



# Bramshaw Parish Council New Forest Hampshire

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7:30pm  
Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)**

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Present:-

Councillors: Mark Medley (MM), Martin Vann - Vice-Chair (MV), Adam Coutts (AC), Kay Harrison (KH), Sue Bennison (SB) and Carl Seabourne (CS), Cllr Derek Tipp (Hampshire County Councillor), Gemma Hinchliffe (Parish Clerk).

**78/23**            **Apologies for Absence:** None

**79/23**            **Declarations of interest:** None

**80/23**            Consideration of approval of the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June and the EGM held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Minutes approved.

**81/23**            **Public Forum**

Discussed at point 85/23, Fly Tipping.

**82/23**            **Report from NFDC**

Cllr Tipp addressed the meeting, highlighting a Grant available to Parishes. The Grant is there to benefit the people of the Parish. For example, to update facilities, special events within the Parish. All requests are considered.

Cllr Tipp also spoke about The Rural Fund, highlighting the support available to Parishes. Deadline of application was unknown and will be advised at a later date.

Finally, Cllr Tipp highlighted the NFDC Business Partnership Awards scheme for businesses in the area, also he spoke about the New Forest Park sustainable Business Award, (National Park Award). All these awards and grants are open to applications.

Cllr Tipp addressed the issue of Fly Tipping, (85/23) later during the meeting.

**83/23**            **Planning**

To consider planning applications received and resolve on recommendations to be made to New Forest National Park Authority (see Appendix A).

Due to the nature of the planning application, the Councillors agreed to take the advice of the Tree Officer in charge of the application.

Resolved: no further action.

84/23

**Finance**

Payee	Detail	Amount £	Method
G Hinchliffe	Room hire	£22.00	Cheque 000914

Cheques were signed by Cllr Vann and Cllr Bennison both of whom are signatories on the Parish Account.

We discussed the need to add Cllr Medley as a signatory and remove a previous Councillor who is no longer in office. It was also agreed that we to amend the correspondence address, so correspondence and statements are sent to Gemma Hinchliffe, the new Parish Clerk.

Action: GH to contact the bank and request mandates and a change of correspondence address.

85/23

**Flying tipping at Brook – update provided by Cllr Sue Bennison.**

Cllr Bennison addressed the meeting. Cllr Bennison had received correspondence from two residents, who were concerned by consistent fly tipping dumped at Brook. Both residents were unhappy with the New Forest District Council's response to whom was responsible for clearing the rubbish. Photographs were provided to Cllr Bennison. Correspondence and support by the District Council regarding the clearing of the rubbish were unsatisfactory and both residents were told that it was the responsibility of the landowners to remove and disposed of the rubbish and not the Council. If the land is unregistered, then the situation is difficult. New Forest District Council are looking into this incident currently, and the rubbish has now been cleared away.

Cllr Tipp was asked for his response to this, Cllr Tipp confirmed that if the land was owned by the Council, then they are responsible for clearing any fly tipping. If the land is owned privately, the landowner is responsible, and the Council will do everything they can to locate and contact the landowner.

Cllr Tipp spoke about the possible need to address the policy, which Cllr Tipp will feedback at Dorset level.

The Council discussed the incident, (MM) if the land is adjacent to the road, or a piece of land and the owner is unknown or the landownership is unknown, then who takes responsibility? For example (SB) highlighted that the rubbish was dumped adjacent to the highway on the verge / ditch. Cllr Tipp confirmed that he would raise this incident with the District Council and the Parish Council asked for an update prior to our next meeting.

Cllr Bennison mentioned that Forestry Commission was not interested in the incident / fly tipping, as it wasn't on their land.

Several concerns were raised, particularly the type of rubbish dumped which could be harmful to livestock and New Forest animals roaming, Cllr Coutts stated. It is of high importance, due to the danger to animals that this issue is dealt with properly and cleared away quickly.

The possibility of who the perpetrators were and how they could be caught in the future was discussed. The possibility of cameras were suggested. Cllr Seabourne mentioned that a number of vehicles were seen in the area and a blue van was of interest, the details of which including its number plate, were given to the Police. The County Watch Sergeant is aware.

The local resident who addressed the Council regarding the fly tipping, confirmed that she was happy with the current position and Cllr Tipp said that he would update the Parish Council on the matter before the next meeting.

**86/23 Commemorative Trees**

The tree is continually watered, and the Council discussed the need to move the tree to the correct area and rebuild the fencing around the tree. It was stated that OC has agreed to rebuild the fencing. Clarification is needed as to whether OC will move the tree. It was discussed that the tree shouldn't be moved until we have experienced the first winter frost.

Action: Check previous meeting minutes / agendas regarding this.

**87/23 Cllr Medley closed the Council meeting to discuss the Councillor vacancy.**

Discussion and vote taken.

Vaughan Thomas was voted as a co-opted Councillor.

Action: Parish Clerk to email VT to offer him the position of Councillor and email JS. Preparation of documentation for the new Councillor.

**88/23 Web Site - Hugo Fox may start charging for hosting the website.**

Resolved: We received correspondence regarding charging by Hugo Fox moving forward. It was decided to continue until we hear otherwise.

**89/23 Councillor Reports**

Councillors addressed a situation at Pound Bottom where dog walkers are consistently parking in the layby. It is constantly full with 3 – 4 cars, making it difficult and could be dangerous if an emergency vehicle needed to turn etc. It was not clear that the layby was in fact in our boundary / Parish.

Resolved: It was decided that Cllr Seabourne would report it to Highways following the meeting.

Cllr Coutts as part of the Councillors Reports, mentioned Philip Stride regarding footpaths. Follow up required.

**90/23 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters**  
None discussed.

**91/23 Date of next meeting agreed – to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm at The Ramshaw Village Hall, Community Room.**

Meeting closed at 8:35pm