



BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL NEW FOREST, HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017, AT BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL.

Members Present:

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

Others:

HCC Edward Heron
NFDC Cllr Diane Andrews.

2 members of the public

093.17 Apologies – to agree any absences of councillors.

Apologies had been received from Kay Harrison and Mark Medley. These were all accepted.

094.17 Minutes – to agree the minutes of parish council meeting held on 27 June 2017 as a true record. Apart from the need to change the date to Tuesday 27 June 2017 rather than Wednesday 25 April 2017, it was agreed that they were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

095.17. To appoint parish representatives for the following:

The following were agreed by the council.

Bramshaw Parish Representatives 2017	
Bramshaw Village Hall Trust	Martin Vann
New Forest Association of Local Councils (NFALC)	Sally Day and Martin Vann
New Forest Consultative Panel	Sue Bennison
Police Liaison	Whole Council
Footpaths and rights of way.	Sally Day & Jenny Watts
Bramshaw Telegraph	Clerk & Mark Meledy
Bramshaw Parish Council Website	Mark Meledy
Lengthsman	Kay Harrison
Planning	David Johnston
NE Quadrant	Whole Council
Highways	Sue Bennison
Utilities.	Whole Council

096.17 Disclosures of interest.

There were no disclosures of interest.

097.17 Reports to be received

- i) HCC Cllr Edward Heron – reported that HCC worked on a two year spending cycle and would be required to make savings of £140M in 2018/19. This was in response to a reduction in grant allocation from central government and the increase in the cost of adult social care. He said he felt that adult social care and children’s services should always be important priorities. He also urged everyone at the meeting to complete Hampshire County Council’s consultation on balancing the budget – closing date 21 August 2017.

He was also asked several questions about the funding of any proposed traffic calming scheme in Bramshaw (subject to approval by residents and HCC) – he confirmed that if works were agreed to but the HCC were unable to implement any such works this financial year, the money would be rolled forward to the year 2018/19 but not after that.

He also confirmed that any proposals currently put forward by Tobias Bauer were not part of the scheme that might be implemented in the future on the B3078 between Fordingbridge and Junction 1 of the M27.

The new highways contractor, Skanska will be commencing on 1 August 2017 . They have a different piece of equipment to deal with pothole repairs – the ‘Dragon Patcher’ – it uses flames to de-ice or dry out potholes in cold or wet weather. It then cleans the road surface with compressed air and seals the pothole with a stone mix and hot bitumen emulsion, all in double-quick time and up to five times faster than traditional methods of fixing potholes, as well as being cheaper and safer.

- ii) NFDC Cllr Diane Andrews – nothing to report.

- iii) Councillors’ reports.

Jenny Watts confirmed that the Village Hall kitchen was now complete and there would be an official opening later in the year.

Sue Bennison advised she had attended the New Forest Transport Forum and asked if the clerk could put a link from Bramshaw PC’s website to the following documents/forums.

A Guide to Concessionary Travel as produced by HCC.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Older Drivers Forum.

Fritham Taxi Share.

She had also attended the Green Halo Partnership meeting at New Forest National Park District Council – their vision is to be a global exemplar of how our most precious landscapes can work in harmony with a thriving, economically successful community.

Cllr Edward Heron expanded on the Green Halo’s aims - They take as their starting point the natural environment and the benefits that the flora and fauna, watercourses and landscapes of the New Forest National Park provides – its natural capital and ecosystem services. These help clean the air, provide fresh water and natural food supplies, and benefit both the economy and the health and wellbeing. Then they ask themselves how they can ensure that natural capital is not eroded and can therefore help meet the needs of the economy and communities, for mutual benefit. They want to ensure that the value of ecosystems services is recognised, and they are protected and improved but they are also aiming to bring together businesses, universities, charities and communities to ensure the world class environment in and around

New Forest National Park flourishes as an integral part of our wider area's thriving economy and society. Their ambition is not constrained by administrative boundaries, opportunities can come from all areas and all sectors in and around the National Park – hence the Green Halo.

Martin Vann brought the meeting up to date with the current situation with regards to the Fritham Broadband – Nigel Gardiner and Colin Paine will meet with BT to review the technical and costing of BT's proposal and how they then establish a company and move forward from there.

098.17 **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 Tolervey confirmed he had been in contacted with Tobias Bauer with regards to the use of average speed cameras on the B3079 as a traffic calming measure and understands that this has been rejected by HCC on costs grounds. It was explained to him that the purpose of proposed traffic calming measure through Bramshaw was to try and reduce the volume of traffic using it as a rat run between the A36 and Junction 1 of the M27 by making the route slower and more difficult than going the long route. If less traffic uses the road, then the likelihood of animal casualties reduces.

Colin Barnes also expressed his concern over the speed of traffic and that he thought pinch points/speed humps would assist particularly along Penn Common Road.

099.17 **Planning –**

i) **Planning for comment**

[17/00576](#) – Bell Inn & Bramshaw Golf Club, Lyndhurst Road, Brook, SO43 7HE - Office building; timber clad store (Application for Non Material Amendment to planning permission 16/00367) – For information purposes only.

ii) **Planning decisions to note:**

[17/00383](#) Land of Harley Lane, Penn Common Bramshaw.

Change of use of land to equestrian use; stables / office and carriage storage building, manege; temporary siting of mobile home for residential accommodation a period of three years. Refuse.

[17/00380](#) YEW TREE HOUSE, FRITHAM, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HH

Single storey rear extension; porch. Grant.

iii) **Tree Applications decisions to note.**

[CONS 17/00463](#) BLOOD OAKS FARM, LYNDHURST ROAD, WYCH GREEN, BRAMSHAW< SO43 7JF
Proposal – Fell 1 x group of ash trees, and Lawson Fir trees. Prune 3 x ash trees. Fell 2 x Ash trees.
Raise no objection.

[CONS/17/0485](#) EYEWORTH LODGE, EYEWORTH, FRITHAM, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HJ Prune 1 Oak
Tree. Raise no objection

iv) **Enforcement**

		NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY ENFORCEMENT CONTROL Enforcement Parish List for Bramshaw 03 July 2017	
Case Number:	QU/17/0095	Case Officer:	Lucie Cooper
Date Received:	5/5/2017	Type of Breach:	Unauthorised Change Of Use (other)
Location:	Field in Lyndhurst Road, Wych Green, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst		
Description:	Recreational horse keeping		
Case Status:	Request made to cease breach	Priority:	Standard
Case Number:	QU/17/0086	Case Officer:	Lucie Cooper
Date Received:	18/4/2017	Type of Breach:	Multiple Concerns
Location:	KINGS GARN COTTAGE, FRITHAM COURT, FRITHAM, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HH		
Description:	Extension to dwelling: Field shelter		
Case Status:	Initial Site Visit Carried Out	Priority:	Standard

100.17 **Finance and policy**

i) **Payments for authorisation –**

Jane Mullan Locum Clerk – 20 hrs at £20.00 000803 £440

ii) **Financial Report.**

Income for year to date:	£4079.65
Expenditure for year to date:	£3059.81
Bank Balance	£11113.92

101.17 **Short presentation by Lee Hullin National Trust Lead Ranger** on upcoming forestry operations on the Bramshaw Commons and Restoration work at Stagbury Hill

Lee Hullin explained that as the New Forest Northern Commons are designated as Special Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSI) and are fantastic examples of outstanding lowland heathland and mire habitats supporting some of Europe’s rarest wildlife and the commons are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) the National Trust must undertake the proposed felling work to comply with their duty to maintain the common under ‘favourable’ status as part of their SSSI Higher Level Stewardship agreement. This work will reduce the density of the seed bearing trees, in particular Turkey Oak whose saplings threaten the fragile open heathland habitats; allowing regrowth of grasses and scrub, increasing bio-diversity. In the long term, insect, reptile and bird life will benefit from these works as well as increasing the grazing potential for the area.

Forestry operations will be carried out during the Autumn and Winter months of 2017-18. It will be undertaken by professional contractors supported by our own staff. The commons will of course remain open access to all, however temporary signage will be erected in work areas to notify visitors. Temporary exclusion zones may be set up for visitor safety when large harvester machines are in operation.

Stagbury Hill provides an impressive viewpoint on Furzley Common, it is protected as a Schedule Ancient Monument due to the complex of ancient Bronze Age burial mounds dating back to around

1500 BC, mixed with ancient trackways, medieval rabbit warrens and a more modern Ordnance Survey trig point. Currently this feature is on Historic England's 'Heritage at Risk register due to worsening erosion – something that the National Trust, a heritage organisation, want to rectify sympathetically.

So the National Trust are holding a Community Day on 29 July 2017 to anyone who is interested in Stagbury hill and the upcoming work to help protect this ancient historical feature.

102.17 Land at Harley Lane – Consideration of email from Mr Finnegan addressed to David Johnston dated 5th July 2017.

The Council resolved for David Johnson to reply to Mr Finnegan stating that while any future planning application will be considered fully on its merits and in light of all information provided, on present information Council members would not be inclined to support proposals for development of the agricultural land off Harley Lane.

103.17 Pothole repair in Fritham -Consideration of report on recent pothole repairs undertaken in Fritham and whether they have been repaired appropriately.

It was resolved for Sue Bennison to send photos of the pot holes in question which run from the junction of the road by the nursing home to the phone box, to Cllr Edward Heron.

104.17 To consider and review draft response prepared by Sue Bennison with regards to the overall rationale for managing recreation across the whole of the New Forest and surrounding areas, and to guide the development of revised and prioritised actions. (Consultation runs from 19 June to 13 August).

It was resolved that the Council has a whole would not respond, but that councillors and other residents in Bramshaw should respond individually if they so wished.

105.17 To consider whether Bramshaw Parish Council wishes to respond to Hampshire County Council's [consultation on balancing the budget](#) . (Consultation runs from 3 July to 21 August 2017).

It was resolved that the Council has a whole would not respond, but that councillors and other residents in Bramshaw should respond individually if they so wished

106.17 Update on:

Traffic Consultation and final details.

Tobias Baeur has advised that every consultation for a HCC-funded scheme needs to follow a certain format to ensure that comments are recorded in a consistent way and that the exhibition materials are legible. It also ensures that the decision making process can be linked back to the consultation outcomes. It is hoped that the first consultation will take place on Tuesday 22nd August 2017 at 6.30 pm prior to the Council meeting with a second consultation on Saturday 26th August between 2pm and 5pm. The consultation needs to be advertised for two weeks prior to the exhibition and must run for 6 weeks.

John Thorpe is intending to attend both meetings.

Lengthsman had visited today (23rd July) and had carried out these jobs.

1. Clear ditch to right hand side of drive up Bramble Hill Hotel drive.
2. Clear grips from Bramshaw Garage to Parsonage Farm.
3. Cleaned some of the road signs.
4. Clear brambles etc around seats, bus stops and litter bins in village.
5. Clear gully at Rufus Stone road junction with B3078/9.
6. Clear brambles at Roger Penny Junction with Brook Hill.
7. Clear the nettles and brambles which have overgrown the ditch along the roadside half way down Row Hill

Furzley Phone box. No contact has successfully been made with Nigel Challis – clerk to try again.

Fritham school bus. No change at present.

107.17 Confirmation of dates of future meetings.

22nd August 2017, 26th September 2017, 24th October 2017

108.17 Items for next meeting.

Formalising appointment of new clerk.

Closed Session

109.17 – Review of applicants for post of new clerk.

Meeting closes to public – 9.00 pm

Signed: Dated:

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

109.17 – Review of applicants for post of new clerk.

To date only one applicant – if the situation remains the same it was resolved that:
Sally Day and Jenny Watts interview Lucy Pope and, subject to the outcome of that interview to offer her the position on terms no better than those enjoyed by Jane when she was our permanent clerk.

Meeting closed 9.20 pm

Signed: Dated: