



BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL NEW FOREST HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016, AT BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL.

Members Present:

Sue Bennison - Chairman (SB)
Sally Day (SD)
David Johnston (DJ)
Kay Harrison (KH)
Martin Vann (MV)
Jenny Watts (JW)
Rachel Winter Garrett (RWG)

Others:

Cllr Edward Heron

4 members of the public

170.16 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Cllr Diane Andrews (NFDC).

171.16 **Disclosures of interest.** There were no disclosures of interested.

172.16 **Minutes** – to agree the minutes of 22nd November 2016 as a true record.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on 22nd November 2016 and were duly signed by the chairman.

173.16 **Reports to be received.**

i) Cllr Edward Heron advised the meeting on the outcomes of the consultation on devolution in Hampshire, which clearly shows that there is no great appetite for change to the existing local government model and no appetite for adding another tier of local government, bringing with it more expense and bureaucracy and without benefit to the delivery of services. . The primary aim of all partners must be to ensure that good services are maintained across the whole area of Hampshire. The economic pressures and the strain on local government funding will continue and the focus going forward must be to look at how these pressures can be coped with whilst maintaining the delivery of good services. Working together with the other public sector partners such as health with the emerging Hampshire-wide STP, with the Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and with the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service is paramount to concentrate on delivering the best services possible

ii) Councillors' reports.

Kay Harrison asked where to get the 'Dog on Lead' signs for footpaths – Cllr Edward Heron advised that they were available through Sam Jones at Hampshire County Council's access department.

174.16 **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.

Mr Hampton provided an email as to why the Rosary Garage application had been withdrawn – apparently due to adverse comments made by the Council during the Max Holmes presentation at the last meeting.

Mr Hampton also raised his concern over the fireworks from Fountain Court on 10 December 2016 – Mr Reynolds also commented on this, and the clerk advised she had received several telephone calls in this regard.

David Coates let the meeting know that he would be making a grant application early in the new year on behalf of the church for monies towards the maintenance of the church yard – this costs approximately £3000 per annum to maintain and was available for any resident of the parish to be buried in whether they were a church goer or not.

Andrew Tollevey expressed his concern that the council appeared to be making decisions that would affect the whole parish with regards to traffic calming, without following the proper procedure and advertising them on the agenda. The clerk explained that the agenda is prepared in the week prior to the meeting, and the council is legally bound to post/publish the agenda a minimum of 3 working days prior to the meeting. On the question of the recent meeting held between Hampshire County Council's engineers, Cllr Edward Heron, Sue Bennison and Martin Vann, the date had not been agreed prior to the preparation of the agenda, hence the reason that Martin Vann only provided a report on the meeting under the item 157.16 iii) Councillor's reports rather than it being an agenda item. The council is very aware that no decision can be made on anything unless the item has been advertised on the agenda. There is an item on traffic calming in this meeting (13/12/2016).

Peter Reynolds commended the council with regards to the Latchmore application and in assisting in the NPA committee decision to refer the application to the Secretary of State with a recommendation to refuse the application.

175.16 Planning –

i) **Applications to comment on:**

[16/00951](#) 2 Morgans Vale, Bramshaw, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JG – Cladding to an existing building. Bramshaw Parish Council resolved to recommend Permission be granted because they believe the appearance of the roof will be improved, with the substitution of dark slate for green Onduline and feather edge timber cladding is used throughout the forest and is probably more in keeping with the character of the building than the open car port, but the Council would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority under their delegated powers.

i) **Planning applications to note.**

[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. No response from the NPA website at time of putting agenda together.

LATCHMORE RESTORATION

Ref No 16/00571 – Wetland restoration comprising the restoration of meanders, bed level raising (including the main channel, tributaries and side drains), channel infill (including parts of the existing main channel) tributaries and side drains); removal of spoil banks, trees, scrub and vegetation; installation of debris dams; repair of knickpoints; installation of three culvert crossings and the construction and/or replacement of a total of three vehicle and 12 pedestrian fords on the line of the restored watercourse. (Refused).

iii) **Tree applications for comment.**

CONS [16/1299](#) Burnford Lodge, Bramshaw – prune 4 x beech trees and fell 1 poplar tree. Bramshaw Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

iv) **Tree applications to note:**

[CONS/16/1199](#) **BURNFORD LODGE, Bramshaw** – proposal – Fell 1 beech tree. Application withdrawn.

[CONS/16/0961](#) Prune 1 x fir tree, fell 1 x willow tree, prune 1 x liquid amber tree, prune 1 x weeping lime tree, prune x white poplar tree. GARDEN COTTAGE, FRITHAM COURT, FRITHAM. Raise no objections.

[CONS 16/0970](#) Fell 1 x ash tree. HEATHERDENE, FURZLEY LANE, FURZLEY, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JJ. Raise no objections.

[CONS 16/0979](#) Prune 1 x silver birch. 2 BUTCHERS CORNER, BRAMSHAW, SO43 7JLB. Raise no objections.

176.16 **Finance and policy**

i) Payments for authorisation

The council resolved to approve to pay the following cheques:

Jane Mullan (Clerk) – Salary and expenses for December 2016 – chq 00084 – £283.50

ii) Financial Report.

Spent – £4485.38

Received - £6620.00

Balance – £11097.20

iii) To agree budget and set precept for 2017-18

On the basis of the budget (as per attached) the council resolved to set the precept at £6750.00 for the year 2017-18. This amounts to an increase of approximately 2% from last year – (£6620.00).

177.16 **To consider report by Martin Vann on traffic calming** in Bramshaw and resolve to approve the inclusion with in the 2017-18 budget an allowance of £1000 towards the design stage and £1000 towards the construction stage.

The Council resolved to contribute £1000 towards an evaluation by HCC Highways of traffic calming options for Bramshaw. They further resolved, providing the evaluation reveals potentially viable options, these would be subject to a public consultation within the parish before an implementation. If a decision is then made to proceed with any traffic calming measures, the council would contribute a further £1000 to the implementation.

The council asked the clerk to write to Tobias Bauer at HCC and include the following points in the email:

The proposed objectives for any traffic calming measures include:

- Minimising the impact of vehicle generated noise on local residents
- Preserving safe access to properties
- Reducing the animal casualty rate
- Reducing the number of vehicles using this route as a 'rat run' to bypass more obvious major routes
- Creating a safe environment for appropriate use of a rural road by diverse parties – including pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders

- Preserving the rural visual aspect of our environment
- Preserving safe access by all vehicle types, including emergency vehicles, farm equipment, livestock trailers, motorhomes and towed caravans

178.16 **To consider report by Sally Day on the ‘Battle of the Brambles’ and resolve to approve her recommendations for ongoing work to be included in the maintenance plan for the parish plan.** Item carried forward to next meeting.

179.16 **To consider report by Sally Day on the changes to the school bus route and children now being dropped at the wrong end of Fritham Village leaving them to walk dangerous unlit roads and resolve to adopt her recommendations** – Item will be discussed at a future date.

180.16 **To resolve to support the Bramshaw Village Hall Trustees in their plans to install a new kitchen in the village hall and application for a grant from Hampshire County Council.**

Following the recent award of a grant from Hampshire County Council towards the refurbishing of the village hall kitchen, one of the conditions of the grant award is that the Trust match fund the grant. The Trust has appealed to all residents and business in the parish for their support, but should there still be a shortfall, they will have to apply for a loan and it is in this respect the Trust are looking for the Parish Council’s letter of support. The Council resolved to provide the letter confirming their support and asked the clerk to action.

181.16 **Consideration and resolving to adopt recommendations made by Mark Medley with regards to Parish Council website, emails and the Bramshaw Telegraph** – Item will be discussed at a future date.

182.16 **Consideration of how to find a new clerk.**

The council resolved to advertise in Bramshaw Telegraph, Horizon, on Hampshire Association of Local Council’s website, CPALC (via David Johnston).

183.16 **Consideration of Items for meeting on 24th January 2017.**

Lengthsman

National Grid undergrounding of the high voltage line at Hale Purlieu.

Traffic calming

Bramble clearing.

184.16 **Confirmation of dates of future meetings.**

The Council resolved to hold the meeting in January 2017 on WEDNESDAY 25th. Thereafter meetings will revert to the 4th Tuesday in the month as follows.

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

Meeting closed to the public at 9.30 pm.

Signed: Dated:

Confidential Session.

185.16 Clerk’s Annual Review.

The clerk left the meeting whilst the topic was discussed.

The Council agreed:

1. To pay the clerk for the extra hours in line with October and November time sheets
2. The clerk is to continue keeping time sheets for the forthcoming months so any extra hours are paid for.
3. Chairman to sign each timesheet to confirm payment has been made.
4. Scale rate to remain the same for the coming year.