

## Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall.

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

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

**23.1 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** - Cllr Gillmon

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

**23.2 REPORT BY COUNCILLOR HERON** – Cllr Heron was unable to attend.

### 23.4 MINUTES

23.4.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

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

*Speed Limit Reminder Device* – A licence has been received from HCC to install SLR devices within Hale parish and this licence covers all locations submitted within the parish. Locations along Tethering Drove, Hale Purlieu and Hatchet Green will require approval from other organisations. The locations along Forest Road are more straightforward and HPC will now begin the process of installation which will initially require posts to be installed by HCC (costs to be covered by HPC).

### 23.5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Two members of the public spoke of their concern regarding the Harry's Meadow pop-up campsite which has operated at Hale Park for the past three summers and has brought significant issues to local residents. An Article 4 Direction was passed by the National Park Authority in 2022 which places restrictions on pop-up campsites in the New forest and requires any new (operating since March 2020) campsites to have planning permission. Harry's Meadow would therefore require planning permission to operate. Harry's Meadow is advertising as being open in May 2023 for 10 nights (26<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June) and currently no planning permission has been applied for.

HPC have a duty to react to the concerns of residents and will write to Steve Avery to express this and to ascertain any actions which the NPA Planning Authority are able to take if restrictions are breached. HPC will also ask HALC for legal advice concerning this issue.

### 23.6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

**Case Ref:** 22/00932/FULL  
**Proposed Works:** Shed; canopy to house  
**Site Address** Hobbs Oak, Hatchet Green Hale, SP6 2ND

Cllrs discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to approve Option 1 - We recommend PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. A comment will be added that the proposed new shed does not include the usual 1m spacing from a boundary.

**Case Ref:** 22/00832/FULL  
**Proposed Works:** Replacement conservatory roof  
**Site Address** Boundary Cottage, Forest Road, Hale, SP6 2NP

Cllrs discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to approve Option 1 - We recommend PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers

**23.7 NFDC PUBLIC PLACES PROTECTION ORDER** – NFDC are currently holding public consultations on two proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders relating to: (1) the lighting of fires in the New Forest (including BBQs); and (2) the feeding and petting of ponies and other stock. The public consultation runs until 27 January 2023. Both were discussed and recommendations made.

**PSPO 1** – Hale is not included in the proposed area for this PSPO and HPC felt strongly that it should be included as all areas of the Forest (eg Hale Purlieu and Hatchet Green) are subject to fire risk and therefore should have the same protection. The PSPO states that all “ temporary cooking facilities” are not allowed and councillors felt that this wording should be changed as it does not allow for a small camping stove for making a hot drink to be permitted during the year.

**PSPO 2** – Hale (those areas which have roaming livestock) is included in the area covered under the PSPO and Hale Parish Council have no comments to make on this proposal.

HPC will respond to the consultation.

All members of the public are welcome to comment on the proposals and can do so via the NFDC website.

**23.8 HAMPSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN** - HCC are currently holding a public consultation (until 31<sup>st</sup> January) on the partial review of the adopted Hampshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan. Cllrs reviewed the document and felt that it did not impact on the parish of Hale and therefore have no comments to make.

**23.9 TREE WORK HATCHET GREEN** – Five companies were asked to quote for the required tree work at Hatchet Green and two quotes were received. Cllrs discussed and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from the Tree Management Group. The work will be carried out this winter.

#### **23.4 EXTERNAL MEETINGS -**

**Village Hall Committee** – Cllr Gemmell attended the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November . Topics discussed included the Hallmark standard, increases in energy costs, tree survey, possible thermal insulation installation, a digital entry system and solar panels.

**Cricket Club meeting**– Cllr Vickery and the Clerk met with members of the cricket club who are concerned about the surface of Hatchet Green cricket outfield which was affected by the very dry summer. The clerk has contacted Natural England and another meeting will be held with members of the Cricket Club and Natural England to agree any remedial works that can be carried out given that Hatchet Green is in an SSSI.

**Greening Campaign** – Cllr Kyle attended the Woodgreen PC meeting in November and presented the Greening Campaign. Woodgreen agreed to join with Hale PC to go forward with the campaign and Helenna Datta will represent Woodgreen PC. Cllr Kyle and Helenna will meet in January to begin proceedings.

**23.11 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** – The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> with presentations from village organisations. The clerk will ask Nick Tomalin from the RSPB if he is able to give a talk.

#### **23.12 ACCOUNTS.**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for the months of November and December . The Treasurers account balance is currently £35,091.95 and the Business account balance is £6,325.49. It was agreed to transfer £20,000 from the Treasurers Account to the Business Account as this account is now earning interest.

#### **23.13 MONTHLY PAYMENTS**

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	PAYMENT METHOD
A.Johnson	Salary –December			Standing Order
Cutting Edge	Cemetery cut – November	£115.00		Bank Transfer
Cutting Edge	Cemetery maintenance - December	£95.00		Bank Transfer
Victim Support	S137 Grant	£50.00		Bank Transfer
Viking Supplies	Office supplies and telephone box equipment	£97.65	£19.07	Bank Transfer
ICO	Data Protection fee	£35.00		Direct Debit
Pennon Water Services	Water bill - cemetery	£17.44		Direct Debit
A.Johnson	HDMI Adaptor for laptop	£6.78		Bank Transfer

**22.14 CORRESPONDENCE** - To consider correspondence received before 20/12/2022 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

01/11/2022 Citizens Advice New Forest Annual Report 2021/22

02/11/2022 Friends of the New Forest Association – Bye Law Watch Survey

02/11/2022 NFDC – To consult on proposals to prevent BBQs and wild animal petting in NF.

08/11/2022 Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Partial Update - Consultation

17/11/2022 Cllr Edward Heron – Letter regarding HCC Financial situation

18/11/2022 Victim Support – Letter of thanks for grant

01/12/2022 Hampshire Access Team – Newsletter

01/12/2022 Police and Crime Commissioner – Monthly Newsletter

01/12/2022 New Forest Land Management talk– Future challenges and opportunities

08/12/2022 NFDC – Solent Freeport announcement

13/12/2022 David Illsley – Notes from Quadrant meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.

13/12/2022 NALC – Open letter to all councils.

13/12/2022 New Forest NPA – Latest news

#### **Shared on website**

02/11/2022 NPA – Plea to pass animals wide and slow in winter

02/11/2022 Message from Donna Jones – Police and Crime Commissioner

17/11/2022 Cllr Jill Cleary elected as leader of NFDC

22/11/2022 Cost of living information and advice

07/12/2022 Consultation on proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders

07/12/2022 Christmas Recycling and rubbish collections

#### **22.15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Litter picking** – Litter picking events have been held in the past but have taken a different format since the Covid pandemic with more individual litter picking encouraged and equipment provided. The clerk will investigate if any local or national campaigns are planned for 2023.

**Ordnance survey**– Cllr Gemmell established that HPC have membership to the OS Public Sector Spatial Agreement . This would be a useful tool for planning applications etc. The clerk will investigate membership access.

**Broadband** – John Mangan has sent an email to all those involved with an update of the proposed full fibre broadband and encouraged participants to register on the Giganet website.

**Pound Bottom** – Recent communication on local social media sites expressed concern for a possible development at the former Pound Bottom waste site. There are currently no plans for any development on this site.

**22.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The date of the next meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Annul Parish Assembly will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April and the Annual Parish meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> May.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.

Signed by .....

Date .....