

## Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)

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

**In attendance:** The clerk, Cllr Janet Richards (NFDC) and 2 members of the public.

**24.71 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** - Cllr Lavis

**23.72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - To receive declarations of interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda (in accordance with the Localism Act 2011).

Cllr Vickery declared an interest in Item 24.75 Application No. 24/00526LDCE

### 24.73 MINUTES

**24.73.1** It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**24.73.2** Note matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

**Alderholt Planning Application** APP/D1265/W/23/3336518 – Cllr Lavis was not able to attend the inquiry due to a date change, however he prepared a statement which was read out in support of the refusal of the application to build 1700 in Alderholt.

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – Hale PC has been successful in a grant bid and can now receive up to £2,400 from NFDC towards the Speed Indictor Devices which have been purchased.

### 24.74 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two parishioners spoke regarding issues along Hale Purlieu/Ladies Mile in relation to traffic issues including:

- 1) Parking opposite properties which inhibits access
- 2) Parking on the verges at all – is this allowed?
- 3) The need for traffic to pass each other which causes cars to go onto the verge and increases erosion.

Recently some residents have placed logs/sticks opposite their properties to prevent parking which can severely hinder access to their properties. Some of these have been removed and been thrown onto residents driveways or onto the open forest damaging some important plants. Parked cars also often turn in residents driveways which causes erosion to drives and has nearly caused accidents. This matter was discussed further under 24.77

**24.75 PLANNING APPLICATION** - To consider the response to the following applications.

Application number: 24/00383CAC  
Proposal: Single storey extension; alterations to doors and windows; cladding; parapet walls (demolition of existing outbuilding)  
Location: Mole End, HATCHET GREEN, HALE, SP6 2NB

Hale Parish Council recommended permission for an application for works on this site in 2021 and would also recommend permission for this application which is an amended from the previous application. Hale PC believes the proposals are an improvement to the current building; the materials being used are in keeping with the natural environment, the site is not visible at all to others and the proposed new building has a lower pitch than the building which is currently there.

To note the response for the following application (response has been submitted) -

Application number: 24/00526LDCE

Proposal: Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development  
for continued use of land and garage for the parking of vehicles.  
Location: The Nook, TETHERING DROVE, HALE, SP6 2NH

This application was agreed via email to meet the decision date of 20<sup>th</sup> June. This application was not assessed against the policies within the Local Plan but asked if the Parish were aware of any supporting or contradictory evidence with regard the application. Hale PC agreed to recommend Option 1 - We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Hale Parish Council is not aware of any contradictory evidence regarding this application and is happy to accept the testimonies which have been submitted in support of this application

**24.76 HARRY'S MEADOW** - Cllr Vickery attended the New Forest National Park Planning committee meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May to speak on behalf of Hale PC against the application 24/00102(FULL) – Use of land as a seasonal campsite for 50 pitches for no more than 60 days in a calendar year. Cllr Richards (NFDC) also attended and spoke against the application. The application was approved with conditions for 3 years. This decision has not yet been published by the NPA as the applicant is required to meet certain mitigating and bio-diversity conditions (or go a substantial way towards meeting them) before approval is finalised. Hale PC has no information as to whether the campsite will be operating in 2024.

#### **24.77 HALE PURLIEU VERGES –**

HPC has had discussions with the National Trust, Natural England, Highways and The Verderers for many years regarding the issue of parking on the verges along Hale Purlieu/Ladies Mile and the erosion of the verge due to traffic passing each other,; however a solution has not been reached. Parking on verges in the New Forest is unauthorised, however this information is not always known (particularly to tourists) and parking on these verges is not policed. Damaging an SSSI is a criminal offence

Some residents whose driveways are not perpendicular to the road can have difficulty accessing their property if parking occurs opposite and therefore have used logs/sticks to prevent this. This has led to much discussion on the local social media site Nextdoor and some residents have had the sticks/logs thrown onto their properties. Hale Parish Council would note that Hale resident Jonathon Hilton-King was not responsible for this action as was stated in social media.

Hale PC are meeting with Ryan Scott from the National Trust in July to discuss the situation and possible solutions.

Speed Indicator Device – Approval has now been agreed from National Trust and The Verderer's to allow sleeves to be installed along Hale Purlieu which will hold posts for the Speed Indicator Devices. Cllr Gemmell will now ask Highways to go ahead with installation.

#### **24.78 EXTERNAL MEETINGS** - To receive reports from external meetings attended.

*Hale Village Hall Management Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May* – Hale Village Hall will hold an Open Day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August which will be a drop-in starting with tea at 4pm followed by the AGM and then drinks in the evening. It will be a celebration of funding received for hall improvements and the local MP and the press will be invited

*Planning Training* – Fordingbridge Town Council hosted a training event - "Introduction to Planning for Local Councils " presented by Steve Tilbury , Planning Consultant. Cllr Gemmell attended.

*Planning Committee* - Cllr Vickery attended to represent Hale PC and present their report as noted in 24.76. Cllr Kyle questioned the lack of regard of the recommendations of the parish councils at planning committees and whether this is common throughout the New Forest. It was suggested this might be an agenda item for the NW Quadrant meeting in September.

**24.79 USE OF HATCHET GREEN BY HALE SCHOOL** It was agreed to accept a request by Hale school to use Hatchet Green for their Family Fun Day on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Any use of vehicles on the Green must be limited to unloading and no barbeques are permitted.

**24.80 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT** It was **RESOLVED** to continue a Service Level Agreement between Hale Parish Council and NFDC Corporate Trees to inspect the trees adjacent to the village hall every three years ( or more frequently if deemed necessary) to ensure their safety. The cost of each survey will be approximately £250.00.

**24.81 INSURANCE POLICY** It was **RESOLVED** to renew the insurance policy with Hiscox Insurance through A.J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers at a cost of £488.66. This includes cover for the Speed Indicator Devices and has increased minimally from last year.

## **24.82 FINANCE**

### **24.82.1**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the accounts for the month of June and not the following balances - The Treasurers account balance is currently £6,524.91 and the Business account balance is £20,691.49 which is in line with the Reserves Policy.

**24.82.2 MONTHLY PAYMENTS** - It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	PAYMENT METHOD	
Woodgreen Community Shop	APA Costs	£49.18		Bank Transfer	
Jeff Butt & Co	Internal audit and payroll	£360.00		Bank Transfer	
Pennon Water Services	Cemetery water	£33.21		Direct Debit	
Amanda Johnson	Salary – June and July	N/A		Standing Order	
Cutting Edge	Cemetery Maintenance – May and June	£185.00 each month		Bank Transfer	
Amanda Johnson	Office supplies	£27.30		Bank transfer	

**24.83 CORRESPONDENCE** - To consider correspondence received before 30/04/2024 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

**The following correspondence was noted.**

10/05/24 Cllr Richards – Information on wheelie bins

10/05/24 NFDC – Cultural strategy workshop invite

13/05/24 NFALC – Notification of cycling event on 13/10/2024

16/05/24 Friends of the New Forest – Uncommoners – Portraits of Life in the New Forest

16/05/24 HALC – Newsletter

23/05/24 HALC – Community Forum Launch

24/05/24 HCC Future services – changes to planned decision making dates.

24/05/24 HCC – Your Hampshire Latest from Hampshire County Council

29/05/24 Hale Village Hall Management Committee – Invitation to Open Day/ AGM 30<sup>th</sup> Aug.

30/05/24 HCC - Update on Seasonal Vegetation Management on Public Rights of Way

HCC are reducing their use of contractors to cut footpaths to reduce costs and are asking Parish Councils to carry out some works using the Lengthsman or volunteers.

31/05/24 Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – May Newsletter

04/06/24 NPA - Notice of NW Quadrant meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

14/06/24 Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – Survey

24/06/24 HALC – Upcoming training courses

**24.84 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

**20 mph hour restrictions** – Parish and Town Councils are now able to apply for 20mph speed limits and zones in residential areas, towns and villages throughout Hampshire, however there are many criteria that must be met to achieve this. Cllr Gemmell will investigate further.

**Lengthsman** – The Lengthsman will be working in the village on the 15<sup>th</sup> July and jobs will include clearing the footpath behind Strickland’s Plantation.

**24.85 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)

The meeting ended at 8.05pm.

Signed by .....

Date .....