

Denny Lodge Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council held on Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.00pm in Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall

Present:

Mr P Roberts (Chair)
Ms A Tilbury (Vice Chair)
Mrs J Horton
Mr J Green
Ms E Elcoate
Dr V Batty
Mr R Gover
Mrs M Dawkins (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr M Harris, Mr Neal Martin - Burley Parish Council & Mr Nigel Matthews Head of Recreation Management & Learning NPA, & Mrs Kim Penna, Clerk to East Boldre Parish Council

1. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Geroge Bisson SE Quadrant Representative.

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

Cllr Horton declared an interest in the bungalow at Decoy Pond Farm. Beaulieu Road, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst.

3. To confirm Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the 4th January 2016 were discussed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Tilbury and seconded Cllr Horton.

4. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

5. Presentation given by Nigel Matthews & Neal Martin re: Cyclists in the New Forest.

Nigel Matthews informed the committee that he felt that a Code for Cyclists in the New Forest needed to be adopted i.e. in the same way that a Notice is displayed relating to Dog Walkers/Owners.

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DATE; 16th May 2016

In January of this year the NFNPA held a meeting regarding an update of the New Forest Cycle Event Organisers' Charter (a copy of this is held on file by the Clerk) The meeting was advised that this is a Voluntary Charter assessing the last year's events, the mood of the public, and it claims to be reassuring and also considers Night time Activities. It was mentioned by a committee member that people just don't conform but Neal Martin a member of the The Safety Advisory Group stated that big efforts had been made to comply recruiting more marshalls. He stated this was a national issue not just related to the New Forest.

The Clerk is to receive details of the Events Register from Nigel Matthews which will be held on file. <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/15466/Public-Events-and-the-Safety-Advisory-Group>

6. To receive Chairman's Report

I am pleased to inform the Council that our application for Transparency Funding has been successful, with £625. being awarded. Together with Cllr Harris's generous contribution of £100. a total of £725.has been made available to progress compliance with the Transparency Code and website development.

A draft of the Council's website www.dennylodgeparishcouncil.gov.uk is now available for review (the website is not published for general access yet). Councillors are requested to please access the website and provide any comments by the 21st March. Access details will be forwarded separately, and time permitting will be reviewed later during the Parish Meeting. The website will be brought on-line prior to the AGM in May. A plan to further rationalise posting of Agendas and Minutes will follow successful commissioning of the Website. On behalf of the Council I thank Rebecca Jane for draughting and finalising the Parish Logo.

Finally, I have received notice from our Clerk, Maureen Dawkins, of her intention to retire. Mo has served the council diligently for the last 8 years, and has demonstrated a high degree of personal commitment in preserving the future of the council. She has even provided the motivation for our Christmas meal, a tradition I am sure we will continue. She departs with the Parish Council in good shape, with solid representation and a strengthening sense of identity. I would like to thank Mo personally for her patience and assistance in supporting the Chairman in the last year, and also on behalf of the Council for her years of diligent service. On behalf of the Council I wish her a long and happy retirement.

7. Matters arising (Culvert at Twiggs Lane)

The Clerk to telephone Highways and ensure they are looking into the matter again.

8. a)To receive a report from the District Councillor for Denny Lodge

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Councillor Harris informed the committee that Council Tax was going to be increased by 1.7%. As regards the Code of Conduct, Cllr Harris says he will 'spread the word'.

b) There was not a report submitted by Cllr Bisson - refer to Notes of SEQuadrant meeting at Exbury Social Club – 3rd February 2016.

c) To receive a report from Cllr Batty representative for the Consultative Panel

The minutes of the recent meeting of the NFCP on 3/3/16 are now available on the website at http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/376new_forest_consult

NPA Update. Revision to the fungi picking code are being considered at a national level by Natural England. Separate meetings have been held with NFA, foragers representatives and landowners.

Members are encouraged to engage with the current Local Plan Consultation.

Forestry Commission Update

Seasonal gorse and heather burning has been delayed by unfavourable weather but will start in earnest as soon as conditions allow.

Dog attacks on deer increasing and incidents should be reported to Queens House 0300 067 4600

England Coastal Path

Natural England presentation regarding Highcliffe to Calshot route.

2700 miles in total around the whole of the English coastline

NE in process of determining landowners regarding rights of way.

Underground Cabling

NFA currently assisting with bids for underground cabling in the New Forest. Hale is one of four schemes being taken forward nationally.

Verge Protection

Presentation from Landscape office of NFNPA. Measures under the Verge Protection Project are being extended to grazed verges in and around villages. Report damaged verges to Forestry Commission on 0300 067 4635.

Date of the next meeting 2nd June 2016

d) To receive a report from Cllr Tilbury Verderer's Court Representative

Verderer's Court held on the 10th February 2016.

Stallion numbers will go from 10 – 16 and will be turned out from 9th May to 6th June 2016. and Inspections will be Saturday 9th April starting 09.30 am.

The Exbury fence has been repaired.

Clean for the Queen – Mike Eccles organising dates, 4th,5th and 6th March.

There were 16 accidents (14 last year)

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Presentments: Richard Deacon – complaining about the rat run through Linwood and asking for signs and better reporting systems.

Brian Ingram – stated the standard of fencing repairs not very good at Exbury.

Chris Alhous thanking Vererer's for putting pressure on Exbury regarding the repairs.

The next meeting Wednesday 16th march 20167.

e) To receive a report from Ms A Tilbury NFALC representative

The minutes of the meeting of the 14th January 2016 have been circulated.

Mr Bob Jackson the New Chief Executive of the NFDC was welcomed to the meeting and promised to give NFALC the same dedicated support as his predecessor Mr D Yates.

A presentation was given by Mr Chris Elliott and Louise Evans from NFDC Planning who updated members on the Local Plan Review.

Neighbourhood Planning should reflect the up to date Local Plan Policies.

Rural Transport. An update on local bus and community transport services, including CANGO services locally.

Reports from Focus Groups were delivered, Dibden Bay/Marchwood Military Port, Broadband Programme and Quadrants Reports.

A report was submitted by Steve Avery on matters of interest within the national park area.

The latest Devolution proposals were put forward by Hampshire and the IOW.

The next meeting is to be held on the 21st April at Hythe.

f) To receive report a report from Cllr Tilbury Arson Forum Representative

The meeting took place on the 26th January at Hardley Firestation.

The yearly Halloween patrols are already being planned.

Reported a burnt out car 27th November 2015 on Netley View Estate.

PC Adrian Woodhead is planning an informal evening at Forest Front with regard to educating possible fire setters.

Forest Cycle Patrols will again be starting in the spring.

Cowes week fireworks date Friday 5th August.

The fire services is now organising business fire safety visits.

Also running a citizenship week for youngsters that are referred starting 20th June.

The next meeting is to be held on the 19th April.2016.

g) Clerks Report

On Wednesday 11th February the clerk attended a Devolution Update in Winchester, organised by the SLCC. This was a presentation by James Stracham, Asst. Director for Devolution HCC. The questions asked:-

1) How will Devolution affect Parish Councils 2) What role can parish Councils play in the process and 3) What has happened so far and what is to come.

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Devolution exists in Wales and Scotland and the government intend to bring it to England. Make local people fully accountable and is keen to see parishes grow. The government wish to bring the role of Mayor to the cities, gives a focal point. HCC dislike this idea . Another level of bureaucracy/ confusion. Cumberland have accepted the Governments proposal and in return are going to receive funding for flood defence. HCC want to keep money from the Business Rates £350 million and not receive a grant from the government. There is an infra structure problem in areas in S.E. not knowing when the money is coming. Offers to accelerate housing over the next 10 year period extra 100,000.houses, low cost starter homes, government keen for home owners rather than rental.

The above is a brief resume, this matter is ongoing with many more issues to be considered in the near future. which will be monitored by the Parish Council.

9. Finance

a) A Bank Reconciliation was submitted to the committee. The balance being £3490.01

b) Internal Audit – Eleanor Green - £155.00.

The Clerk submitted a proposal and costs to the committee stating that she thought Eleanor should be appointed as internal Auditor to Denny Lodge Parish Council. She provides competences and qualifications that comply with the requirements S12006/564. The accounts will be displayed on the website and the Clerk felt the council should be prepared to pay the extra costs. This was unanimously agreed by the council, Alison Tilbury proposed and seconded by Dr Batty.

10. PLANNING & LICENCE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED & CORRESPONDENCE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:-

Received – NPA 16/00072 – Home Farm, Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7AA. Agricultural Building

NPA 16/00164 – Ipers Bridge Farm, Ipers Bridge, Holbury S045 2HD – Erection of Stable - All existing stables for personal use, go with officers decision. No old stables to be removed..

Licensing Officer – LICPR/05/003567 – Royal Oak, Hilltop – a structural alteration inside the building – shortened the bar & put doorway to storage space.

comments re: Lighting at the Royal Oak, Hilltop

Cycling - LPEN/15/07918 – Holmsley Caravan & Camping Site - Red Skye Cycle Tours - 24th April

LPERN/16/00770 – Somerley Estate, Ringwood, Wiggle N.F.Spring Event

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Enforcement Control – QU/15/0254 – Royal Oak – Retrospective Planning Recd
QU/15/0223 – The Pig, Beaulieu Road. – Retrospective Planning Recd
QU/16/0027 - Colbury Farm, Unauthorised Devel: Retrospective
Planning Recd
MWP/12/1016 – Lyndhurst WWTW – Site monitoring
AOC/02/2032 – Culverley Farm – Agric. Occ. Monitoring
AOC/04/2070 – Lynwood Culverley Farm, Lyndhurst Rd – Agric. Occ.
Monitoring
AOC/01/2004 – The Bungalow, Decoy Pond Farm – Agric. Occ.
Monitoring
AOC/02/2031 - Culverley Farm Cott. – Agric. Occ. Monitoring
Tree Works –R14/15/16 0202 – Ferny Croft 0 exempt works
Withdrawn - 15/00904 – Ipers BridgeFarm, Holbury – Withdrawn

11. DENNY LODGE PARISH WEBSITE

The website is now in its final states and can be viewed. See Chairman's report..

12. STANDING ORDERS

The Chairman handed out the Standing Orders. Each member of the committee was given a personal copy and also a copy of the Code of Conduct.

13. Correspondence received up to 7th March 2016

1. Mr I B Norris – The Royal Oak, Hill Top, Beaulieu
2. SLCC – Protecting Your Society's Future
3. Community First New Forest – Nightstop DVD
4. NFDC – Register of Electors – March 2016 Alteration
5. NFDC - Register of Electors – February 2016 – Alteration
6. SLCC – The Clerk Magazine

E-Mails

- 1a HCC & IOW Devolution Newsletter Edition 12
- 2a Cllr K Thornber – Broadband Programme update 2016
- 3a John Stride - New Forest Inclosures Design Plan
- 4a Kate Williams – Beacon Lighting for The Queen's 90th Birthday
- 5a NALC Report 28th January 2016
- 6a Melanie Wathen – CILCA Training
- 7a Graham Flexman – Dealing with deer incidents
- 8a NFDC – Forward Plan of Key Decision – 1st Feb – 1st May 2016
- 9a Electoral Review of Hampshire
- 10a HALC – Guidance on Charities funding
- 11a Steve Avery – NPA Workshops 2016
- 12a NFDC Carol Toms – Temporary Road Closures 2016/17

(A copy of Steve Avery's NPA workshops is to be sent to all the committee members)

14. CHAIRMANS QUESTIONS

The Chairman advised the committee that he was still reviewing the Broadband situation and drafting a letter.

15. CLERK'S RETIREMENT

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mrs Kim Penna had applied for the position of Clerk to replace Mrs Dawkins and asked if she would kindly give a brief presentation to support her application.

Kim then left the meeting and it was open for discussion for the committee to consider. The Chairman and Vice Chair had met Kim informally, taken up references and the committee unanimously agreed to offer her the position of part/time Clerk, 6 hours a week (East Boldre Parish Council 13 hrs per week) This would be on a six month's probationary period, contract then to be reviewed. The Clerk and Chairman to draw up a contract of employment commencing 1st April 2016.

16.. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council will the be Annual General Meeting held on the 16th May 2016 at 7 pm in Beaulieu Abbey Church followed by the Annual Parish Assembly ay 8 pm.

Signed: Chairman P. Roberts

Date: 16th May 2016