



Bramshaw Parish Council New Forest Hampshire

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bramshaw Parish Council held on Tuesday 28 July 2020 at 7:30pm Held by video conference *(in order to protect the health and safety of councillors and members of the public during the COVID-19 'Stay at Home' government directive)*

Present:-

Councillors: Sally Day – Chair (SD), Jenny Watts (JW), Sue Bennison (SB), Graham Spiller (GS), Martin Vann (MV), Kay Harrison (KH), Cllr Diane Andrews NFDC (DA), and Cllr Edward Heron HCC (EH)

Melanie Camilleri – Clerk/RFO (MC) and three members of the public.

54/20 Apologies for Absence: Mark Medley (MM)

55/20 Public Forum

56/20 Declarations of interest: None

57/20 Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2020 were approved and signed

[62/20] Councillor's Reports: The Chair advanced this agenda item for both **Cllr Diane Andrews (NFDC) and Cllr Edward Heron (HCC)** who delivered the following reports:-

Cllr Diane Andrews (NFDC)

- In the last two weeks I have attended a Recreational Management steering group a live, on you tube, cabinet meeting and a virtual H.C.C Police and Crime Panel.
- Two Task & Finish groups focusing on different aspects of Recovery after Covid.
- Another Task & Finish group looking at the Boundary review.
- A H.C.C. Health and Adult Social Care Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee (over 4hrs!) Our first virtual full Council meeting. Also, two briefing sessions by NFDC/NPA on the proposed Fawley Development. It is very apparent that we are very much "back to work"!!
- There are various issues causing concern not least the shortfall of 6 million pounds in the budget of NFDC and I am sure H.C.C. will have its own monetary problems.
- The decision by Forestry England to keep their 10 campsites across the forest closed has caused widespread concern from shop owners and members of the council. There are proposals to open other areas instead, but this is still in the early stages of organising/discussion.
- Fly tipping is up as are calls to 101 mostly regarding Anti-social behaviour.
- To end on a positive note the Police and Crime Commissioner has secured £565,072 additional funding from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to support organisations that are providing critical support to victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence across Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton during the pandemic.
- Invited suggestions for the name of the proposed new ward. Ashurst, Bramshaw, Copythorne & Netley Marsh is a bit of a mouthful. All agreed with DAs suggestion of 'Forest North East'.

Cllr Edward Heron (HCC)

- The Council's Executive Member for Recreation & Heritage today (28th July) made a formal decision that Lyndhurst Library will cease to be operated as part of the County Council's Library network. The Council will be working with Lyndhurst Parish Council and community groups to explore whether some library service provision may be maintained based upon a 'Community Library' model. The Executive Member agreed, as Lyndhurst is the only library one of the 8 for which the County Council is withdrawing support to not be owned by the Council, to continue paying premises costs until December (and possibly up to the end of March), to enable time for a community proposal to be developed.
- HCC has received nearly £54million in Covid-19 grant from central government and a further £4.3million in specific funding (CCG and government) for specific purposes. However as of 30th June, net unfunded costs of the pandemic to the County Council were estimated to be nearly £110million and it is estimated that by the end of 2022/23 the total impact of the pandemic on the Council's finances is an unfunded loss of £210million. Full details can be found in the report to Cabinet of the 14th July (<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s53375/MTFS%20-%20Cabinet%20FINAL.pdf>). This report models three potential future funding scenarios, plus a reasonable worst case position, and in all but one scenario (the best case scenario), the County Council's Chief Financial Officer concludes that "The County Council is not considered to be financially viable."

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Planning

20/00414: Ivy Cottage, Furzley Lane, Furzley, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JJ

Description: Retention of outbuilding and fence/gate exceeding 2m in height connecting outbuilding to bungalow

Mr & Mrs King and their agent Mr Lawrence attended the meeting. SD, as chair, gave them the opportunity to address the Parish Council and answer questions.

MV proposed, seconded by JW and resolved by a majority, recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed below but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

SB abstained due to her planning role on the National Park Planning Committee.

Changes in keeping with character of the neighbourhood.

20/00471: Rooks Farm, Brook, Lyndhurst, SO43 7HD

Description: Single storey extension; first floor extension; alterations to doors and windows; 1No. rooflight to existing roof (revised planning to 20/00347)

MV proposed, seconded by SD and resolved by a majority, to recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below.

SB abstained due to her planning role on the National Park Planning Committee. As two other councillors abstained, SD as Chair delivered the casting vote

Improvement to previous plan and in keeping with character of the neighbourhood.

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Finance and Cheques

- i) 2019/20 Internal Audit (Annual Governance and Accountability Return)
 - a. Results of the Annual Internal Audit Report
 - b. Approvals and signature of Certificate of Exemption
 - c. Approvals and signature of Section 1- the Annual Governance Statement
 - d. Approvals and signature of Section 2- Accounting Statements
 - e. Notice of Public Rights

- MV proposed, seconded by GS and resolved unanimously that documents b-e were approved. SD as the appointed Chair of BPC will sign documents b-d
- ii) MV proposed, seconded by GS and resolved unanimously that the Cash Flow Report and payments be approved.

Bank balances

Current Account (as at 01 July 2020): £8,419.20

Business Reserve (as at 03 July 2020): £0.60

Payee	Detail	Amount £	Method
M Camilleri	Salary + office expenses	465.83	Standing Order
John Murray	Internal audit fee	140.00	867
Total debit		£605.83	

Income	Detail	Amount £	Method
HMRC	VAT reclaim	4.44	
Total debit		£4.44	

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Speed Indicator Device

Copythorne PC's proposal to purchase new equipment and share 1/3rd ownership with Bramshaw PC and Minstead PC was considered. It was resolved unanimously that:-

- i) No consideration for purchases to occur until the existing equipment fails. At that point, Minstead PC have expressed interest in purchasing speed-guns (as cheaper)
- ii) MC to place an article in the August Edition of The Bramshaw Telegraph on Bramshaw restarting a speedwatch volunteer group.

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New Forest Ambassador Scheme

Councillor GS delivered an update on the New Forest Ambassador Scheme. He will now produce an Action Plan as well as an article to publish on the PC website and in the August Edition of The Bramshaw Telegraph.

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Councillor's Reports

GS: None

JW: None

SB: None

SD: None

KH: Brambles are overgrowing and causing hazard to traffic and animals at various locations. KH to contact Sandy Shaw New Forest with the view to getting them cut-back. All councillors to contact KH with a list of locations they know of so as to include in her email list.

MV:

- 3 noticeboards have been refurbished so far. New keys created. MV to provide copies for MC and SD
- Reported that he and SB have supported a member of the public with their Housing Association application within the parish. SD congratulated both MV and SB on their efforts.

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Correspondence/AOB

- i) Thank you received from Citizens Advice for the grant awarded by the Parish Council.
- ii) NFNPA have reported the authority's position on an enforcement issue (that Valetta Barn in Fritham is being used on a temporary basis to accommodate a 'pop-up' shop to sell local produce to local residents one day a week).

Due to the current CV19 pandemic, the authority is taking a pragmatic approach and will not pursue this matter provided the barn is not used for this purpose beyond the end of Dec 2020.

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Next Parish Council Meeting

Bramshaw Parish Council will take a recess in August unless there are planning applications to be considered.

- i) In the event of planning applications to be considered, a Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 25 August 2020 at 7:30pm by Video Conference**
- ii) The next ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 7:30pm by Video Conference.**

Being no further business, SD closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH