

**DENNY LODGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Online via Zoom on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 7.00 pm

**Present:**

Cllr P Roberts - Chairman

Cllr R Gover

Cllr J Horton- Vice Chairman

Cllr J Green

Cllr E Elcoate

Cllr V Batty

Cllr K Dovey

In attendance –Mrs D Drodge, Parish Clerk; Cllr K Mans, County Councillor;

**1.0. To accept apologies for absence**

None

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

None

**3.0. To confirm minutes of the parish meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

The minutes were agreed by Council as a true record of the meeting. They will be signed by the chairman when the Parish Council is able to resume public meetings.

**4.0. Public session**

No public participation.

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

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

Councillor Mans reported that Jenny Wallace has confirmed that work at Ipley Cross roads is unable to be started due to unexploded ordinance report, a more detailed ground survey of the Southern section of the works is required to ensure the safety of contractors on site.

The necessary survey will delay the start of the work beyond March and so because of nesting birds work will not be able to be started until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

Council Tax will rise, 2% for general services and 3% for social care, the amount government suggested by government we put it up by. The Chancellor and Secretary of State have been written to as simply putting up Council Tax each year will not solve the large problem with social care.

Rates for Covid-19 are coming down rapidly in the New Forest, one of the lowest in the County. Vaccination rates are going up and going very well but this is not a time to loosen one's guard. In Hampshire 20% of our primary children have already been back at school, because of the work their parents do normally.

Councillor Roberts thanked Councillor Mans for the letter sent out to schools, it was welcomed received.

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

Not present.

**5.3. To receive the Clerk report (circulated)**

No report.

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

No external meetings had been attended.

Cllr Batty to attend the Consultative Panel meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The clerk will enquire when the next SE Quadrant meeting is and will inform Cllr Elcoate.

**6.0. Finance**

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

	<i>BACS Date</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>	
<b>Payee</b>				
<b>Payments</b>				
-				
Honeypot Children's Charity	14/01/2021	Grant Award	£250.00	18
PKF Littlejohn	18/01/2021	Admin Charge	£48.00	19
D Drodge	01/03/2021	Salary	£527.28	20
D Drodge	01/03/2021	Expenses	£161.63	21
<b>Total Paid</b>			<b>£986.91</b>	-
<b>Receipts as at date</b>		<i>Detail</i>	<i>Amount</i>	
New Forest district council 30/04/20	<b>BGC</b>	Precept	<b>£2,830.00</b>	
New Forest district council 28/09/20	<b>BGC</b>	Precept	<b>£2,830.00</b>	
New Forest District Council 18/01/21	<b>BGC</b>	Covid-19 payment	<b>£247.00</b>	
<b>Bank reconciliation</b>				
<b>Balance as at date</b>				
18-Jan-21			<b>£6,722.77</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			£5,089.89	
Add receipts			£5,907.00	
Less payments			-£4,274.12	
uncleared payments			-£688.91	
uncleared cheques			£0.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>£6,033.86</b>	

**Resolved:**

**6.2. To consider grant application from The New Forest Disability Information Service.**

**Resolved:** A grant of £50 was awarded.

**6.3. To confirm appointment of Internal Auditor.**

**Resolved:** The clerk has booked Do The Numbers for the internal audit on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**6.4. To consider the recipients for the Covid-19 grant awarded by NFDC.**

The clerk will search for an appropriate charity that may benefit from an award.

**7.0. Planning**

No planning.

**8.0. To receive feedback from FE on Bylaws.**

Chairman's signature:

Date: 10/05/2021

The Parish Council will continue to raise its concerns and make themselves heard. Enquire how FE enforce good behaviour and what can be done for non-compliance of Bylaws.

To be raised at the next SE Quadrant Meeting.

**9.0. To discuss signage on New forest for Dog walkers.**

Signs across the New Forest asking dog owners to keep dogs on leads tend to blow off after a short time and are quite small and flimsy. Clerk to write to FE requesting if the signs could be improved and be more robust.

**10.0. To discuss verge parking.**

Verge parking has been and is real issue in and around the New Forest. The Parish Council has increasing concerns over access to public properties and forest gates being blocked, if there was a need for emergency services to gain access there could be potential risk to property, livestock, land and more seriously lives due to the restricted access.

The clerk will write to FE outlining concerns the PC has.

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

To receive update on FE bylaws

To receive update on signage on Open Forest for Dog walkers

To receive update on verge parking

To receive update on Covid-19 recipient of grant award

**12.0. To confirm that the next meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom if Covid 19 restrictions have not changed.**

Agreed.

Meeting closed at 20:15