



## BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL NEW FOREST, HAMPSHIRE

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

**Members Present:**

Martin Vann - Vice Chairman (MV)  
Sue Bennison (SB)  
David Johnston (DJ)  
Mark Medley (MM)

**Others:**

HCC Cllr Edward Heron  
NFDC Cllr Diane Andrews.

23 member of the public

078.17 Apologies – to agree any absences of councillors.

Apologies were received and accepted from Sally Day, Kay Harrison and Jenny Watts.

079.17 Minutes – to agree the minutes of parish council meeting held on 23 May 2017 as a true record.  
The council agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on 23 May 2017 and Martin Vann acting as chairman of the meeting duly signed them.

080.17. To appoint parish representatives for the following:

- Bramshaw Village Hall Trust
- New Forest Association of Local Councils (NFALC)
- New Forest Consultative Panel
- Police Liaison
- Footpaths and rights of way.
- Bramshaw Telegraph
- Bramshaw Parish Council Website
- Lengthsman
- Planning
- NE Quadrant
- Highways
- Utilities.

This item was deferred to the July meeting as it was hoped that more of the council would be able to attend on 25 July 2017.

081.17 **Disclosures of interest.**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**082.17 Reports to be received**

- i) Cllr Heron(HCC) emphasised the importance of individuals making a response to the NPA Recreational Strategy consultation that has just gone public and will remain so until 13 August 2017.
- ii) NFDC Cllr Diane Andrews reported on:
- Her recent activities on behalf of NFDC – with Community 1<sup>st</sup> New Forest and with Citizens Advice Bureau; also her inspection of public conveniences.
  - Charitable support organisations such as Community 1<sup>st</sup> and CAB are moving from face-to-face to online advice, a change that is being resisted by some of the older volunteers. Also their method of funding is changing from grants to a partnership.
  - Copythorne PC's meetings are going to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in future which will make it easier for Cllr Andrews to attend our meetings.
  - Copythorne PC has relinquished to NPA responsibility for plans for new housing
- iii) Councillors' reports.
- Firstly no one from Bramshaw Parish Council had been available to attend the recent NPA Quadrant meeting.
- MV confirmed that at last BT had come forward with a technical proposals and cost for the Fritham Broadband – HCCC and Fritham would have to find some £85000 split 50/50 between them as their contribution to the scheme.

**083.17 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.

With regards to drawing up off a proposed traffic calming scheme, Andrew Tolverly requested that when any proposals went to the public consultation he wanted to ensure that any benefits, disbenefits and recommendation for average speed cameras in Bramshaw were included.

**084.17 Planning –**

- **Planning applications for comment:**  
[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. (28 June 2017).

Bramshaw Parish Council resolved to recommend refusal of the above application for the following reasons:

The Application Site deserves the highest protection from development and this application is to allow development for the creation of a commercial establishment on an agricultural piece of land, in a conservation area which is in the very quietest part of the Forest. This commercial development could be sited anywhere in the Forest using existing buildings that are fit for purpose and already has adequate sustainable access to the highway.

- The proposed development will be harmful in that:

a) The character of the landscape would be irretrievably altered by the proposed development  
b) The historic landscape will be destroyed by the construction of large barns, school and hardstanding, the division of the paddocks into small post and rail fenced enclosures and the provision of on-site accommodation. c) The tranquility of the area will be harmed. Despite the Application's suggestion that this would not be the case. Any facility of this nature and size will attract visitors and the application shows the intention to incorporate office and reception areas, so visitors are to be encouraged. There will be frequent traffic to and from the site by the staff required to care for 10 large carriage horses that will predominantly be stabled, requiring attention from 6 am to 8 pm at least, on a daily basis. Then there are the HGV movements required for supplies of hay, bedding materials and bagged feed supplies. There will also be the requirement for regular visits from the farrier and vet with all these vehicle movements being in addition to the vehicle movements required for the regular carriage trips, not just when the carriages are pulled by the horses.

The application only allows for 2 parking places, this is clearly insufficient for the number and types of vehicles that will regularly visit the site.

Harley Lane is just a narrow gravel track at present used by two residential properties, the surface will not sustain this amount of traffic that this application will attract if granted.

d) The scheme involves the loss of grazing that would otherwise be available to forest ponies and other stock

e) What is left of the pasture after the building development will be used for grazing ten large horses brought into the area. The area of land available is insufficient to support such heavy useage (as pointed out by the National Trust and others) which will lead to the land being damaged, heavily poached at times, over fertilized to sustain grass production with the resultant nitrate run off problems and increased traffic to deliver feed to site.

f) Light pollution is inevitable, damaging irretrievably the dark skies in that part of the Forest

g) Ecological damage is inevitable as outlined in detail by the National Trust

h) No consideration has been given to the run off from the muck heaps that will accumulate as a result of 10 large horses being housed daily nor for the run off from any required washdown area for the carriages and horses. It is likely that this water will be contaminated with chemicals and detergents which will contaminate the surrounding land.

- Under no circumstances should permission be granted to position a mobile home (or any accommodation unit) on this precious site which will be the first step to another planning application for a permanent dwelling on site. Bramshaw Parish Council has only just been successful in gaining the removal of a mobile home on an agricultural piece of land at Dazel Meadow which took some 18 years and 2 Appeal Inspectors reports.

Bramshaw Parish Council does not accept that any need for an equine worker to reside on site has been established. Further, an equine worker is not an agricultural worker (except in very narrow circumstances that do not apply here) and the established law relating to housing and temporary housing for necessary agricultural workers should not be extended to include equine workers in an establishment such as that proposed.

- The Parish Council does not believe the proposed development to be sustainable.
- The Plan will be damaging to the heritage of the site and the Forest generally. This heritage is based on a commoning tradition in which few now partake but which benefits us all. Thousands of ponies roam the forest, with other stock, under the care of Commoners supported by the Verderers and other forest servants. This heritage is not served well by building on this precious site a large barn housing ten heavy horses, solarium, staff room, sand school, intense localized grazing and small post and rail fenced paddocks. The suggestion that this loss will be ameliorated by establishing a base for a small-scale carriage service carrying a few tourists between a few forest pubs in the summer months is fanciful.
- There is a real risk that this proposal is little more than cover for a scheme to develop this protected agricultural land into a high value equestrian property. The applicant has previously bought agricultural land and through successive planning applications obtaining separate dwelling rights for three equestrian workers, no doubt at significant financial gain. (see the development history at the property known as Eight Acres, Upton Lane, Nursling, Nursling and Rownhams. This might most easily be approached from the Test Valley Borough Council's application 14/02644/Fulls which relates to the successful appeal allowing permission (retrospectively) for two equestrian workers dwellings)

Bramshaw Parish Council is of the view that this application contravenes the first statutory purpose of the National Park which is to "Conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Park" and must be objected to in the strongest possible terms and be refused. Our recommendation represents the overwhelming opinion of neighbours and Bramshaw parishioners, as also evidenced by the number of subscribers to the petition objecting to this proposal.

[17/00380](#) YEW TREE HOUSE, FRITHAM, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HH  
Single storey rear extension; porch. ((19 June 2017 – EOT granted).

Bramshaw Parish Council have resolved to recommend permission be granted because they believe the proposed extension to be modest, in keeping with the existing building, and not visible from the road.

- **Planning decisions to note:**  
None to note.



**NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**  
**ENFORCEMENT CONTROL**  
Enforcement Parish List for Bramshaw  
31 May 2017

<b>Case Number:</b>	QU/17/0095	<b>Case Officer:</b>	Lucie Cooper
<b>Date Received:</b>	5/5/2017	<b>Type of Breach:</b>	Unauthorised Change Of Use (other)
<b>Location:</b>	Field in Lyndhurst Road, Wych Green, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst		
<b>Description:</b>	Unauthorised change of use - Recreational horsekeeping		
<b>Case Status:</b>	Complaint Acknowledged	<b>Priority:</b>	Standard

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<b>Case Number:</b>	QU/17/0086	<b>Case Officer:</b>	Lucie Cooper
<b>Date Received:</b>	18/4/2017	<b>Type of Breach:</b>	Multiple Concerns
<b>Location:</b>	KINGS GARN COTTAGE, FRITHAM COURT, FRITHAM, LYNDHURST, SO43 7HH		
<b>Description:</b>	Extension to dwelling; Field shelter		
<b>Case Status:</b>	Complaint Acknowledged	<b>Priority:</b>	Standard

**085.17 Finance and policy**

- i) Payments for authorisation –  
The following payments were approved for payment.

HALC	Training course for clerk	000800	£90.00
Lisa Higgins (Clerk)	Hours to 19 June 2017	008001	£9.30
Jane Mullan	Laptop, printer and software	000802	£534.92

- ii) Financial Report.

Income to date - £4079.65  
Expenditure to date - £2659.81  
Balance - £11413.92

**086.17 To consider Martin Vann's and Mark Medley's proposal on how to conduct the traffic calming consultation.**

It was agreed that the report prepared by Tobias Baeur was a good one and the proposals put forward were worthy further discussion.  
Martin Vann and Mark Medley suggestion that the required parish consultation should be advertised on the website, via the Bramshaw Telegraph with hard copies being

posted on the notice boards, phone boxes and in the village shop. They also recommended that there should be two consultation meetings – one prior to the next parish council meeting and one on Saturday 29 July (Subject to availability at the hall). They also proposed that Tobias should be asked if he were able to attend either or both sessions and it would be beneficial for him to give his presentation to the public at each session.

Following the consultations and analysis of the feedback from them, a report would be presented to the parish council.

The council resolved to follow this course of action subject to the room availability at the hall.

- 087.17 To consider invitation from the New Forest Green Halo Project for a parish councillor to attend their presentation on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017.  
The council resolved to ask those councillors not at this meeting if any of them wished to attend the HALO meeting with Sue Bennison.

- 088.17 To consider whether Bramshaw Parish Council wishes to respond to the initial 'call for views' asking people about 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), and if so nominate a councillor to review the documentation and provide a draft response for further discussion at the July 2017 Parish Council meeting.

The parish council resolved to nominate Sue Bennison to look at the document and report back to the next meeting on the contents of the document. A decision will then be made as to whether the council should be responding to the consultation and representing the views of all the residents of the parish or whether it would be better to respond individually.

- 089.17 Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer vacancy. – Moved to after the public had left the meeting.
- a) Way forward to find a clerk/RFO following resignation of newly appointed clerk.
  - b) In interim, confirmation of appoint previous clerk, to act as locum clerk and agree hours required to work and rate of pay.

- 090.17 Update on:

Lengthsman – possible dates of visit.

Clerk to follow up and get a date from Kevin Bennett as to when he would be available.

Furzley Phone box

Door still not hung, and no recent update from Nigel Challis but SB will endeavour to find out what is going on.

**091.17 Confirmation of dates of future meetings.**

25 July 2017, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**092.17 Items for next meeting.**

Attendance by National Trust Ranger, Jake White.

Traffic calming

NPA Consultation

Meeting closes to public – 9.08 pm

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

Confidential Session –

Only Available to Councillors.