

**DENNY LODGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 7.00 pm in Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall.

**Present:**

Cllr P Roberts - Chairman  
Cllr J Horton – Vice Chairman

Cllr R Gover  
Cllr E Elcoate  
Cllr J Green  
Cllr V Batty

In attendance –Mrs D Drodge, Parish Clerk; Cllr K Mans District Councillor; Cllr M Harris County Councillor.

**1.0. To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr K Dovey

**2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda**

Cllr Gover, declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7.0.

**3.0. To confirm minutes of the parish meeting held on 13th January 2020**

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

**4.0. Public session**

No public participation.

**5.0. To receive reports ALL FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

**5.1. To receive a report by the County Councillor for Denny Lodge.**

The County Councillor reported that the budget meeting has been held and that an extra 1.99% has been requested. £5 million has been put into roads and £2 million into climate change.

There have been 15 thousand responses from the library consultation.

The County Councillor's devolved budget has now finished and starts again at the end of May with the total available of £8,000.

The County Council have a good team and system in place concerning the Coronavirus. The NHS is the best place for information and anyone who may be concerned should telephone NHS 111.

**5.2. To receive a report by the District Councillor for Denny Lodge.**

Cllr Harris reported that council tax will rise by 1.7%, that is an increase of £5 based on a band D property, this equates to less than 10 pence per week (Band D).

Cllr Harris thanked Cllr Batty for attending a meeting with him about broadband in the parish.

In housing, 600 new homes are to be built in the next 6 years around the National Park but not within it. NFDC are acquiring property from the open market and renting as private a landlord, NFDC started a private company.

In business they are looking at how best they can support local businesses and looking at putting advice on a website.

Refuge collection needs to be looked at, only 30% of refuge is being recycled which is relatively low, food waste is a big problem. Local government is encouraging recycling and is subject to consultation.

**5.3. To receive the Clerk report.**

Training with Margaret Gaylard has been completed, if the Clerk needs further assistance, she will inform the councillors. Margaret has confirmed that questions via telephone or email would be acceptable, if she can assist the Clerk she will.

The Clerk received a letter of Thanks from New Forest Disabilities for the grant fund award.

**5.4. To receive report from external meetings.**

Cllr Elcoate attended SE Quadrant meeting, Pop up camp sites to be kept an eye on and report them to Steve Avery.

Cllr Elcoate attended HALC meeting, minutes can be viewed on their website.

The clerk to enquire about the lengths man scheme.

**6.0. Finance**

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

(Circulated)

Resolved:

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>
<b>Payments date 02/03/2020</b>			
D Drodge	615	Salary	£527.28
D Drodge	616	Expenses	£86.46
M Gaylard	617	Training	£75.00
<b>Total to pay</b>			<b>£688.74</b>
<b>Receipts as at 02/03/2020</b>			
New Forest district council	<b>BACS</b>	Precept	£2,830.00
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Hampshire County Council	<b>BACS</b>	Grant	£469.99
<b>Bank reconciliation</b>			
<b>Balance as at date 02/03/2020</b>			
			<b>£5,675.44</b>
<b>Net bank balance as at date</b>			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances			£4,603.88
Add receipts			£6,129.99
Less payments			-£5,058.43
Less uncleared cheques			£0.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£5,675.44</b>

Chairman's signature:

Date: 11/05/2020

**6.2. To confirm appointment of internal auditor.**

**Resolved:** The internal auditor was agreed by council and confirmed as Eleanor Green (Do the Numbers) **ACTION DD**

**7.0. Planning**

The planning number was omitted by mistake.

**7.1.** 19/00931 The Bold Forester Beaulieu Road SO40 4UQ Change of use to 4no ancillary letting rooms, alterations to fenestration cladding, ramp.

19/00931	The Bold Forester, Beaulieu Road, Marchwood. SO40 4UQ	Change of use to 4no ancillary letting rooms, alterations to fenestration; cladding; ramp.	24/03/20	<b>Comment 1</b> Concerns over presentation of right of access at the rear of the proposed development. Clarity over where the new development ends, and the retention of the glass and cleaners store. Concerns over the existing drainage system, would the existing drainage system handle the increase capacity of flow created by the new lodges. Concerns over the capacity of parking spaces, noticing the new development creates a loss of 15 parking spaces. Is there potential for ground previously occupied by the children's play ground to be converted to car parking spaces?
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**8.0. To receive Broadband update.**

Cllr Batty attended a meeting with Matt Callaghan, Glenn Peacy and Cllr Harris in trying to bring fibre to the door. A quote of about ¼ million pounds to bring fibre to the door of four dwellings in Denny Lodge area has been ascertained, meaning it is unviable. Rural broadband scheme may be able to help with up to £200 per property being available. For isolated properties in Denny Lodge area need to look at Satellite or 4G as an option. Clusters of properties could look into submitting applications to receive fibre through Community Fibre Partnership, <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/community-fibre-partnerships>

A follow up meeting will take place 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**9.0. To discuss A326 lobbying.**

Deferred.

**10.0. To discuss night cycling in the New Forest.**

**11.0. To discuss brick rubble along roadside of Ipley road.**

Deferred.

**12.0 To receive parking at Longdown activity farm update.**

The parking situation seems to be resolved.

**13.0. To discuss animal deaths in Denny Lodge Parish.**

There is concern over the high level of animal deaths along the road form Hilltop to the Dibden round about. To request the possibility of a camera at the top of Hilltop and more 40 signs painted on the road. **ACTION DD**

**14.0. To confirm review of Council Policies.**

All policies are up to date and the following need to be reviewed in May.

**Asset register**

**Code of Conduct**

**Financial Regulations**

**Risk management policy**

**Risk management table**

**Standing Orders**

**15.0. Items for inclusion on the next agenda.**

To discuss A326 Lobbying

To receive broadband update

To discuss night cycling in the New Forest

To discuss brick rubble along roadside of Ipley road

To receive an update on animal Deaths in Denny Lodge Parish

To confirm review of Council policies

To confirm meeting dates for 2020/21

**16.0. To confirm that the next meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Assembly in Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall.**

Agreed.

Meeting closed at 21.00