



Bramshaw Parish Council

New Forest Hampshire

By Order of Clerk & RFO

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Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING held on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Bramshaw Village Hall, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst SO43 7JE

Minutes

Minutes are draft until ratified at the following meeting

Present: Cllr Mark Medley (Chair)
Cllr Martin Vann
Cllr Sue Bennison
Cllr Vaughan Thomas
Cllr Adam Coutts

In attendance: Diana O'Grady (clerk)
District Cllr. Derek Tipp
3 members of the public

- 178/25 Apologies for Absence
- Cllr Seabourne apologies received, and reason accepted.
 - Cllr Harrison, apologies received, and reason accepted.
- 179/25 Public Participation Period
- Declined to speak but see item 184/25
- 180/25 Declaration of Interests and dispensation requests
- None declared.
- 181/25 To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2025
- All agreed the minutes, they were signed and dated by the Chair.

Reports

- 182/25 Report from District Councillor Tipp
- Council tax increase amounts, Bramshaw well under the average percentage increase.
 - Forestry England are very likely to start to charge to use their car parks
- 183/25 Correspondence
- None

Items ongoing

- 184/25 Traffic Calming
- Two members of the public spoke at length about speeding through the village, requesting devices for the collection collect of data regarding the volume and speed of traffic. The final objectives were not clearly defined.
 - Cllr Bennison reiterated that a data collection device is available free of charge from HCC.
 - Cllr Medley has previously written to County Cllr Heron regarding this matter and will chase up on that letter.
- 185/25 Village flooding

Signed Chair Date

- Cllr Coutts reported that one of the main flooding problem areas is a Hants Highways responsibility.
 - Following a change of personnel at Hants Highways, the information previously sent to Tim Lawton will be resent by Clerk to LuLu.Bowerman@hants.gov.uk
 - Cllr Tipp has offered to help with contacting Hants Highways.
- 186/25 Noticeboards
- Noticeboards have been taken at the Green Dragon, beside the phone box at Fritham, and one has been put up inside the village shop.
 - Cllr Vann proposed he remove the noticeboards at the church and outside the shop.
 - Cllr Vann suggested replacing the community noticeboard with the Parish Council noticeboard.
 - Council agreed to these actions
 - More investigation needed to see best location for the board at Fritham.
- 187/25 Recruitment of new Councillors
- Not going very well, Council is still advertising.
- 188/25 Planning the APM
- Cllr Bennison suggested holding the APM at Fritham.
 - Cllr Bennison also suggested an agenda regarding the National Park review of the Local Plan, Clerk to ask David Ilsley or Steve Avery to speak on this and how it affects Bramshaw at the APM.
 - Cllr Thomas suggested it would be good for us all to understand the Devolution plans, Clerk to ask Cllr Heron to speak on this and how it impacts Bramshaw at the APM.

New items

- 189/25 Council matters (confidential)
- 190/25 Review of Bramshaw Parish Council Communication Protocol
- No objections received; unique email addresses will be considered in the future.
 - Cllr Medley proposed, Cllr Thomas seconded. Council agreed to adopt the communication protocol.

District Cllr. Tipp left the meeting at 20:33

- 191/25 Reports from Parish Representatives
- Cllr Coutts reported on three hedge problems around the parish, namely at the end of Vice Lane, the Millenium Path from Brook to Bramshaw and the Warrens estate.
 - Clerk to contact the hedge owners who are thought to be Max Headley for Vice Lane, Bramshaw Golf Club and the Warrens estate

- 192/25 Lengthsman
- Clerk to contact Chris Johnson and Eric Anderson to see if they are interested in undertaking future lengthsman work.

193/25 **Planning**

New Applications

24/01504FULL Holdfast Cottage, ROW HILL, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JE

Proposed retaining wall to north of property

Decision: **1** We recommend permission for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's officers under their delegated powers.

Comments: It would be preferred if it was screened with hedging.

Trees

25/00141CONS The New House, MERRY ORCHARD, BRAMSHAW, LYNDHURST, SO43 7JG

- Fell 2x Prunus Padus, 6x Ilex Aquifolium, 12x Prunus Nigra,
- 2x Corrus Avellana Stools, 2x Salix Caprea, 1x Acer
- Pseudoplatanus (G1 on plan)
- Fell 1x Fagus Sylvatica (2 on plan)

Comments: Ask the tree officer to check it's not a protected hedge and please ask the owner to replace the hedge.

194/25 **Finance**

Invoices circulated electronically

- Receipt for Clerk folder and dividers
- S137 form from Citizens Advice New Forest

Payments for authorisation

- Clerk folder and dividers £4.20
- S137 form from Citizens Advice New Forest £150
 - Proposed by Cllr Medley, Seconded Cllr Vann. Authorised by Council.

Bank Statements

- Review and approve Q1, Q2 and Q3
 - Deferred until March 2025 meeting

CASH FLOW REPORT

Period: Jan - Feb 2025

PAYMENTS				
	Payments			
Date paid	Method	Payee	Details	TOTAL
28-Jan-25	SO	Diana O'Grady	January salary and expenses	440.93
			TOTAL	440.93
RECEIPTS				
	Receipts			
Date	Method	Payee	Details	TOTAL
08-Feb-25	Online	Gemma	Tax repayment	205.60
			TOTAL	205.60
FOR APPROVAL				
	For Approval			
Date	Method	Payee	Details	TOTAL
25-Mar-25	Outstanding	Diana O'Grady	Folder and dividers	4.20
25-Mar-25	Outstanding	Citizens Advice New Forest	S137 request for support	150.00
			TOTAL	154.20
UPCOMING				
	Upcoming			
Date	Method	Payee	Details	TOTAL
01-Mar-25	SO	Diana O'Grady	February salary and expenses	440.93
21-Apr-25	online	HMRC	Tax and NI	2.99
			TOTAL	443.92

BANK	BALANCE	12,180.59
	FORECAST	11,582.47

195/25 Future Meeting

Next Ordinary Parish Council meeting Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 19:30, location to be confirmed, please check the agenda for that meeting.