

DENNY LODGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.00 pm in Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall.

Present:

Cllr Paul Roberts – Chairman
Cllr A Tilbury - Vice Chairman

Cllr E Elcoate
Cllr J Green
Cllr J Horton

In attendance – Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr V Batty; Cllr R Gover.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2016

The minutes were agreed by Council and duly signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

4.0. Public session

No public participation.

5.0. To receive the Chairman's report

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

He went on to say it had been a relatively quiet period towards the end of 2016. Looking forward, the main issues affecting the Council are the NFDC Consultation Plan, the Forestry Commission Inclosures Consultation, and the NFNP Consultation Plan. DLPC have submitted comments for the first 2 of these, with no comments to the NFNP Consultation Plan. The forthcoming year should be a period of relative stability for DLPC, so we can look forward to addressing some of the longer-term issues that affect Denny Lodge.

6.0. To receive reports

6.1. To receive a report by District Councillor for Denny Lodge.

Cllr Harris apologised for not attending the Christmas meal but he was unwell. In his position of Chair of the Task and Finishing Group at NFDC, the meeting was given the last-minute news of funding cuts of £240,000. The possibility of a reduction in councillors has been considered in an electoral reform in an effort to save costs. Cllr Harris asked councillors to consider anyone they may wish to nominate for the Chairman's Awards given by NFDC. It is hoped this will be a yearly occurrence. Cllr Harris informed the meeting that our County Councillor, Ken Thornber has been unwell and will be standing down from his position in May. Cllr Harris had spoken with Colin Hibberd at Hampshire County Council about the situation of the railings at Beaulieu Road Station. He told Cllr Harris that the work will commence on the railings on the 16th January.

6.2. To receive a report on the New Forest Consultative Panel meeting.

Cllr Batty attended the meeting and sent the following report.

The now familiar prolonged discussion on wetland drainage schemes following a recent meeting of interested parties regarding the Jonathan Cox Associates report (Environmental consultants).

Steve Avery representing the NFNPA gave a brief report on the local plan and the continuing pressure for new housing development.

Bruce Rothnie, Deputy Surveyor of NF reported on several issues;

- i Latchmore drainage proposal has been rejected by planners. This has forced a re-think in how the FC engages with local communities in the development of similar schemes.
- ii Other FC works continue with clearance of rhododendrons, repair of verges, butterfly conservation and restoration of the Verderers' Hall. There has been a recent profitable sale of harvested oak. The FC feels that the "look no pick" policy for fungi has been successful.
- iii He gave a short presentation on Ash die-back disease. The first infected tree has been confirmed in the NF near Picket Post.

Edward Heron from HCC suggested good news for Broadband in that the process for siting new cabinets has been streamlined but nothing new for isolated properties.

More detail regarding the presentations and the full minutes to be found on the NFCP website.

6.3. To receive a report on the Verderers' meeting.

The December meeting was a closed session.

6.4. To receive a report on the South-East Quadrant meeting.

Next meeting on the 8th February.

6.5. To receive a report on the Waterside Arson Forum meeting.

No meeting.

6.6. To receive the clerk's report and information received list.

6.6.1. I am sorry that I missed the Christmas meal but I hope you all had a lovely evening and a relaxing festive period.

6.6.2. The funding which was available from SSE for defibrillators in rural parishes has now finished. There is likely to be another such scheme this year and the representative from SSE will contact the council when more funding becomes available.

6.6.3. The bank mandate forms have been returned for one slight amendment and some extra information. The clerk will continue to update the council on this matter.

6.6.4. The clerk has the New Forest Association newsletter 'Forest Matters', a flyer on the New Forest Volunteer Fair and some information on the 'Shared Forest'. This project which has been set up intends to use education to teach people about the history and structure of

the working forest. It also aims to highlight the issues faced by forest stock and to encourage people to be responsible when in and travelling through the forest.

6.6.5. You should have all received the 'Incidents reported list' which will be regularly updated and sent out to councillors prior to each meeting. If there are any items you would like added to the list, please email me.

6.6.6. Attached to this report is the information received list and the planning and enforcement list. Please advise the clerk if there are any items you would like more details on.

7.0. Finance

7.1. To agree payments in accordance with the budget and to note bank reconciliation.

Resolved: Payments agreed as shown on table below, income and bank reconciliation noted.

Payee	Cheque No	Item	Payment
Payments 09/01/17			
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	000470	Salary Dec/Jan	£375.90
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100471	Expenses	£30.68
EBPC	100472	Computer	£16.00
HMRC	100473	Tax/NI	£93.60
Total to pay			<u>£516.18</u>
Receipts as at 09/01/17			
Source		Detail	Amount
Total income			<u>£0.00</u>
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 09/01/17			
Lloyds bank			£4,740.16
Total			<u>£4,740.16</u>
Net bank balance as at 09/01/17			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year 2016/17 to date, as follows			
Opening balances	3,490.01		
Add receipts	5,282.00		
Less payments	4015.85		
Less unclear cheque	16.00		
Total			<u>£4,740.16</u>

8.0. To receive an update on the railings on the bridge at Beaulieu Road.

Update received in District Councillor's report.

9.0. To receive an update on the highway lighting issues.

The clerk reported the problem to Hampshire County Council. They said that they were not responsible for this section of highway lighting and gave the clerk the contact details for Highways England. The clerk contacted Highways England who said that the responsibility is that of Hampshire County Council. Cllr Harris suggested contacting the tree department of HCC rather than the lighting department. The clerk will do this. **ACTION KP**

10.0. To discuss the proposed new barrier at Denny Wood.

Cllr Horton had been approached by two residents who had raised concerns about the possibility of a barrier being put across Denny Wood. They were worried that this could prevent access to emergency vehicles to the area. The clerk had tried to find out about the plans for a barrier but had been unsuccessful.

Resolved: The clerk will contact Cllr Batty who may know more about the barrier.

ACTION KP

11.0. To receive an update on the Forestry Commission Inclosure plan.

No update available at the time of the meeting.

12.0. To discuss broadband in the parish.

Cllr Roberts highlighted the reports of more funding soon to become available to assist the provision of broadband, particularly in rural areas. He was uncertain of the details of the funding and sceptical of how it would be allocated.

Resolved: Cllr Roberts will email Glenn Peacey and Patrick Blogg at Hampshire County Council to establish the current position for Denny Lodge and to enquire on future plans for broadband provision for the parish.

ACTION PR

13.0. To discuss unadopted land in the parish.

There were still issues with the unadopted land at Applemore Hill. Cllr Harris had taken the matter up with a colleague at NFDC and it was clear that the land was certainly unadopted. NFDC had taken steps to try and adopt the land a few years previously but this had been blocked by some of the residents around the area at the time. Cllr Horton suggested that the parish council should consider the adoption of the land. The clerk advised the council that this had been previously considered but heavily advised by HALC that this would not be an appropriate step to take.

Resolved: Cllr Harris will continue to look further at the situation.

ACTION MH

14.0. To discuss increased traffic in the parish.

Concerns were raised by councillors about the increase of traffic through the parish and in particular the dangers of Ipley crossroads. There had been a number of accidents at the crossroads as it is unclear which direction of traffic has priority. Cllr Harris reminded the council that HCC would not undertake any preventative road works unless there had been a human death at the area.

Resolved: Cllr Tilbury will try and find the accident statistics for the area. **ACTION AT**

15.0. To discuss increased litter in the parish.

The clerk has reported the increased problem with litter in the parish to Gary North from the Forestry Commission. A response is being awaited.

16.0. To discuss Forestry Commission Byelaws and enforcement.

The clerk has added the Forestry Commission Byelaws to the council website. Concerns were raised about the use of drones in the forest. It was felt that the equipment could be used by criminals to view the grounds of rural properties and pinpoint items for theft.

Resolve: The clerk will request that the item is added to the next South East Quadrant meeting agenda.

ACTION KP

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17.0. To adopt the Retention of Documents policy.

Resolved: Retention of Documents policy adopted.

18.0. Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

Resolved: Training; Defibrillator for the parish.

19.0. To confirm date of the next meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council

Confirmed as Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.00 pm in Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.