

## **Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall.**

**Present:** Gemmell (Chair), Gillmon, Lavis and Vickery.

**In attendance:** The clerk and 2 members of the public.

**22.88 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** - . Cllr Kyle

**22.89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS** - None received.

### **22.90 MINUTES**

22.90.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

22.90.2 *Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.*

**Councillor Vacancy** – A councillor vacancy remains and a co-option notice has been placed on noticeboards and the website.

**Planning** – The clerk updated councillors on the progress of recent planning applications; a table of applications, decisions etc will be produced in order to monitor planning applications.

### **22.91 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Two members of the public spoke in relation to coaches travelling along Forest Road; the parishioner experienced an incident where a coach passed too fast and close to her when riding her horse along the road which caused it to canter along the road. Many coaches use this route, usually when transporting visitors from cruise ships in Southampton to Salisbury.

Councillors discussed the situation and the general speeding issues along Forest Road which are to be addressed with a Speed Indicator Device. HPC has no authority on this particular issue but will pass on comments to HCC Highways. Any traffic offence should be reported using the 101 system.

### **21.92 EXTERNAL MEETINGS.**

#### ***Harry's Meadow Licence Application Hearing 5<sup>th</sup> September – Cllr Lavis attended***

A licence application was submitted by the operators of Harry's Meadow Campsite (Hale Park) for a licence to sell alcohol each day throughout August of each year. Cllr Lavis represented Hale Parish Council to object to the application on the grounds of disturbance to the neighbouring properties. The application was approved and the licence can be viewed on the NFDC website under Public Register of Licences. The licence application does not relate to any future planning application as this is a separate process.

#### ***North West Quadrant Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September – Cllr Lavis attended.***

**The New Forest National Park Partnership Plan 2022-2027** has been launched; All National Parks must have a Partnership Plan to guide and co-ordinate the work of all those with an interest and influence in the National Park – statutory organisations, land managers, businesses, local communities and user groups. The Partnership Plan was produced jointly by all the main organisations with interests and responsibilities in the National Park This Plan outlines the key challenges facing the National Park and sets out how these will be addressed collectively. It sets out an overall approach to managing the National Park for the next five years.

**Green Finance Initiative** Paul Watson (NPA) introduced the Green Finance Initiative. This is a scheme funded by large corporations who wish to offset their carbon emissions by buying credits which can be spent on projects in Hampshire. Grants for environmental improvements are available to those landowners who sign up.

**Pop – up Campsites** Steve Avery reported on how the Article 4 Direction will be used to control any unauthorised campsites including the use of injunctions and stop notices.

### **22.93 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE**

Different types of devices were previously discussed at the July meeting and it was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to purchase a Speed Indicator Device up to the value of £5000.00 to be placed along Forest Road and possible other locations in the village. The device will display the speed that applies to the road on which it is situated. The clerk will begin the process of obtaining licences from HCC.

**22.94 CLERKS REPORT** – To receive the clerks report.

**Ragwort** – This summer areas of the cemetery left for conservation purposes contained ragwort plants. The conservation volunteers were keen to leave the ragwort as it is an important plant for the Cinnabar moth, however they ensured the plants were deadheaded before they were able to seed. Councillors discussed and agreed that they are happy for this management to continue.

**Trees** – Some urgent remedial work was carried out to an overhanging branch at the village hall car park. While carrying out the work the tree surgeon noted that other trees in the pit to the right of the village hall looked stressed and in need of remedial work. Further inspection of the trees is required and the clerk will organise for the trees to be surveyed. It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to approve up to £500 to carry out the survey work.

**Harrys meadow campsite** – Harry's meadow was open in Hale Park during August. Communication with the operators and land owner led to fire pits and BBQ's being prohibited due to the extremely dry conditions. HPC has received feedback from some local residents regarding this year's camping season and the effects on some neighbouring properties.

**Storage/Document retention** – The clerk sorted some more old HPC documentation over the summer and now all the cemetery records are stored in the village hall cupboard as they legally must be kept in a fireproof cupboard. There is still more sorting out to be done before it can be ascertained exactly how much storage is required and discuss this further with the Village Hall Committee. The clerk will also clarify where/what HPC information is stored in other locations.

**Lengthsman** – Dragons teeth were purchased to be used when replacements are required. The dragons teeth were purchased from New forest fencing at a cost of £238.80.

#### **22.95 ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

The Asset of Community Value and Community Right to Bid Initiative of the Localism Act 2011 gives eligible community groups the right to identify land or property and ask NFDC to list it as being of value to the community. The owner is then obliged to give notice to NFDC of any intention to sell and the community then has a chance to make an offer on the property.

It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to nominate Hale School building and land as an Asset of Community Value with NFDC under the Community Right to Bid Initiative. The clerk will proceed with the nomination process.

#### **22.96 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

22.96.1 It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to request HCC to review the rental associated with the current car park licence between HCC and Hale Parish Council.

22.96.2 It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to install a "No overnight camping" sign at Hale Village Hall car park. Current examples in the forest will be looked at.

#### **22.97 AUDITS**

It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to opt in to the SAAA external auditor appointment arrangements and to appoint Jeff Butt as internal auditor for 2022/23 accounts.

#### **22.98 ACCOUNTS.**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for the months of July and August.

The Treasurers account balance is currently £31,250.70 and the Business account balance is £6,322.82

## 22.99 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	PAYMENT METHOD
A.Johnson	Salary – August and September	478.83 each month		Standing Order
Cutting Edge	Cemetery cut – July	£180.00		Bank Transfer
Cutting Edge	Cemetery cut – August	£90.00		Bank Transfer
Arthur J Gallagher	Insurance (Annual)	£402.06		Bank Transfer
ADS	Tree work	£40.00		Bank Transfer
New Forest Fencing	Dragons teeth	£238.80	£39.80	Bank Transfer
A.Johnson	Home working – April-September	£117.00		Bank Transfer

**22.100 CORRESPONDENCE** - To consider correspondence received before 31/08/2022 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

### For information (circulated)

15/07/22 NPA – Latest news

27/07/22 Friends of the New Forest – Byelaw Watch

03/08/22 The Verderers – Invite to HLS Celebration evening

08/08/22 NFALC AGM Minutes

12/08/22 NHS Foundation Trust Salisbury – AGM Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

### Shared on website

30/08/22 NFDC residents could benefit from energy efficiency funding

02/08/22 NFDC Waste Collection Disruption

28/07/22 HCC seeks views of residents about 20mph limits within Hampshire

### Parishioner emails/telephone calls

30/08/22 Parishioner email regarding weddings at Hale Park.

30/08/22 Parishioner email regarding campsite (Harry's Meadow)

31/08/22 Parishioner email regarding Harry's Meadow

HPC discussed and will respond to the emails. HPC is in communication with Harry's meadow operator, Hale Park and the National Park Planning Authority and will closely monitor future actions.

18/08/22 Parishioner email regarding traffic along Forest Road

13/08/22 Parishioner email regarding speeding

These items were discussed within the agenda.

11/08/22 Parishioner email regarding noisy cattle grid.

This has been reported to HCC.

## 22.101 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Lengthsman** – The Lengthsman is scheduled to work in Hale on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Jobs will include footpath clearance at Hale Purlieu and checking that the gate to the footpath is operational.

**National Grid meeting** – National Grid have organised meetings with local parish councils to introduce the refurbishment scheme which will be in 2023; this involves replacing the cabling on the pylons. A meeting will take place at Hale Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**Verderers Higher Level Stewardship** – An open meeting of the Verderers will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September to promote the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.

**22.102 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 in Hale Village Hall**

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

Signed by .....

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