

Denny Lodge Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 2016 at 7.00pm in Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall

Present:

Mr P Roberts (Chair)
Mrs J Horton
Mr J Green
Ms E Elecoate
Ms A Tilbury
Mrs M Dawkins

Also present: Cllr M Harris, Mr G Bisson. Ms Debbie Lewis and Mr Colin Smith (The Royal Oak)

Apologies: Mr R Gover and Dr V Batty

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 2nd November 2015 were discussed and signed as a true record. Proposed Eve Elecoate and seconded Jane Horton

4. Public Participation

Planning Application 15/00956. Ms Debbie Harris gave a presentation on behalf of herself and her husband, being the proprietors of the The Royal Oak, Hilltop, Beaulieu. She informed the committee that she had spent over £4,000. on wood sourced by a local company Farwells of Sway and that the cladding would be stained a dark natural colour. After discussion the committee agreed that they would accept the cladding, proposed by John Green and seconded by Eve Elecoate. However, the committee were concerned regarding the lighting on the outside of the premises and asked if it could be adjusted and reduced. Ms Harris said that she would reduce the lighting and hoped that this would be acceptable. The Clerk is to send the necessary paper work to the NPA but to stress that there is concern regarding the lighting of the premises.

5. The Chairman's Report

In the previous 2 months the following have been completed:

- 2016/17 budget has been drafted and precept for the period submitted. (The proposed budget will be tabled for review)
- A review of Denny Lodge Parish Council's Standing Orders have been undertaken, with minor modifications proposed.
- Transparency Code Compliance : The Denny Lodge Council domain has been reserved (dennylodgeparishcouncil.gov.uk) and an application for transparency funding submitted.

In the forthcoming period, in addition to the Council's usual activities, focus areas are:

- Ensure timely input to NFNP Local plan (preferred Options' consultation due for review in Spring 2016).
- Query HCC & BT Openreach regarding proposals for broadband provision in Denny Lodge.
- Draft letter of concern regarding night-time access and activities on perambulation land.
- Commission the parish council web site, upload required information (acc. Transparency Code) and look for ways to further rationalise signposting and communication costs. A logo has been drafted for comments, which should be finalised. Input from Councillors with the wording and content (e.g. photos of the area) the website would be gratefully received (by the end of Jan 16)

6. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

a) Nighttime activities in the Forest. There was a long discussion and it was agreed that the matter was causing concern. Matters discussed were, Notices that could be displayed, explaining the correct code of conduct and behaviour to be adopted by people in living or travelling through the forest. Possible press coverage and pamphlets to be designed.

The Clerk had received an email from a Boldre Councillor regarding this matter. George Bisson said he would bring the subject to the attention of NFALC. and It was suggested that Dr Batty put this item on the agenda of the next Consultative Panel Meeting.

7. Reports

Cllr Harris said that the NFDC was raising the Council Tax by 2%. There is a Deficit of 4 million. The Senior Management Team is changing and as regards Denny Lodge, there will be no boundary changes

Councillor Harris kindly handed over to the committee a cheque for £100. A donation towards setting up and creating the new Denny Lodge Website.

b) S.E. Quadrant meeting. George Bisson firstly thanked the committee for inviting him to spend a very enjoyable Christmas get-together at the Drift Inn in December. An evening enjoyed by all.

George then went on to mention the last SE Quadrant meeting of the 4th November. The HLS leaflet was handed out to the meeting and Landscape Character Assessment which records the different landscapes in the forest was distributed

The NPA have received a recent award of £2.8 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and together with match funding is worth £4.4 Million. over the next four years.

The Local Plan review initial consultation has now been closed and there had been a good response to the 'call for sites' for new dwellings.

(c) Consultative Panel. Dr Batty attended a meeting on 5th November 2015.

Park Authority update. – Management plan now ratified by all the partner organisations. NPA has secured £4.4 million lottery grant for the New Forest to be shared across 21 projects on non-Crown Lands.

Forestry Commission – Fungi picking be subject to more scrutiny and pickers have been intercepted and details logged in order to map out the activity and understand the scale and impact of the pickers

Increase in deer poaching

Forestry Commission has secured lottery funding to restore the Verderer's Hall.

Panel Savings and Efficiencies

Proposed changes include reducing meetings to 4 per year. Electronic distribution of papers and alternative technical support. Meetings to be moved to Lyndhurst Community Centre.

Verderer's Report. Alison Tilbury submitted a brief report.

Clerks Report Mrs Dawkins said that she was pleased to report a successful evening at the Drift Inn an early celebration for the committee for Christmas. So many jokes were bantered about it became quite a challenge to outwit each other.

As regards the Emergency Access onto the Open Forest on the A326, she contacted the Highways to no avail being referred to the NFDC and then the FC. Alison Tilbury said she would try and further the sign. At the next meeting we will be receiving Neil Martin and Nigel Matthews to answer our concerns on Cycling in the New Forest.

8. FINANCE .

a) A Bank Reconciliation Sheet was submitted to the committee. The balance being £3,361.42.0

(b) It was unanimously agreed by the committee that the Precept be raised by 5% to £5232.00. Mr Green proposed and Alison seconded.

The Clerk informed the committee that she had received a letter from HALC informing of the introduction of a sector-led body for external audit. The matter is being discussed between the various organisations.

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

Received – NPA 1500956 – The Royal Oak, Hill Top, Beaulieu SO42 7YR -
Retention of cladding to the front of the building (Discussed under item 4)

NPA 15/00904 Ipers Bridge Farm, Forest Road, Holbury SO45 2HD –
Barn – relocation of oil tank.

10. BROADBAND

The Chairman is to a draft letter.

11. DENNY LODGE PARISH WEBSITE

The domain is now secure and needs to be populated with text and photos. Previous years minute and agendas are to be listed.

12. STANDING ORDERS

The document is in the final stages of completion to be submitted to the committee for acceptance at the next meeting.

13. Correspondence received up 4th January 2016

1. HALC – re CILCA
2. NALC Affiliation Levy 2016/17
3. NALC Review of Local Council Tax support schemes
4. NALC – Community Infrastructure Levy Review
5. NFDC – Forward Plan of Key Decisions - 1 Jan to 30 April 2016
6. NFDC - “ “ “ - 1 Dec to 31 March 2016
7. NHS Poster – Forget Me Not - Dementia Friendly

Emails

- 1a HALC – The Spending Review 25th Nov 2015
- 2a HIOW – Devolution Programme Newsletter
- 3a Access Team South – Priority Cutting Lists for your Parish
- 4a Pat Rendall – Advertising Enquiry
- 5a Care – Advertising Enquiry
- 6a Small Grants Team – Countryside Access –
- 7a HALC – Cuts in Funding for Library Service in Hampshire
- 8a Graham Flexman – HCC ETE Parish Event Summary
- 9a Anthony Climpson – Small Business Saturday
- 10a NFDC – Clean for the Queen –
- 11a HALC – First communication from Smaller Authorities
- 12a Neil Massie – Neighbourhood Planning in Hampshire
- 13a Martin Cole – Possible Council Tax Scams
- 14a HIOW - Devolution Programme – Workshop 1st March 2016

NFDC News

1. Warning about Council Tax banding scam
2. Milford-on-Sea beach huts planning application submitted
3. Notice of work at Milford on sea promenade
4. Councillors break ground on North Milton regeneration
5. Public offices in Hythe to host new credit union
6. Fancy a swim in the New Forest's excellent bathing waters
7. Planning for new homes in Calmore
8. Free Parking in NFDC car parts on 5/12
9. Photocall and information – Brand New Forest
10. Lets celebrate local government – Tweetathon

14. CHAIRMANS QUESTIONS

Mr Green asked on behalf of Mr Gover if the calvert could be cleared Twiggs Lane End , Twiggs Lane. The Clerk said she would be in touch with Highways.

15. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

Signed: Chairman Date: