

Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Donnell, Gemmell (Chair), Gillmon, Kyle, Lavis and Vickery.

In attendance: The clerk and 19 members of the public.

24.17 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Cllr Janet Richards

24.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS - None received.

24.19 MINUTES

24.19.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2024.

24.19.2 Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

23/0138FULL The planning application 23/0138FULL, Land Adjacent to Oaklea, Forest Road will be decided at a planning committee on 20/02/24. No representatives from Hale PC are able to attend.

Annual Parish Assembly (APA) – The APA will be held on 30th April 2024.

24.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Members of the public were present regarding Harry's Meadow and were invited to speak during 24.22.

Jacqui Hartas was present to represent The Village Hall Management Committee and answer questions on planning application 24/00089FULL. JH also thanked the Parish Council for the grant towards the roof insulation in the village hall.

24.21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application number: 23/01660FULL

Proposal: One and two storey extensions; alterations to fenestration (demolition of conservatory and single storey kitchen.)

Location: Kindlers Cottage, Hale Lane, SP6 2NW

Cllrs discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to approve Option 3 - We recommend **PERMISSION**. There have been no objections from neighbours regarding this application. Cllrs agreed that it designed sympathetically, does not impinge any neighbouring properties and does not exceed 30% of the original floor space (DP36).

Application number: 24/00089FULL

Proposal: Open sided canopy.

Location: Hale Village Hall, Hale, SP6 2NE

Cllrs discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to approve Option 3 - We recommend **PERMISSION**. The village hall plan to use the canopy for many events including the pop up bar, cafe and market. Cllrs agreed that this would be a useful addition to the village hall and improve the outside space.

24.22 HARRY'S MEADOW UPDATE Hale PC met with Steve Avery in a closed meeting prior to the parish council meeting. The meeting was arranged prior to the submission of a planning application for a campsite (Harry's Meadow) in Hale which was registered on 12th February. The application will be classed as "major" as it covers an area in excess of one hectare and this will require advertisement in local newspapers. The planning authority produced guidance notes in January 2024 regarding temporary campsites which will be used alongside the Local Plan to assess the application. A recommendation on the application will be made by the parish council at the next parish council

meeting on 5th March. Interested parties are able to comment on the New Forest National Park Authority planning portal, for any further information please contact the clerk.

24.23 EXTERNAL MEETINGS -

Cllr Lavis attended the NW Quadrant meeting on Jan 22nd 2024.

Hampshire Minerals and Waste Partial Update – There is currently a 2nd round of consultation (until 8th March). There are no new mineral extraction sites proposed in the New Forest National Park, the two closest sites are Midgham Farm (Alderholt) and Purple Haze South (Christchurch). Midgham Farm would bring increased lorry movements to Fordingbridge and the surrounding area and across the Roger Penny Way.

Forestry England (FE): There is a lot of detail on the FE website pertaining to 2023 achievements. Some car parks in the New Forest may see the introduction of charges, specifically Abbotswell which is owned by HCC. The Forestry Commission does not support this move.

Since the introduction of the PSPO, fires and the use of BBQ's decreased in 2023.

NPA authority: The authority meeting to be held on 25th will ratify the Article 4 Direction to further control temporary campsites.(This has now been carried out). The planning authority is currently has vacancies for two planning officers and is finding it difficult to recruit.

24.24 PARISH RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY PLAN – Cllr Donnell recently attended an Emergency Planning and Focus Group led by Hampshire County Council; communities are being encouraged to have plans in place to deal with incidents such as power shortages, floods etc which would include supporting vulnerable people. Cllr Donnell has also had initial discussion with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks who have a Resilient Communities Fund to help communities become more resilient in the face of severe weather and prolonged power interruptions.

The parish council will need to work with local organisations, particularly the village hall which could act as a hub, and Cllr Donnell will lead a Steering Group to take this forward. It would be beneficial to work with Woodgreen on such a plan and the clerk will ascertain if Woodgreen PC would like to be involved.

24.25 RESERVES POLICY – It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to ratify the updated Reserves Policy. This will be published on the website.

24.26 ARCHIVING MINUTES BOOKS – It was agreed to archive 3 minute books (minutes from 1992- 2018) at the Hampshire Archives and **RESOLVED** to donate £50 to the Hampshire Archives.

24.27 ACCOUNTS.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for the months of January.

The Treasurers account balance is currently £2,149.16 and the Business account balance is £23,596.88.

24.28 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	PAYMENT METHOD
A.Johnson	January salary			Standing Order
Hale Village Hall	Grant	£2000.00		Bank Transfer
Wix (reimbursed to A.Johnson)	Website fees	£136.80		Bank Transfer
ADS Treecare	Tree work (next to village hall)	£200.00		Bank transfer
Hale Village Hall	Usage fees for 2023	£134.00		Bank Transfer

24.29 CORRESPONDENCE –

The following correspondence was noted. **Any actions are in bold.**

- 07/12/23 Wessex CCA – Resilient Communities Fund
 - 15/12/23 National Park Authority (NPA)– Nature Needs you – help inform Hampshire’s Recovery
 - 20/12/23 NPA – New Forest Volunteer Fair poster – Jan 28th
 - 21/12/23 Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – December Newsletter
 - 03/01/24 Forestry England - Pine marten numbers population in the New Forest
 - 05/01/24 Hampshire Countryside Service – Access Team Newsletter
 - 05/01/24 NFNPA – Planning Committee meeting 16th January
 - 08/01/24 Ann Sevier- Introduction as National Park rep.
 - 09/01/24 HCC – Hampshire Waste and Minerals Consultation – **HPC will submit a response.**
 - 10/01/24 HCC – Future Services Consultation – **Councillors will submit responses on an individual basis.**
 - 15/01/24 Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – Live event 23rd Jan
 - 16/01/24 NPA Latest News
 - 16/01/24 Damerham Parish Clerk – Parish Liaison meeting
 - 18/01/24 NPA – Authority meeting on Jan 25th
 - 18/01/24 HALC – Newsletter
 - 24/01/24 Avon Valley Churches – Institution and Induction of Rev Luke Wickings- **Clr Lavis will attend.**
 - 30/01/24 New Forest Verderers – Animal Accident Figures 2023
 - 31/01/24 Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – January Newsletter
 - 01/02/24 Hampshire Countryside Service – Access Team February Newsletter
 - 03/02/24 NFALC meeting minutes
 - 05/02/24 Dorset Council – Planning appeal in Alderholt
 - 06/02/24 HALC – HALC Annual Conference March 20th
- Parishioner correspondence
- 11/12/23 Enquiry regarding footpath signage
 - 10/01/23 Faulty drainage on Hale Purlieu
 - 12/01/23 Enquiry about criteria for joining the parish council and occurrence of meetings.
- The clerk has responded to all correspondence.**
- Shared on website
- 09/01/23 Road closures in Hale
 - 15/01/23 Hampshire County Council Public Consultation

25.30 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NFALC meeting - Minutes from a recent NFALC meeting included a policy update which will allow communities to request the introduction of 20mph zones. Further information about this policy is required prior to discussion at the next meeting. Interest has been expressed by residents of Tethering Drove and Hatchet Green regarding a 20mph limit. Immediate residents will be polled on the matter before taking this matter further.

Speed Indicator Devices (SID) –Three SID poles have been installed along Forest Road, close to but not exactly in the locations requested. Clr Gemmell to liaise with HCC on the matter. Additional backing plates and brackets will be costed and discussed at the next meeting. We await National Trust surveyor input for the posts on Hale Purlieu and Tethering Drove.

Trees – Remedial work was carried out on some trees in the copse next to the village hall; this work was necessary to maintain safety following damage to the trees caused by a storm.

24.31 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The date of the next meeting will be 5th March. The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 30th April and the Annual Parish meeting on the 7th May.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

Signed by

Date