



Bramshaw Parish Council New Forest Hampshire

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 7:30pm
Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)**

Present:-

Councillors:

Mark Medley – Chair (MM), Martin Vann – Vice-Chair (MV), Adam Coutts (AC), Kay Harrison (KH), Sue Bennison (SB), Vaughan Thomas (VT), Derek Tipp – NFDC (DT)

42/24 Apologies for Absence: Gemma Hinchliffe (GH) (Parish Clerk & RFO), Carl Seabourne (CS).

43/24 Declarations of interest: None

44/24 Approval of the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 26th March 2024. Approved and will be signed by MM

45/24 Public Forum

No members of public attended.

46/24 Report from NFDC

Derek Tipp brought our attention to the following:

- Trial scheme on the A35 Lyndhurst to Christchurch aimed at reducing litter by measuring and putting up signs that indicate the percentage reduction – sensitising passing motorists to the issue. The trial runs until September after which the results will be evaluated.
- NFDC have set up an 'Apprenticeship & Skills Hub', accessible via the NFDC website, aimed at helping employers who may be considering employing apprentices.
- The 'England Prosperity Fund' has provided funds to NFDC for town centre regeneration and £130K will be dedicated to Totton. Follow-up funding could eventually come from a share of business rates in the Freeport areas.
- CCTV coverage will be increased in Fordingbridge.

MM asked if there could be funding for projects within our Parish such as average speed cameras on the Roger Penney Way or completing the roll-out of fibre broadband. DT inferred that this was unlikely.

47/24 Planning

24/00360PAHR relates to mole-ploughing of cable from Stocks Cross to Warrens, while 24/00224PATC concerns Openreach ducts and chambers to be installed in the carriageway between Merry Orchard and Bramble Hill. Both projects contribute to improved communications, which the community needs. The Council is supportive, but our opinion has not been sought, so these applications were considered as 'for information'.

48/24 NFDC planning decisions

There have been no decisions relevant to the Parish since our last meeting

49/24 Finance

The Cash Flow report was approved.

We have received an invoice for renewal of HALC membership which was very significantly increased on prior years (multiples). This was not approved and MM will investigate.

The 'Carry forward' figures in our Budget sheet need to be updated/corrected (Action MM)

The item described as 'signpost' in the Asset Register will be re-named for clarity (It refers to the 'Bramshaw' sign at the entrance to the village on the Furzley Road, near to Vice Lane)

50/24 Parish Council Annual General Meeting

It was agreed to hold the AGM on the 28th May, ahead of our usual PC meeting starting at 18.30.

Edward Heron (HCC) has agreed to attend and would like to speak. No reply yet from the other invitees (Steve Avery NFNPA, Forestry England)

The Main Hall has been booked and VT will arrange tea, coffee and biscuits.

Posters will be put up when the agenda is finalised, after May 15th.

51/24 Appointment of Lengthsman

SB will contact the Chairmen of Minstead and Landford to ascertain who they use as lengthsman.

Otherwise the only response we have had is from Wellow, who use the lengthsman previously used by Bramshaw as well.

Outstanding tasks include the repair of a broken pane in the telephone box at Fritham.

52/24 Update regarding 'Bramshaw in Living Memory'

A working group comprising MM, MV and VT will consider the options for reproducing and/or updating this document and report back with recommendations at the next meeting.

53/24 Update regarding the recent Audit

In the absence of the RFO this was deferred to the next meeting

54/24 Councillors Reports

AC advised that the road entering Newbridge coming from the direction of Furzley is suffering the same scouring of the substrate as we have observed at Penn Common – caused by water flooding across the road. In this case the damage has extended to cracking of the surface tarmac. MV to check if this lies within our parish.

MV has been contacted by a Fritham resident regarding the potential installation of a temporary mobile phone mast on an existing area of concrete in the Fritham car park. As this project is still in a pre-planning exploratory stage we have no useful information to report.

MV reported that our letter expressing concern over the licensing of refreshment stands was sent to Forestry England, but it appears from the minutes of the last Verderers court that approval has been granted for 2 year licenses at 5 sites (none within our parish).

MV discussed responsibility for the defibrillator with previous councillor Jenny Watts. The replacement of pads and batteries is managed by an organisation known as Circuit, who advise the nominated individual by email whenever action needs to be taken. Jenny Watts has requested Circuit to change the nomination from herself to the Bramshaw Clerk.

55/24 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters.

SB asked if any action had been taken on the Welcome Leaflet. In the absence of CS this could not be answered.

AC asked if we had any feedback from HC regarding the letter on flooding. MV to call Mr Lawton. KH pointed out that the tables in the Community Room need cleaning. MV to notify the Bramshaw Trust.

56/24 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting for **Bramshaw Parish Council** will be held on

Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 7:30pm in the **Bramshaw Village Hall – Main Hall** (to follow the Annual Parish Meeting).

Meeting was closed by MM at 20:54pm.