the proposals put forward by Samantha were:

- i) Providing the council with relevant and information copy about events/news about The Bell Inn/Bramshaw Golf Club to be included in your newsletters/online in the Bramshaw Telegraph.
- ii) To see if the Bell Inn can have a Parish Council noticeboard at the Inn to place outside to promote events/menus and if there's a cost associated with this.

The council agreed for her to send a programme of events to the clerk so that it could be included in the Bramshaw Telegraph. They asked the clerk to try and find out whether the notice board was something we were legally allowed to do, but in the interim suggested that they utilised the unlocked side of the double notice boards at The Royal Oak, Stocks Cross and the Village Shop.

009.17 Update to be provided by Mark Medley on the Parish Council email and website requirements.

To improve the website (and not have HugoFox appear when accessing the site) would have cost implications – the current arrangement is free. The council agreed to remain with this set up for the time being.

010.17 To consider the report by Sally Day regarding the Hounsdown School bus collection from Fritham.

The parish council resolved to accept Sally Day's proposal that the Parish Council write to the appropriate department at HCC supporting the parent's request for a review and also requesting a copy of the full report of the Inspector. Also to write a second letter to Hounsdown School over the late bus, and that she draft the letters for the clerk to send on the council behalf.

011.17 To consider councillors training requirements regarding HALC's training session on 8 March 2017, Councillor Development: The Knowledge & Core Skills.

The council confirmed their agreement that this course was worthwhile and that if possible Sally Day should attend.

012.17 To consider whether the parish council wish to take up the New Forest Associations' offer of free affiliate membership of the Association.

Bramshaw Parish Council resolved not to take up this offer.

013.17 To consider whether the parish council wish to take up a possible grant from the Small Grants Scheme to refurbish the 'green lane' behind Brook Bungalows".

Bramshaw Parish Council are of the view that this drift way should be maintained by the Forestry Commission and duly instruct the clerk to advise them accordingly.

014.17 Latest updates on:

Traffic Calming – see earlier in the minutes (public forum).

Bramble clearing – bulk of the work done for now – both Forestry Commission and National Trust have confirmed that we are now part of a 3 year rolling maintenance programme, but should any brambles need cutting for safety reasons, they will attend to them.

Furzley Telephone box – door received and in the process of being reglazed and painted.

Recruitment – clerk to place adverts in local shops, Minstead Mail, Horizon, Bramshaw Telegraph.

Lengthsman scheme – list now includes cleaning of signs, cleaning notice boards, clear the brambles opposite the Green Dragon – need to agree a date for next visit.

015.17 Consideration of items for next meeting.

Interview procedure.

016.17 Confirmation of date of next 3 Parish Council meeting.

28th February 2017; 28th March 2017; 25th April 2017.

Meeting closed to the public at 9.36 pm.

Signed: Dated:

