

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 21st JUNE 2021 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Mr P Wales	Chairman
Mr A Bartlett	Mrs R Bowles
Mr M Croker	Mr M Harris
Mr R Horne	Mr J Korbey
Mrs P Mueller	Mr R Wolstenholme
Mr J Wingham	Mr K Whittle

D.Cllr Mrs M Holding (left at 7.35pm)

Mrs. H. Lawrence Parish Clerk

21/81 Apologies for absence: Cllr K Mans, David Bennett & Jon Waller (A&T)

21/82 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation:

Cllrs Bartlett, Croker, Wales and Whittle declared an interest in accounts for payment.

21/83 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 4th May 2021 and minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 27th April 2021.

These were both proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record.

21/84 Matters Arising:

I) Martins Corner Footbridge FB182

An update was given on the communication between Forestry England, Hampshire County Council and the Parish Council and the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the ownership of the bridge. Further information has been requested.

21/85 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of C. Cllr Mans there was no report.

21/86 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Holding gave a brief update on NFDC matters.

There are concerns about the tourism industry in the Forest and particularly with recruitment within the hospitality industry.

The cost of housing in villages continues to increase and there is a continuing need for affordable housing.

Cllr Harris gave a brief update to confirm that staff are moving back into Appletree Court.

He confirmed that a further £1.4m will become available soon to help local businesses.

Lots of work is being put into the shared ownership scheme. Brockenhurst Primary School has two new arrivals – two piglets.

21/87 Brockenhurst visitor pressure including traffic issues

The ongoing pressures of high visitor number and traffic issues were discussed but it was agreed that this is an exceptional year due to the pandemic.

Concern that residents are risking their personal safety to take photos of cyclists riding on pavements as well as pavement parking was expressed.

The responsibility by way of civil parking enforcement officers has been handed back to HCC. The recent resurfacing of Tesco Express car park did not help but they were congratulated on finishing the work within a day.

The Parish Council village survey has now been distributed in the latest newsletter and the results of the HCC consultation have been chased but it is understood that it will be presented to C. Cllr Humby in July. The bike racks are in use all the time but Brookley Road does not have a "no load or unload" restriction. A space in the NFDC car park to be used as a load/unload space for local businesses is being investigated.

ACTION: Clerk to find out information about the traffic warden and local police patrols. Clerk to contact resident that has sent in photos.

21/88 Publication of draft minutes – standing orders

It was unanimously agreed that in future draft minutes would be dealt with according to the standing orders, which states that providing the draft minutes have been circulated to councillors for seven working days and any agreed modifications are made, the draft minutes, clearly marked as "draft" may be made available for public inspection.

21/89 Appointment of Michael Harris as a village hall director

Proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.

21/90 Appointment of Mrs M Beckett as RFO

Following an interview, Cllr Harris proposed Mrs M Beckett's appointment as RFO to commence from 1st July 2021. Seconded and unanimously agreed.

21/91 Reports and response to Consultations - to include ratification of recommendations

i) Informal meeting of the Planning committee – 24th May

Cllr Korbey gave a report of the informal planning committee meeting. Notes have been previously circulated.

ii) Greener Brockenhurst – 18th May & 16th June

Cllr Bowles gave a short report of the May meeting only, and a short report on a Community Energy meeting, which will be discussed further at a CAG meeting, to be arranged. Reminder for the Greenfest event on the 10th July.

iii) Consultative Panel – 3rd June

Cllr Korbey advised that approximately 40 people attended the online meeting. There was an interesting talk about Curlews from the Curlew Recovery Partnership and a talk about reducing wildfire risks by Matthew Bushby.

Martins Corner Footbridge was an agenda item. Steve Avery NPA gave an update on properties with agricultural occupancy. Forestry England campsites are busy.

iv) Ambassadors

Cllr Wingham advised that the scheme is continuing with increased team work. The forest is monitored and patrolled and there is an improvement in litter, BBQ's and wild camping. There are yellow signs being displayed around the forest to discourage verge parking.

21/92 Correspondence

An update was given on the Rhinefield Road flooded footpath problem where a resident is clearing his ditch.

21/93 Adoption of Annual Accounts 2020/21

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the accounts for 2020/21

21/94 Approval of Annual Governance Statement and Annual Return (AGAR)

i) Annual Return Section 1 - Governance Statement

It was resolved to respond 'Yes' in all boxes of the Governance Statement, Section 1 of the Annual Return for 2020/21. Cllr. M. Croker abstained.

ii) Annual Return Section 2 - Accounting Statement

It was resolved to adopt the Accounting Statement in Section 2 of the Annual Return for 2020/21.

21/95 Accounts for payment. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

Streets Ironmongers - Supplies - £15.15
Gates Engineering - Petrol - £13.08
Wessex Window Cleaning Services - May - £20
Reimbursement - M. Croker - Land Registry fees - £35
Positano Ltd. - War Memorial mowing, March and April - £120
New Forest IT Ltd. - Laptop repair - £50
Fair Account – Nalder Audit - £35
Fair Account – AGAR completion - £150
Kevin Whittle – Fit churchyard container door - £672.90
Fawley PC - Play area inspection course – H Lawrence - £103.20
Brockenhurst College – Newsletter printing - £170
Mr P Wales – Hampshire Archives - £30.50
Play Inspection Company – Annual inspection - £81.00

21/96 Items to note - to include items raised by members of the public - None

21/97 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 19th July Brockenhurst Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.