

DENNY LODGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Online via Zoom on Monday 10th May 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllr P Roberts - Chairman

Cllr R Gover

Cllr E Elcoate

Cllr J Green

Cllr K Dovey

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

1.0. Election of Chairman

Cllr Roberts as outgoing Chairman, invited applications for Chairman for the coming year.

Resolved: Cllr Roberts was elected as Chairman, proposed by Cllr Elcoate and seconded by Cllr Gover.

2.0. Signature of Chairman's Declaration and Acceptance of Office

Cllr Roberts, as elected Chairman signed the declaration.

3.0. Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Dovey was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.

4.0. Delivery of Councillor's Acceptance of office forms

Resolved: Councillor's Acceptance forms signed and received.

5.0. To accept apologies of absence

Cllr Batty.

6.0. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

7.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2021

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

8.0. To agree Council policies

Resolved: The following policies were agreed by Council:

Asset Register

Code of Conduct

Financial regulations

Risk management policy

Risk management table

Standing orders

9.0. Election of Representatives on outside bodies

Resolved: Representatives elected as follows:

9.1. New Forest Association of Local Councils – Cllr Elcoate

9.2. New Forest Consultative Panel – Cllr Batty

9.3. NFNPA South East Quadrant – Cllr Elcoate

9.4. Verderer's meeting – Cllr Dovey

9.5. Arson Forum – No representative

10.0. Election of Working Parties/Representatives

Resolved: Representatives elected as follows:

10.1. Planning – Cllr Green, Cllr Grover

10.2. Broadband – Cllr Roberts, Cllr Batty

Chairman's signature:

Date: 05/07/2021

10.3. Finance and General Purpose (To include staffing and general administration) –
Cllr Roberts

10.4. Highways – Cllr Green, Cllr Grover

11.0. To confirm membership of HALC and SLCC.

Resolved: Membership of both bodies confirmed.

12.0. To agree meeting dates for 2020/21 (Circulated).

Resolved: The following meeting dates agreed.

Monday 5th July 2021

Monday 6th September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Monday 10th January 2022

Monday 7th March 2022

Monday 9th May 2022

13.0. To receive a report from the County Councillor for Denny Lodge. For Information Only.

This is the first face to face Parish meeting attended by Cllr Manns in 14 months.

This last year has been dominated by the pandemic.

At the start of this difficult year, I made it clear to the County Council that our aim was to reduce and eventually stop the spread of the virus. We should do so by working as one team within in the public sector and with our colleagues in the private and voluntary sectors, and by helping each other through this crisis.

In my view the whole community has stepped up to the mark and worked brilliantly together. We now have low rates of infection, reducing hospital admissions and very few deaths.

Throughout the pandemic Hampshire's figures in all three areas above have been below the national average. This indicates how well relatively speaking we have managed across the Forest and across the County. In the weeks and months ahead, the County will be helping the recovery in any way we can.

We expected more problems with the return to schools but we have had consistent high rates of attendance.

Finally, I would like to thank this Council and all the local community groups for all their help and assistance during the crisis.

14.0. To receive a report from the District Councillor for Denny Lodge. For Information Only.

What an extraordinary year! How on earth does one summarise the past 12 months.

New Forest District Council (NFDC) has certainly played its part in supporting the communities of the New Forest.

Tens of millions of pounds have been distributed by the District Council on behalf of the UK Government to our businesses.

And monies are still being paid out now as businesses begin the delicate journey back to some form of normal trading.

I am very proud of the entire staff at NFDC who have all rallied to make this happen. We have been one of the quickest Councils to distribute these funds. We have also tried to make the process as simple as possible – AND at the same time trying to ensure the correct controls and procedures for Public monies.

Meanwhile quietly and resolutely everyday duties have continued. Bins have been emptied, Planning has continued and Housing has been continuing its very bold path to provide 600 new Council houses by 2038.

Then there are other unforeseen matters (apart from a Pandemic) – the collapse of a sea wall, the sudden erosion of beaches. These have had to be dealt with as well during the past 12 months.

Looking back over the past year I must mention Councillor Barry Rickman. A New Forest Councillor for some 30 years and Leader of the District Council for the past 12 years. He has had to stand down for unimagined and unforeseen family related matters. This was a great shame. He has done so much for the New Forest over so many years. I have had so many Parishioners contact me to say how sad and shocked they were that he had had to resign as Leader. I share their views. Thank you, Barry Rickman, for all that you have achieved and contributed over so many years.

I have three final matters to report. I am very proud to have been asked to join the Cabinet of our new Leader Cllr. Edward Heron. My responsibilities are still very much to support the economic development of the New Forest.

I hope to very shortly announce an initiative to support our High Streets throughout the New Forest. This will both involve and require the support of Parish Councillors. Watch this space.

We need to get democracy to work for us. There has been injustice for the PO workers, I am personally horrified how the Post Masters/mistresses have been treated in relation to the Horizon Saga. The real criminals here are those who tried to cover it up. I urge you to write to your MP.

15.0. Public session.

No public.

16.0. Planning.

16.1. To consider planning application 21/00299 Yewtree Cottage Ipers Bridge SO45 2HD.

Resolved:

21/00299	Yewtree Cottage Ipers Bridge SO45 2HD	Single storey extension; first floor extension; outbuilding with car port (demolition of existing outbuildings)	12/05/21	Comment 5
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17.0. To receive Clerk report. For Information Only.

No report.

18.0. Finance.

18.1. To agree payments in accordance with the Budget and to note bank reconciliation. (circulated)

Resolved:

Payee	BACS Date	Item	Payment	
Payments				
D Drodge	10/05/2021	Salary	£527.28	1
D Drodge	10/05/2021	Expenses	£66.66	2
Beaulieu PCC	10/05/2021	Hall Hire	£52.50	3
HALC	10/05/2021	Affiliation Fees	£195.42	4
Total Paid			£841.86	-
Receipts as at date		Detail	Amount	
HMRC 01/04/2021	BGC	VAT	£23.83	
NFDC 01/04/2021	BGC	Precept	£2,858.50	
Bank reconciliation				
Balance as at date				
	01-Apr-21		£8,866.19	-
Net bank balance as at date				
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows				
Opening balances			£5,983.86	
Add receipts			£2,882.33	
Less payments			£0.00	
uncleared payments			-£841.86	
uncleared cheques			£0.00	
Total			£8,024.33	

18.2. To approve annual accounts. (circulated)

Resolved: The annual accounts were approved and signed.

18.3. To approve placement of council insurance. (circulated)

Resolved: The council approved the continuation of the LTA policy with Came and Company and authorised the payment of £349.94.

18.4. To agree recipient for the Covid-19 awarded by NFDC.

Chairman's signature:

Date: 05/07/2021

Resolved: Council agreed £247 received from NFDC Covid-19 payment will be given to The Honeypot Children's Charity.

19.0. To receive update on FE Bylaws.

See FE Bylaws on website.

20.0. To receive update on signage for New Forest dog walkers.

See FE Bylaws on website.

21.0. To receive update on verge parking.

See FE Bylaws on website.

22.0. items for inclusion on the next agenda.

To receive update on FE bylaws

23.0. To confirm that the next meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th July 2021 at 7.00pm

Agreed.

Meeting closed at 20:40

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