



Bramshaw Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 7:30pm
in the St.Peter's Church, Bramshaw (Upstairs Room)**

Present:-

Councillors: Mark Medley – Chair (MM), Martin Vann (MV), Sue Bennison (SB), Jenny Watts (JW), Kay Harrison (KH), Carl Seabourne (CS), and Edward Heron (HCC) (EH).

Plus: Melanie Camilleri – Clerk/RFO (MC) and one member of the public

- 100/21 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Adam Coutts (AC) and Cllr Diane Andrews (unable to access the venue)
- 101/21 Declarations of interest:** None
- 102/21 Minutes:** the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26 October 2021 were approved.
- 103/21 Public Forum**
- 104/21 To receive a report from Cllr Edward Heron (HCC)**
- Lengthsman Scheme will cease as from 2023/24 due to pressures on budget
 - Urged members of the public to continue to report potholes to HCC online www.hants.gov.uk
- 105/21 To receive a report from Diane Edwards (NFDC)**
- Sent her apologies (she is still on crutches and a boot so unable to access the meeting room). Written report as follows:-
- Public Spaces Protection Order
- As you are aware the last few years have been difficult for the National Park as more people visited than at any other time. With more people came behaviour that was unwanted. Recently the Chairman of the Recreation Management Steering Group wrote to the NFDC asking for the Council to put in place the legal arrangements for four PSPO's.
- Public Spaces Protection Orders are made by councils and aim to stop behaviour in a particular area that is making life worse for the local community. In this case the National Park. PSPOs put conditions or restrictions on an area which apply to everyone. They can be enforced by the police, council enforcement officers or any other authorised officers, PSPOs can ban certain things or require specific things to be done. In this instance we will look at the four requested. They are to stop the Feeding of Stock, Fires and BBQ, Out of control dogs and Wild camping.
- I am putting together a Portfolio Holder Working group which will meet as needed to discuss and explore the four P.S.P.O's. In no way is this meant to stop dog walking in the National Park the rise of aggressive dogs chasing animals and clearly uncontrolled is rising and this protection order, if agreed will give police and officers enforceable powers.

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

I attended the committee in Winchester this morning. It was generally depressing with access to NHS doctors and dentists as difficult as ever. However, what became clear was that these services were already under stress before Covid. The Government has given HCC £7.7million this November, known as the Winter access fund to ensure more doctor appointments throughout this winter. The uptake of flu vaccines is good and the number of people having their booster jabs is high. When asked 'When will this Covid end?' One doctor said, when we reach Herd immunity. That is when 80% population have immunity. That may be as soon as June next year. However, whilst we may return to "normal". The NHS will take much longer to return to normal, staff are extremely tired and are at risk of burnout.

The largest number of those with Covid at the moment are children in the 10-14years. Over 60 is low. The message is to make sure everyone has their boosters and flu jabs. The wearing of masks is imperative to get through the winter. If you are in close proximity to other people, wear a mask! Continue with washing hands and using hand gel. Just because you don't HAVE to doesn't mean it isn't the best thing to do. Protect yourself.

106/21

Roger Penny Way: average speed cameras initiative

- i) Cllr Edward Heron not yet in a position to provide a substantive update. BPC to continue to earmark £1,000 towards the cost of an average speed feasibility study.

107/21

Speedwatch

- i) A member of New Forest Roads Awareness (a voluntary organisation established for 10 years) provided a report on the work the group undertake in association with PCSO Richard Williams, Verderers, Forestry England, NFDC. Their aim is to 1) Protect Animals and 2) Respect the Forest and its speed limits

New Forest Roads Awareness seek permission to use BPC's Speedwatch equipment and carry out Speedwatch activity in the area. Data on results of their activity will be provided directly to BPC as well as through PCSO Richard Williams monthly Beat Reports (which MC publishes in the Bramshaw Telegraph).

It was unanimously agreed to grant permission. MC to liaise with New Forest Roads Awareness arranging access to the equipment which is shared with Copythorne PC and Minstead PC.

108/21

FTTP Broadband Project Bramshaw

- i) A short discussion took place on the issues being experienced with Openreach in terms of their quote and list of properties to sign-up to the Scheme. Cllr Heron confirmed HCC top-up funds and the government voucher scheme are still available. As the government scheme is about to change in 2022, however, there is a small window for sign-up to take place

109/21

Planning

Given SB is a member of the National Park Authority, and sits on the Planning Committee, SB did not take part in the discussion of any of the planning applications on the agenda and abstained from voting; forfeiting her vote.

- i) 21/00791 and 21/00792: Court Farmhouse, Court Farm, Brook Hill, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JB.
Proposal: Porch; alterations to guttering; cladding; external lighting; flue to outbuilding

Resolved unanimously to recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

- No discernible changes to the historic architecture of the building
- Changes not visible from street scene

21/00928: Camping and Caravan Site, Green Hill Farm, New Road, Landford, Salisbury, SP5 2AZ.

This application is being considered by Landford Parish Council at their Parish Council meeting being held on 15 December 2021. BPC Councillors may attend this public meeting, however it was resolved by a majority that responses will be made as individuals rather than from Bramshaw Parish Council as a whole.

- ii) Councillors expressed thanks to SB for circulating answers to their questions on the NPA's Article 4 Directive for Pop-up Camp Sites.
- iii) Draft New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreational Mitigation Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). MC to provide further detail on the proposal.

110/21 Oak Tree Wych Green

- i) Quotes still awaited by SB
- ii) MC has chased for a response from the verderers.

111/21 Finance

- ii) The Cash Flow Report and payments were unanimously approved
Bank balances
 Current Account (as at 01 November 2021): £9,263.57
 Business Reserve (as at 01 November 2021): £0.60

Payments

| Payee | Detail | Amount £ | Method |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| M Camilleri | Salary + office expenses (Nov) | 622.30 | Standing Order |
| M Camilleri | Office consumables | 31.63 | 885 |
| Total debit | | £653.93 | |

- iii) MC presented the draft budget 2022/23 with four Precept options. MM proposed seconded by MV and resolved unanimously to approve the budget with a Precept of £10,000.

112/21 Lengthsman: KH is having difficulty getting hold of the Lengthsman at the moment to put forward the list of jobs. She will persevere. MC to establish balance funds remaining for 2021/22

113/21 Councillors reports

Cllr Adam Coutts submitted findings on his investigation of the 'hazardous hedge' which is encroaching 14-18 inches over the tarmac on the road from Stocks Cross to Bramble Hill.

MC confirmed under the Highways Act 1980 property owners have a legal obligation to maintain their trees, hedges, and shrubs so as not to obstruct the highway. A polite request is usually made to the property owner in the first instance, however, if no action is taken to remedy, this is usually followed-up by an official letter from the Parish Council.

SB has made two approaches to the property owner. Whilst they have accepted responsibility to maintain the hedge, as yet they have taken no action to remedy. The Councillors asked MC to draft an official letter from the Parish Council for councillors' approval.

114/21

Correspondence/AOB/Urgent matters

- i) Election of the Verderers of the New Forest taking place Friday 26 November 2021
- ii) Letter from Twyford Parish Council asking PCs to join their campaign for a default speed limit throughout Hampshire: unanimously agreed that BPC will take no action.
- iii) Letter of thanks received from Victim Support for the Grant awarded by BPC
- iv) BPC meeting dates and venue for 2022 were agreed. These will be published on the BPC website.

115/21

Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 01 February 2022** at **7:30pm** in **the Community Room of Bramshaw Village Hall.**

Being no further business, Cllr Mark Medley closed the meeting at 9:25pm.

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING