

## BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025, 18:30 AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllr R Horne (Chairman), Cllr R Wolstenholme, Cllr R Bowles,  
Cllr J Korbey, Cllr J Wingham

**In attendance** Tom Brindley, Locum clerk, Five members of the public

**Public Participation:**

- a. A member of the public asked why there had been limited publicity regarding the election. And why the date of 24<sup>th</sup> July, to the edge of the highway for collection.
- b. A member of the public asked about the opening hours of the parish office.

**25/140 Apologies for absence:** Received and accepted from Cllr P Hollins, Cllr P Pearse, M Croker, and K Whittle

**25/141 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensation: None**

**25/142 Poll cards**

- a) NFDC had advised that if the council wanted to have cards notifying residents of the election an additional charge of £1800 would be levied. Issue of poll cards was not a legal requirement.
- b) Members **RESOLVED** to release £1800 from the general fund to pay for poll cards.

**25/143 Response to public questions**

- a) The chair explained that the election was controlled by New Forest District Council as the Electoral Authority and the Parish Council had no part. The Parish Council could only issue notices as advised by the district council. The date had been chosen by NFDC.
- b) The chair advised that all staff worked part time and that members were volunteers. The office was open Tuesday through Friday for a few hours.
- c) The locum clerk advised that Brockenhurst public hours were greater than most parish councils, that the council had a voicemail system, and that the clerk could always be contacted by email.

**25/144 Appointment of Locum Clerk**

- a) Members **RESOLVED** to agree a revised contract for the locum clerk.

**25/145 Date of Next Ordinary Meeting: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 7pm at Brockenhurst Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 6:41 pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_