

Denny Lodge Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2015 at 7.00pm in Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall

Present:

Mr P Roberts (Chairman)
Ms E Elecoate
Mrs J Horton
Dr V Batty
Mr R Gover

Also present: Cllr M Harris,

1. **Apologies:** Ms A Tilbury, Mr J Green and Mrs M Dawkins

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 Annual General Meeting of the 18th May 2015 were signed as a true record. Proposed Mr R Gover, seconded Ms E Elecoate.

4. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation

5. **The Chairman's Report**

This is the first Parish meeting following the APM and the commencement of tenure for a number of new Councillors following the 7th May elections. Denny Lodge Parish is solidly represented by a good spectrum of councillors, both long standing and newly appointed. Although the parish has a small population it covers a large area – approx. 27 square miles – and the population who live within the Parish have a unique insight into the locality and issues affecting the Parish.

In addition to the Parish Council's usual functions, there are some specific issues that should also be developed in the forthcoming period.

In the nearer term:

- Standing orders should be reviewed and updated to include latest guidance, such as recording and social media at Council meetings. I will contact Eddie Holtham to get a better understanding of what is required. Mo will also contact other parish Councils to see if there is a useful basis for Denny Lodge.

- The Parish Council should re-appraise the status of Broadband availability within the Parish area. Due to its geographical spread, different areas of the Parish might have different phases of development. An objective should be to understand factors affecting roll-out and future performance (e.g. location of fibre optic connected roadside cabinet locations, distances of properties from the fibre optic terminations and impact on broadband speed). An invitation will be extended to Ken Thornber to discuss this topic.
- Request Parish specific reports, e.g. police/crime reports.

Medium or longer term issues to be considered

- Aim to establish a website within the next 12 months, and enable it to serve as a communication tool for the residents of Denny Lodge to access. A website could enhance the identity of the Parish, communication, agenda, minutes etc., and dates of meetings, it could also be used as a means to contact the Parish Council.
- Review the signposting sites for meeting agendas: the 14 signs currently used to post the agendas represent a time consuming activity and travel cost. A function website which includes the agenda would allow the Council to review rationalising the number of these posting sites.
- We may consider some specific training for our Clerk or Councillors, and a list of relevant training will be obtained.

I wish our Clerk, Mo Dawkins, best wishes and look forward to her return to our meetings soon.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

a) Camping in the Forest

The amount of pitches allocated at each site are:-

Hollands Wood – 600 pitches

Ashurst – 280

Denny Wood – 170

Matley Wood – 70

Roundhill – 500

A maximum stay period of 28 days onsite and ask that customers to the New Forest sites move their unit after 21 days to a different pitch. The exact terms and conditions are:-

'On all our sites the maximum stay allowed is 28 days after which time your pitch must be vacated for at least 3 days before you return to the pitch. You may only extend your stay up to a maximum of two 28 days periods within one year. All 28 day stays will qualify for a discount of 10% on the standard pitch fee in low and mid season. Please be aware, due to local byelaws on some of our New Forest sites you may be required to move your unit to another pitch after 21 days

In addition customers who book seasonal pitches for the duration of the season are subject to a maximum stay of 21 nights and an interval of 48 hours must elapse between visits. They also ask that seasonal customers on grass pitches in the New Forest move their unit every 21 days.

The opening and closing dates are dictated by their lease and all sites fall under the same terms - "All open the Thursday of the week before Good Friday week (ie 8 days before Good Friday) and close the Monday after the last weekend in September.

All customers are referred to their terms and conditions.

7. Reports

Cllr M Harris is looking at Business interests in the New Forest to find ways of raising finances not by putting up car park charges.

The Chief Executive of the NFDC is stepping down which gives rise to new opportunities, maybe the restructuring of the NFDC.

Cycling – Mr Edward Hero, who is heading the focus group in charge of cycling, states that there is now a Cyclists Code, he is chasing this because people are not adhering to it.

A Vagrant in Beaulieu has been causing some concern but he has now been 'moved on. Matters had not been helped by the way some people had attempted to deal with the matter. It was suggested that a Representative of NFDC should come to Beaulieu Parish Council Meeting to assist with dealing with the homeless on a similar matter and then extend the offer to other local Parish Councils to give an overview on process i.e. the law relating to this kind of problem especially confidentiality

Surgeries- Cllr Harris does not give these but gives out leaflets explaining that he would be in a certain area of a Parish Council at a certain time if people wish to ask him questions. He will let us know how this might work for our Parish Council.

In response to Cllr's Harris comments regarding Broadband, the committee felt that it may be possible to send Mr K Thornber an invitation to clarify our current position regarding Broadband. Paul would like this to be at our November meeting and the Clerk should make the necessary arrangements.

c) S.E. Quadrant Meeting 17th June 2015. Revised draft plan has now been sent out to the Parish Clerks- responses close 22nd June. There will be a planning policy review, stated by Steve Avery, regarding the future needs of the parishes.

National Tree Week – 29th November – Nick Rivers was promoting ‘family trees’ where families plant a tree in memory of a loved one. He is looking for suitable land with public access to use to plant these trees. He has applied for the trees but does not know if he has secured them yet. The land needs to be at 300msq.

Steve Avery also mentioned that they were proposing an award for the best New Building in the Forest.

This was Clive Maton’s last S.E Quadrant Meeting and he was thanked for his work

d) New Forest Consultative Panel Report. – Vincent Batty reported meeting a mixed group of people with a wide range of views re National Park. There is pressure from the Government to push for more local low cost housing.

(e) Verderer’s Report. 20th May 2015. A Presentments was made that a Beaulieu River was blocked. A query was made about a decision to refuse a stallion for turning out onto the forest. Also a presentment was made by Sally Hayward from Matley Cottage regarding the works at Pondhead. The Verders will look into these matters.

Also 420 motorists have been caught speeding with a speed of 71 mph recorded. There were 4 accidents with livestock recorded where 2 ponies killed and 2 injured.

17th June 2015. Regarding the presentment by Sally the Verderers stated that they strongly approved the works. Beaulieu River flooding – the Forestry Commission will remove debris by managed land. Pam Badley made a presentment complaining about works done by the Forestry Commission on a river near High Corner.

346 Motorists were caught speeding in May and there were two livestock accidents.

8. FINANCE .

a) A Bank Reconciliation Sheet was submitted to the committee. The balance being £2977.78.

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

Enforcement Control –

- QU/150125 - Ipers Bridge Riding Stables –Unauthorised Devel:
QU/15/0029 - Homestead, Deerleap Lane, Longdown. – Unauthor:
Devel floodlight:
- MWP/12/1016 Lyndhurst W.W.T.W. – Site monitoring
- AOC/012004 – 1 The Bungalow Decoy Pond – Agric: Occ: Condition Monitoring
- AOC/02/2031 – Culverley Farm Cottage- Agric.Occ.Condition Monitoring

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Planning Application for Wetland Restoration

- PA15/00294 - Ongoing with Secretary of State

Licencing Officer –

- LICPR/05/00183 – Home Grown Hotels Ltd, 'The Pig in the Forest'. Minor Variation of Premises Licence (S41A).
- LICPR/15/04157 - Home Grown Hotels Ltd, 'The Pig in the Forest'. Grant of Premises Licence (S17) – Time Limited.
- Public Health and Community Safety – Review of Licencing Policy

Tree Preservation Order

- TPO/0024/15 – Land at Aldermore Lodge, Ipley, Marchwood

New Forest National Park Authority – Scope of the Local Plan Review, regulation 18 (1)

Cycling

- LPEN/15/02790 – 20/09/15, 8:00am to 8:00pm

10. AGENDA SITE LIST

Once the website is up and running, it will reduce need for the agendas to be displayed in so many locations and maybe the number of sites can be reduced (and the need to drive around the parish). For the time being agendas are to be posted to each councillor in accordance with the attached list.

11. Correspondence up to 6th July 2015

1. Mr E Holtham's Thank You Letter, 19th May 2015
2. NFDC – Register of Electors, Notice of Alteration, June 2015
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4. HCC – Hampshire Constabulary Poster, 'Can You Spot the Risks?'
5. Relate – Counselling Service Now at Lyndhurst
6. SLCC Letter – 'Are you a Good Leader?'
7. Local Government Boundary Commission, Electoral Review of Hampshire

E-Mails

1. NFDC – Successful Year of Services for Residents
2. HALC – Consultation of Future Affiliation to NALC
3. HALC – Responsibilities of Local Council
4. HALC – Training and Events Programme 2015
5. NFNPA – Notification of Changes to Planning Web Pages
6. HCC Broadband Team – Programme Update
7. New Forest Business Partnership – First New Forest Business Expo
8. NFDC – Local Plan Review
9. NFNPA – Streamlining Felling Licence Application

NFDC News

1. Hospice's Delight at £10,000 in the Charity Bag
2. Say Hello to Fitness This Summer
3. NFDC is Asking Residents to Recycle Right
4. Armed Forces Flag Flies in the Forest
5. New Chairman for the NFDC
6. Key to a New Future at Council Homes
7. New Forest Team Celebrate Success at Hampshire Games
8. First New Forest Business Expo Success
9. Are You Sun Aware? Try Our Quiz and Win £50 Voucher
10. HARAHA for National Rural Housing Week

The N F D C is to be asked for a List of Register of Electors.

12. CHAIRMANS QUESTIONS

It was suggested that a 'confidential matters section' be added on Agenda for the next meeting.

Jane asked what was happening to Ragwort on the Beaulieu Estate.

Rolo said that his phone number was incorrect. It is 02380 292207.

15. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

Signed: Chairman Date: