



Bramshaw Parish Council New Forest Hampshire

Minutes of the BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL Meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 7:30pm Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)

Councillors present: Adam Coutts (AC), Kay Harrison (KH), Sue Bennison (SB), Vaughan Thomas (VT), and Carl Seabrook (CS).

Apologies received from: Councillors Mark Medley (MM) and Martin Vann (MV).

Plus: Cllr. Joe Reilly (NFDC) and three members of the public

108/24 Appointment of Chair for Meeting

RESOLVED: In the absence of the Chair and the Vice chair, Cllr Thomas was appointed to Chair the meeting.

109/24 Apologies for Absence: Mark Medley (MM) and Martin Vann (MV). Reasons noted and accepted.

110/24 Declarations of interest: None

111/24 Minutes: RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 23 July 2024 were approved.

112/24 Public Forum

Residents of the Parish from Fritham attended, seeking financial support from BPC for their fundraising for a defibrillator. Most of the needed money has been raised but they were seeking additional moneys (£100 to £200) to cover installation and training. All Councillors were broadly in support but there were questions over the management of the funds raised and whether charitable status should be sought. Cllr Coutts suggested BPC might consider paying the cost of installation and a further £100.

113/24 To receive a report from NFDC. Councillor Reilly gave an update on NFDC plans for refuse and recycling collections: councillors reminded him of the particular issues in the open New Forest and the propensity of animals to raid bins causing litter but also potentially harm to the animals themselves. Cllr Reilly undertook to feed back these concerns to NFDC.

114/24 Planning

No applications were received in the relevant period.

115/24 Audit 2023/24

It had been intended that "Matters Arising" from the Internal Auditor's report would be discussed but this was not available to councillors at the meeting and so will be circulated by email for comments.

116/24 Finance

- i) The records of Cash Flow and Payments were approved by councillors.
- ii) Cllr. SB asked whether the majority of the funds were being held in an interest bearing account.

117/24 Lengthsman

- i) Cllr. SB has been in touch with a person to repair windows in two of the telephone booths and is waiting for a response. SB undertook to recontact the person. In the meantime she has tidied and removed pests from the booth outside the shop which has made it useable.

118/24 Defibrillator

- i) Discussion re Fritham noted in 112/24

119/24 Bramshaw Parish Council Notice board

- i) Councillors decided it would be best to install a new board outside the Village Hall rather than relocate an existing board.

120/24 Recruitment

- i) No response has been received so far to our advertisement on the HALC website so councillors were asked for ideas on expending our search. Cllr SB offered to send copy to "Horizon" magazine and Cllr CS offered to send a weblink to administrative colleagues. VT agreed to provide a form of words and the weblink to these councillors.

121/24 Councillors Reports

- i) To receive reports from the Councillors

AC: Blocked drains: simple hoggin has been used in one of the sites where the tarmac roadbed has been substantially eroded by water overflow. This will wash out as nothing has been done to correct the cause. The report from HCC incorrectly states that the blocked ditch is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner.

VT noted that the report has not been discussed at a BPC meeting and will ensure it is on the agenda for October.

KH: Drew the attention of councillors to the current consultation on designated cycling and walking routes through the Forest, one of which includes the B3079.

SB and CS: Work on the restoration of the corrugated building has not yet begun and BPC should ask for an update on the proposed work.

122/24 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters:

- i) It was agreed that the portrait of HRH King Charles III should be displayed on the southern wall of the Committee room, opposite the entrance door.

123/24 RESOLVED: that Agenda item 90/24 would be closed to members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

124/24 Staffing Matter

RESOLVED: the Chair, Cllr Medley, will be writing to the ex-member of staff seeking urgent clarification on an employment matter which is 'Confidential – Not for Publication' under Sections 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

125/24 Date of next meeting

The date of the next Meeting for **Bramshaw Parish Council** will be held on **22 October 2024** at **7:30pm** in the **Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)**

Being no further business, VT closed the meeting at 21.10.

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