



Bramshaw Parish Council New Forest Hampshire

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bramshaw Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 February 2021 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 pandemic)*

Present:-

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

Melanie Camilleri – Clerk/RFO (MC). No members of the public attended.

15/21 Apologies for Absence: PCSO Richard Williams (holiday).

16/20 Co-option of new Councillor

- i) SB proposed, seconded by MV and resolved unanimously to Adam Coutts (AC) being co-opted onto the Parish Council. AC joined the Councillors. NFDC's 'Register of Member's Interests' form completed.
- ii) It was unanimously agreed that allocation of areas of responsibility to all councillors will be considered at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.

17/21 Declarations of interest: None

18/21 Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2021 were approved

19/21 To receive a report from Councillor Edward Heron (Hampshire Council)

HCC's 2021/22 Budget meeting taking place on 25 Feb. Likely to approve £2.1bn, of which about £260m is capital expenditure and £910m is dedicated for Hampshire's schools. Of the remaining £930m, £680m is allocated to protecting the most vulnerable in Hampshire (£470m Adult's Health & Care, £210m Children's Services).

So once the dedicated schools funding, capital expenditure and funding for services that protect older residents and vulnerable adults and children is taken into account, the Council has £250m of the £2.1bn for all the other services it provides. Of this £56m is allocated for highways, traffic and transport and £41 for disposing of Hampshire's municipal waste (while District/Boroughs collect waste and recycling, the County disposes of it).

HCC are recovering from £175M CV19 additional costs and lost income and needs to find £80m of savings by 2023/24. HCC has used a large proportion of its available reserves and therefore is far more susceptible to unforeseen events than it would wish. There are still reserves but they are necessary, for example the Council largely self-insures so needs to retain funds to replace assets, such as a school for example, in the event of an incident. Council tax increases 4.99% expected. EH pleased to report HCC in a better financial position than most upper tier authorities."

- 20/21** **To receive a report from Councillor Diane Andrews (NFDC)**
- Testing site at Fritham – 3 signs have been stolen. These are unlikely to be replaced as the site may not be there for much longer.
 - Pound Bottom (see Agenda item 26/21). DA will make contact with the Enforcement Officer Lucie Cooper and report back at the March meeting.

- 21/21** **Animal Death in the New Forest**
- i) To consider working jointly with Godshill Parish Council on an Average Speed Camera (ASC) project, involving:-
 1. Get the ‘in principle’ support from relevant bodies/organisations (HCC, Forestry England, NFNPA, Verderers & Police)
 2. Commission a full Feasibility Study (c.£10-20,000)
 3. Necessary formal arrangements & consents (Police, Highways, Planning)
 4. Funding & implementation
 - ii) To consider making a financial contribution towards 2. Above

After a short discussion between all Councillors and EH, it was unanimously agreed that:-

- BPC allocate £1K towards the Feasibility Study (contingent upon partnership funding being forthcoming from other parties identified by EH). Godshill Parish Council has already allocated £1K for this purpose.
- SD to explore other PCs in the region who may wish to be involved in this partnership funding.
- SB request this subject be added to the next Quadrant Meeting’s Agenda
- BPC write to the Chief Constable and all candidates for the role of Police & Crime Commissioner (once declared for the May election). MC to explore if Godshill Parish Council wish to be involved jointly with BPC sending these letters.

- 22/21** **To receive a report from PCSO Richard Williams:** apologies sent.

- 23/21** **Broadband:** Paul Oliver (Civil Engineering Manager for Thames Valley Openreach) attended to deliver a report on planned works in Fritham and answer any questions.
- Using same methodology as installation at Bramshaw
 - Some disruption digging roads over the next few weeks. Roads must be closed due to highways requirements, so if residents can build in a little more time to their travel plans during this period. Target deadline to be finished by Easter.
 - Connection to properties through ducting (involving soft hand-dig), for which awaiting permissions from Natural England.
 - 20 Bramshaw properties connected may now contact any service provider and set-up a contract. The remaining 60+ properties along the Bramshaw spine who were not included by this connection will need to consider funding options. That will still leave many other Bramshaw properties unconnected.
 - Any issues or further questions, to contact Paul directly.

JW and SD commended the works carried out so far – ultra efficient, min of disruption, road signage effective.

- 24/21** **Public Forum**

- 25/21** **Planning:**
CONS/21/0052: *Treeworks for info*
Address: FOREST COTTAGE, DAZEL CORNER, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JN
Proposal: Fell 1 x Monterey Cypress tree. Extensive storm damaged tree - SCDL - Safety concerns due to defect and location.

26/21

Pound Bottom

Steve Avery reported that Enforcement Officer Lucie Cooper has been pressing the agents for a much clearer timescale, however they've been reluctant to commit to a specific end date saying that contractors are 'months behind' schedule due to the effects of the pandemic.

It was unanimously agreed to respond to Steve Avery, reporting lorries have continued in travel (in convey) in volume regardless of these suggested pandemic delays. Also, to enquire how much more material is needed to complete Phase 4 capping.

27/21

Historical books belonging the to the Parish Council

After a short discussion, it was unanimously agreed that MV will retain the books until such time the Village Hall is in a position to give them a home where they will be accessible to the community.

28/21

Lengthsman

- i) Balance £2,761.00. Painting bridge railings still on his schedule.
- ii) Phone boxes at Bramshaw, Fritham, and Furzley: it was unanimously agreed that he cleans (interior and exterior) and paints all three, and replaces the broken window pane of the Furzley phone box. SD, MV and SB to arrange for the phone boxes to be emptied of the large piles of books before 01 March.

29/21

Finance and Cheques

- i) The cashflow report and payments were unanimously approved

Bank balances

Current Account (as at 01 Feb 2021): £8,168.48

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

Payee	Detail	Amount £	Method
M Camilleri	Salary + office expenses	477.03	Standing Order
M Camilleri	Expenses (stamps and A4 paper)	13.50	872
Total debit		£490.53	

Receipt	Detail	Amount £	Method
NFDC	CV19 Grant (Cllr Rickman)	511.00	
Total debit		£511.00	

- ii) Grant Request from New Forest Disability: JW proposed, seconded by SD and resolved unanimously to award £75 from the 2021/22 budget.
- iii) Grant Request from St.Peters Church: JW proposed, seconded by MM and resolved unanimously to award £300 from the 2021/22 budget
- iv) Nat West Business Banking Switch offer: update on switch to Co-op bank or Metro Bank. MC reported that regretfully the Co-Op and Metro Banks are not opening bank accounts for Parish Councils.
- v) S137 limit for 2021/22 = £8.41 per electorate

30/21

Councillor's Reports

MV: issues with local residents taking-up the parking spaces outside of the village shop leaving no parking spaces for shoppers. Situation exacerbated by contractors parking during works on the house. This has now finished. MV and SD to draft a polite reminder letter to residents.

SB: Attended Quadrant meeting 28 Jan. report form that meeting:-

- Steve Avery calling for Cllr representation as a NF Ambassador. SB to establish exactly what is involved including time commitment and report back at the March meeting.
- Police clamping down on vehicles parking off the Highways (Section 59)
- Growing concern that camping sites are turning into static mobile homes
- Growing concern about the poor condition of the Traveller Site at Stony Cross
- Cycling & Infrastructure Plan looking at Cycle and Walking Routes across the Forest. Volunteer required for workshop in March. MM agreed to attend.

KH: Some bramble clearance carried out. More will be done in August as work is limited on SSSI during wet weather. KH will explore bramble clearance at Morgan Vale (see Agenda 31/21 ii))

SD: Forestry England completed work and generators now removed. Regrettably, some damage to verges.

31/21

Correspondence/AOB/Urgent matters

- Report from parishioner that the hedge and fence that runs alongside the road from Stocks Cross towards Bramble Hill is impeding on the road and causing traffic travelling towards Bramble Hill to give way to oncoming traffic travelling towards Stocks Cross. SB to discuss situation with property owner and to report potholes to HCC Highways. SB to report back at March meeting.
- Request from parishioner for the Parish Council to support a request to New Forest National Park Authority to carry out conservation work at Margaret's Bottom (road drainage, road surface, retention of New Forest lawns). Actions:-
 - SB to report road drain and potholes to HCC Highways
 - AC and KH to explore cutting of brambles and repair of bridge, if necessary, and report back at March meeting.
- Horizon magazine: it was unanimously agreed that the Councillors will adopt a rota for producing articles on local stories and news. JW to coordinate.
- NALC announcement: government not planning to extend remote meetings regulations beyond 07 May 2021 – meaning physical Parish Council meetings to resume w.e.f 25 May 2021. JW proposed, seconded by MV and resolved unanimously that:-
 - Annual Parish Meeting will be held remotely on Wed 28 April 2021 7:30pm
 - Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) will be held face to face on Tues 25 May 2021 IF government guidelines over CV19 health and safety conditions permit, as well as a suitable venue available.

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Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next **Bramshaw Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 7:30pm by Video Conference.**

Being no further business, SD closed the meeting at 9:25pm.

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING