

Denny Lodge Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council held on Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7.00pm in Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall

Present:

Mr P Roberts (Chair)
Mrs J Horton
Mr R Gower
Dr V Batty
Ms E Elecoate
Mr A Tilbury
Mrs M Dawkins

Also present: Cllr M Harris,

Apologies: Mr J Green

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

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

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the 7th September 2015 were discussed and signed as a true record. Proposed Mr R Gower, seconded Eve Elecoate.

4. Public Participation

There was no public participation

5. The Chairman's Report

It is now 6 months since the current Denny Lodge Parish Councillors have assumed their roles. Areas of progress in that time include:-

Denny Lodge as active representation on relevant bodies.

A number of information and orientation sessions have been attended by councillors.

Agenda signposting sites have been rationalised.

Other issues to be reviewed in the near term:-.

Broadband availability within Denny Lodge: following a recent presentation by HCC & outside the 96% projected coverage for highspeed broad band due to its low population density.

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A possible next step would be to determine location of FTC boxes which would serve the community and request feedback on the possibility of getting these sited, which may at least draw a response from HCC/BT Open reach confirming their siting strategy.

Standing orders to be reviewed and revised in accordance with latest legislation and guidelines.

Ensure Parish input into NFNP Local Plan process (Spring 2016: 'Preferred Options' document consultation).

Establish website for Denny Lodge for posting agendas and minutes of meetings. Identify issues affecting the Parish and prioritise addressing (cycling events, crime prevention etc.).

6. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

a) Ragwort on Beaulieu Estate. Jane informed the committee that she had spoken to Beaulieu Estate and everything was under control.

b) Resolution for Agendas to be emailed. It was unanimously agreed that in future the Agenda and Minutes for the Denny Lodge Parish Meetings be sent via email to councillors. Mr Gower asked for a hard copy still to be sent in the post and also Eve Elecoate asked that she receive a hard copy.

7. Reports

Broadband. Cllr M Harris told the committee Exbury & Lepe have put money aside to buy one or two cabinets for their parish. The Chairman thought that the availability of Broadband is depicted using Post Codes and that Denny Lodge is situated in a highly remote area covered by a few large post codes areas - so this is not an accurate basis for indicating broadband availability

The new Chief Executive for the NFDC is Mr Robert Jackson, Mr David Yates, now retired has worked for the council for 15 years. Another important point Cllr Harrison mentioned regarding the NFDC is that the Management Team will be reduced, Budget costs will be up to 20% but that he is hoping it will only be 10%.

Finally he mentioned that Beaulieu Parish Council have been researching car parking in Beaulieu.

b) Consultative Panel. Dr Batty attended a meeting on 2nd July 2015. **The National Park Authority update**. – second consultation on the Management Plan closed on 22nd June 2015. Two new seasonal campsite rangers and a wild life ranger appointed. Funded by developer contributions to mitigate the effect of housing in the NFDC area.

Forestry Commission – limited resources amounting to 10p per taxpayer per year. Constant challenge therefore to meet expectations on local communities.

Review of NPA Local Plan – reviewed at 5 year intervals. The last in 2010. Initial stage begins in September 2015. National Parks have the highest level of protection from development. **Cycling in the New Forest.** Charter under review but indications are that events had been better run and marshalled.

Matters arising – flooding. – a revised flood map was produced in 2015. Broad brush approach has led to complaints re unnecessary increases in insurance premiums for some residents.

National Park Authority Update – New Forest Management Plan now agreed by NPA members and undergoing ratification by Partner Organisations.

Forestry Commission – no further updates at this meeting

Wetland Restoration – Presentations from various organisations – see website. Supported by Natural England, Forestry Commission and the Verderers. Concerns were expressed by Burley Parish Council and their expert. It was agreed that more monitoring was required to ensure schemes were working and better communication with affected Parish Councils and local organisations.

c.) S.E. Quadrant Meeting 2nd July 2015. Mr George Bisson, our newly elected member to represent Denny Lodge Parish Council at the NPA, states that he is Vice Chairman of the Standards Committee and will sit on the Planning Committee. He has also been selected to be one of the panel to judge the design awards competition. Cllr Bisson also mentioned that The NPA is in the process of finalising its strategies to take forward over the next five years and has just launched the 'Our Past Our Future' scheme, which will help to restore lost landscapes not only for wildlife but recognising lost or derelict archaeology and historic buildings. It will seek to promote and enhance traditional skills and inspire the wider public to a better understanding and appreciation of the New Forest. It will also refurbish the ancient Verderer's Court at Lyndhurst improving education and public access..

d) Arson Forum Meeting 20th October at Hardley Fire Station at 10.am. The meeting dates for 2016 are 19th January, 19th April, 19th July and 18th October 2016. There is a Citizen project which is a one week course for schools. Lighting fires is now being done with aerosol cans. There will be Halloween patrols from 4pm with the police and ACSO.

The Fire Brigade would like support from the parish council in requesting an "Emergency Access' No Parking sign to be placed on the gate to the open Forest on A326 opposite Forest Front in the Holbury/Dibden Purlieu area.. The Clerk is to send a letter to Hampshire Highways accordingly. The Fire Brigade will also try to get burn out vehicles removed from the open forest sooner.

(e) NFALC 15th October Meeting held at Lymington Town Hall, attended by Alison Tilbury and Eve Elecoate. The Chairman thanked Dave Yates, returning officer who is retiring. Rural Transport is looking for an increase in funding from HCC. Broadband – Matt Callahan – Superfast Broadband cabinets siting now resolved but still seeking support and funding. They are supporting self help but highlighted that this will not happen until Wave 2 details are issued. As regards Cycling residents are encouraged to fill in feed back forms. Other matters discussed:- SE Quadrant meeting update – walks on NPA website, fungi and building design. Planning – greater house building will take place in the forest. New Forest is in the early stages of a three year project. The NPA Partnership plan has been approved.

2.8m Heritage lottery fund for project 'Our Past Our Future – Launch October 26th. There was a Talk about fungi collection. and Walking Week starting 17th October. Lidar Display at the New Forest Centre until March 2016. A police presentation by Chief Supt Dave Powell and Ch Insp Simon Tribe. There is going to be £80 million less funding since 2010 and further £25 million cut still to come. Parking is now going to be dealt with by the NFDC.

(f) Verderer's Report. 15th September (A brief summary) Since the last Verderer's Court another access has been gravelled and licensed, issued by the Forestry Commission at Wayfarers, Woods Corner which is illegal. TB Testing is from 31st October to 31st January 21016 and commoners must have an isolation pen on their holdings. Spot checks to be carried out by Verderers. Concern was raised on the numbers of stock believed caused by the Basic Payment Scheme. Verderers are in dialogue with Defra and asked to base on 2014 numbers. A reminder that to qualify to vote on 27th November, vote registration forms from commoners need to be back by 25th September. Also nominations required for candidates

In July there were 10 road accidents with stock. In August 12 accidents. There were 1040 motorists caught speeding. Pannage will begin on 14th September to 12th November Pigs have to be inspected and marked and a fee paid before turnout. Commercial fungi picking – the Forestry Commission is trying to stop commercial pickers so that firms can be stopped

Several presentments were made supporting the proposed wetland works in the forest. The New Forest Association requested a total ban on fungi picking as Epping Forest except for scientific or educational purposes. Challenged the 1.5kg per person per day allowance and asked Foresry Commission to remove the erroneous advice from its website. Further presentment made by Sarah Cadbury asking to ban picking..

Verderer's Report 21st October 2015 (A brief summary). Young commoners visited from Dartmoor. As regards the election of three Verderer's in November, the ballot will be run by Blake Morgan, Chandlers Ford. There will be a consultation before any future licences are issued by the Forestry Commission. During September there were 13 accidents. Also 49 animals were killed as compared to 56 this time last year. There will be a speed camera operating for the next 12 months. 9136 motorists were caught speeding of which over 5000 occurred on unfenced roads.

Mr Graham Ferris gave a presentment requesting an extension of the pannage period to a week before Christmas. There was a request that the New Forest Marathan to be limited to gravel racks. The Hash Harriers are runners who run 5 miles to the pub and back during the evening. A members dog savaged a sheep which had to be destroyed. There was a request to ban recreational activities after dark. Michael Mays – Hyde, stated in filling of stream by 1 foot at Thomsons Castle will destroy habitat. New Forest Association – reported a ban of fungi picking on the northern commons and request Forestry Commission join ban. Lyndsey Stride is calling for an increase in the number of stallions. Lastly the residents of Brockenhurst are protesting that posting after events are not cleared

- (g) The Clerk reported that since the last meeting she has been researching Cycling in the Forest and has spoken to Neal Martin of Burley PC who represents cycling issues and is a member of the ‘Wash Up’ Group which meets after a big cycling event to discuss lessons learnt. Mr Martin mentioned that Nigel Matthews who is Chair of the Cycling Liason Group and said that he felt they would both be happy to come to one of our meetings to discuss our concerns.i.e. Byelaws, Code of Conduct, The Role of the Forestry Commission and Verderers and the Charter. I have invited them to attend the 7th March meeting, (which invitation they have now accepted and they have asked if there were any specific questions that would need to be answered).

8. FINANCE .

- a) A Bank Reconciliation Sheet was submitted to the committee. The balance being £4198.28.
- (b) It was unanimously agreed by the committee that the Precept be raised by 5% to £5154.00

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

Received – NPA PA00801 – The Pig, Beaulieu Road, Brockenhurst – new structure forming bedroom accommodation and removal of tarmac and landscaping. The committee decided to support the officers decision (5)
NPA 15/00725 – Faraway, Hilltop, Beaulieu, SO42 7YR.
NPA 15/00294 – Pondhead, Lyndhurst see email from Emma MacWilliam

Withdrawn – PA.1500545 & 1500546 – See email sent from Emma MacWilliam
Development Control - AOC/01/2004 – 1 The Bungalow , Decoy Pond Farm –

Agric. Occ: monitoring
AOC/02/2031 – Culverley Farm Cott: – Agric. Occ. Con. Mon:
AOC/02/2032 - Culverley Farm
AOC/04/2070 – Lynwood Culverley Farm - A.O.C.M.
MWP/12/1016 – Lyndhurst W.W.T.W. – Site monitoring

Enforcement Control – QU/156/0125 – Ipers Bridge Riding Stables, Unauthorised Dev:

Tree Works - Tree Pres. Order TPO/0024/15 : Land at Aldermoor Lodge.
Streamlined felling – 4th and 3rd Batch of maps
Tree Enforcement Team – Quarterly Report July – Sept 2015

10. BROADBAND

It was decided to review the matter at the next meeting giving time to look at the government plan. The Chairman is to approach Mr Hayward Broomfield Chairman of Exbury Lepe Parish Council self funding.

11. DENNY LODGE PARISH WEBSITE

The committee discussed the matter of the website and agreed to pay the initial amount of money to begin registration. It was agreed to 'kick off' the site as soon as possible. The Clerk handed to the committee a draft Logo, which had been designed by Rebecca Jane and the committee decided to report back at the next meeting with any ideas and amendments for this.

Cllr Harris very kindly said that he would donate £100. towards the costs of the website.

12. STANDING ORDERS

This matter was referred to the next meeting. The Clerk said she would liaise with Mr E Holtham and arrange a meeting with the Chairman to discuss incorporating recent additions and amendments to the Standing Orders.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED UP TO 2ND NOVEMBER 2015

1. Mind Andover – Booklet re: Creating a Dementia Friendly Community
2. NPA – Newsletter Parklife Autumn/Winter 2015
3. HALC – Service Brochure 2015/16
4. Verderer's of the New Forest – Election Noticed 2015
5. SLCC – Minutes of Meeting 24.9.15
6. NEC Report 14th October 2015
7. HALC – Annual Review 2014-15
8. NFDC – Forward Plan 1 Oct to 31 January 2016
9. HALC – Direct Access Scheme

E-Mails

- 1a Graham Flexman –A338 rebuild
- 2a Graham Flexman – Larger and Smaller Council Nominations
- 3a John Bull NFDC – Suspension of Parking Charges for Christmas businesses

NFDC News

- 1. Ranger Dawn leads the Green Way ahead
- 2. Tech savvy Stuart celebrates survey success
- 3. Calling young artists in Totton and Eling - mascot wanted
- 4. Council's cabinet approves next step to replacing Milford beach huts
- 5. Look what's cooking - for free
- 6. Registering to vote in 2016 Police & Crime Commissioner Election
- 7. First ever joint winners of Village of the Year
- 8. Still time to enter this year's New Forest Business Awards
- 9. New Forest car parks resurfacing works planned
- 10. Plan ahead to protect your property from flooding
- 11. Former Calshot airbase could become new cemetery
- 12. Applemore pre-school - new outdoor area
- 13. Council's cabinet to consider Milford seafront designs
- 14. New Forest Fit Fest – free health and wellbeing event
- 15. Walking Strategy for Hampshire
- 16. New Chief Executive at the NFDC
- 17. SE Quadrant meeting 4th November 2015
- 18. Council tributes for Remembrance Sunday

14. CHAIRMANS QUESTIONS

Mrs J Horton mentioned to the committee that she was concerned regarding the increase of 'night time activities' especially at midnight within the forest. Mrs Horton felt that the Forest 'does not rest', when it should be a place of peace and tranquillity. It was agreed to compile a draft letter, to be discussed at the next meeting incorporating the concerns of committee members. Cllr Harris said he would make representations to the other parishes and learn of their experiences.

15. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council will be 4th January 2016. at Beaulieu Abbey Church at 7 pm.

Signed: Chairman Date: