Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.00pm in Hale Village Hall.

Present: Gemmell (Chair), Kyle, Lavis and Vickery.

In attendance: The clerk and one member of the public.

22.1 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: **-** Cllrs Breedon and Gillmon

22.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS - To receive declarations of interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to agree any dispensation requests. None received.

22.3 MINUTES

22.3.1 To consider and resolve to approve the minutes of the Hale Parish Council meetings held on 7th December 2021.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2021.

22.3.2 Note matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

Broadband Full Fibre Scheme – John Mangan has updated all villagers who have signed up via email. Currently all Openreach Community Fibre Schemes are on hold while Openreach reviews its capacity and vouchers will not be distributed until this is completed.

Tree at Hatchet Green – A tree application has been made for remedial works to the oak tree next to the village hall and is currently in the consultation stage.

Jubilee Celebrations – The social committee have advertised for ideas and assistance; the Village Hall committee has offered the hall for the Jubilee weekend at no cost and also to cover the cost of any security required. HPC are happy to support and aid in funding for the Jubilee events but are not part of the organising committee.

HPC document storage – Discussion with the Village Hall committee was postponed to the next Village Hall committee meeting

Tethering Drove – The repainting of the roundels (speed markers on road surface) to 30 mph is due to be completed by Highways but will be carried out in warmer weather.

Harrys Meadow – A letter to Steve Avery (agreed at December meeting) is still outstanding.

22.4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Members of the public are invited to address the council on agenda matters or raise any matters not otherwise on the agenda.

A parishioner reported on a meeting held with Sharon Barnett (Neighbourhood Watch) and local Police Community Support Officer Stephen May held at the "Beat surgery" on 22nd January. Discussion focussed on local crime, its reporting and the lack of response felt by many in the village, from the police service. PCSO's have been covering large areas during Covid but are now back to their usual areas. It is imperative that locals report all crimes to the police as this will lead to more numerous patrols. Non–urgent crimes can be reported online or by phone using the 101 service.

22.5 HARRY'S MEADOW CAMPSITE AND UPDATE ON ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION (Pop up campsites) – The Article 4 Direction consultation received a high level of support with over 70% of respondents in favour of its implementation. The Article 4 Direction was noted by the NPA full authority meeting on January 27th and will be on the agenda for ratification at the March NPA full authority meeting along with the associated planning guidance notes.

HPC has received correspondence regarding issues associated with the operation of Harry's Meadow and will write to the operators and landowner to request that provisions are taken to decrease the negative effects on some neighbouring properties.

21.6 PLANNING APPLICATION - To consider the response to the following application.

Case Ref: 21/01090/FULL
ProposedWorks: Single storey side extension.
Site Address: Millfield, Hatchet Close, Hale, SP6 2NF.

Councillors discussed the application and unanimously agreed to recommend Option 4 - *We recommend **REFUSAL** for the following reason:*
The design of the proposed extension allows that the windows on the north elevation will look directly into the neighbours property; this "overlooking" is due both to the design of the proposed extension and the fact that the property sits approximately one metre higher than the adjacent property.
HPC believes that this visual intrusion does not meet the criteria set out in DP2 General Development Principles and therefore recommends that the application be refused.

To note the decision of the following application agreed via email (closing date 7th Jan)

Case Ref: 21/01049/FULL
Proposed Works: Roof alterations, repairs and conversion of existing barn to facilitate annexe ancillary to the main dwelling; outbuilding; demolition of existing outbuilding.
Site Address: Brambly Hedge, Forest Road, Hale, SP6 2NT.

HPC recommended option 1 - We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. *The NFNPA subsequently refused the application (full details can be seen on their website)*

22.7 EXTERNAL MEETINGS - To receive reports from external meetings attended.
Hale Village Hall Committee meeting – Cllr Gemmell was unable to attend
HPC meeting regarding Hale Purlieu road issues 4th Jan – Cllrs Gemmell. Lavis and Gillmon met with representatives from the National Trust, Highways and Natural England on site to discuss the issues long Hale Purlieu. These include an increasing erosion of the verge alongside the road due to its use for vehicles passing each other and by users parking on the verges to access the Forest. There is no immediate solution and in order to take this forward a more official approach through the Western Escarpment Conservation Area was considered to be the next step. A letter will be written to John Sanger and Roly Etherington to instigate this.
Other topics of discussion included the damaged oak tree (outside the Knoll) and the drainage issues coming down from Tethering Drove.
NFALC meeting 27th Jan – Cllr Gemell reported.
***Nikki Swift (NFDC*)** presented figures for crime in the New Forest between April 2020 and Mar 2021 which were significantly lower due to the lockdown.
NPA (Steve Avery) - The Govt has published a response to the Glover report on Landscapes (2019). This affects all National Parks and AONBs. The aim is to provide a coherent network of habitats across England with strengthened powers for AONBs and an aim towards "nature recovery". There will be grants for agricultural transition as agricultural policy moves from food production to countryside management. National Parks will be more open to more people and there will be moves to introduce powers to manage spaces.
The new "Design Guide" has been adopted and will be referenced in planning.

"**New Forest Awakening** Festival" to be held for the second year in February.
Speed Limits: Dummer PC proposed a Hampshire wide 20mph rural village's limit. This was not supported by the councils present (2:13). A Clanfield amendment providing Parish Councils to individually target specific roads and areas of accidents and to enable them to approach HCC to change limits to 20mph where they felt it was appropriate was supported (14:1) .This will now be proposed to HCC.

North West Quadrant meeting 31st Jan – Cllr Lavis attended.

Local List Project – The NPA is asking parish councils consider which assets in their parish make a positive contribution to the character of the New Forest, its communities and local heritage, and is encouraging them to submit nominations. Councillors will investigate further on the website prior to an agenda item at the next meeting.

Forestry England update – Representatives discussed future plans and the achievements of 2021 (which will be shared on the HPC website)

Steve Avery updated on the Article 4 Direction, the Design guide and its use in planning; and the Partnership Plan.

PCSO/Neighbourhood Watch meeting – Cllr Vickery met with representatives of the Neighbourhood Task group and PCSO's in Downton and subsequently with Sharon Barnett of Hale and Woodgreen Neighbourhood Watch. Areas such as Downton are working closely with the police to try and alleviate the antisocial behaviour which is causing criminal damage (predominantly the use of catapults and ball bearings), behaviour which has also been seen in Hale over the last few months. Currently it is very difficult to prosecute offenders and work is underway to create a Public Space Protection Order to make just the possession of a catapult and ammunition an offence. HPC will work with, and support the local Neighbourhood Watch group.

District/County Councillor report – Cllr Heron sent a written report

Household waste recycling centres – The system of booking is to be made permanent.

Community Transport – HCC have agreed to maintain contract payments for community transport operators at 100% in 22/23.

Roads, Transport and Environmental Investment – HCC will be asked to approve on 17th Feb an increased capital programme of investment in highways maintenance, road safety, transport improvements, flood alleviation and bridge strengthening**.** Planning continues for the next generation of waste infrastructure to support thee county's ability to recycle a wider range of materials.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – HCC is putting plans in place to celebrate including significant focus on The Queens Green canopy with £500,000 available to help communities plant trees.

22.8 PARISHONER SURVEY

Councillors undertook a small survey at two Hale markets in November and December 2021 and discussed issues with local residents. Although just a small sample, the results and discussions gave an indication of the importance of issues to parishioners with planning and conservation of local SSSI's and verges seen as the most important. The results of the survey will be further expended in the report at the Annual Parish Assembly.

22.9 SPEEDING ISSUES

Cllr Gemmell wrote to the Chair of Godshill PC to express HPC's support for the average speed cameras along Roger Penny Way, however HPC still believes that to be truly effective the speed cameras should include the B3080 (from Telegraph to Hale).

HPC are liaising with NFDC to install temporary SID (speed indicator device) along Forest Road (B3080) and NFDC are currently investigating if a suitable pole is available.

22.10 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – It was agreed to hold the APA at 6pm on 5th April preceding the ordinary parish council meeting. Representatives from local groups and organisations will be invited to report.

21.11 ACCOUNTS.
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for the month of December and January. The Treasurers account balance is currently £30,803.54 and the Business account balance is £6322.29.

21.12 MONTHLY PAYMENTS - To approve the following payments**:**

It was **RESOLVED to** approve the following payments.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	PAYMENT METHOD
A.Johnson	Salary			Standing Order
Cutting Edge	Cemetery Maintenance	£115.00		Bank transfer
Victim support	S137 Grant	£50.00		Bank transfer
NFDC	Tree work survey	£198.00		Bank transfer
Friends of the New Forest	Annual subscription	£17.00		Bank transfer
Hale Village Hall	Usage for 2021	£164.00		Bank transfer
SLCC (reimbursed to A.Johnson)	SLCC Membership (shared equally with Woodgreen)	£72.00		Bank transfer

21.190 CORRESPONDENCE - To consider correspondence received before 25/01/2022 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

For information (circulated)
24th Jan – NFNPA – Latest news
20th Jan - NFNPA Full Authority meeting 27th Jan 2022
20th Jan – NALC Chairman's open letter.
7th Jan – Friends of the New Forest – New Forest Byelaw Watch Survey results
5th Jan – NFALC Meeting 27th Jan (online)
5th Jan – NFNPA – Local List Project
15th Dec – NFDC –Electoral Review of New forest District Council

Shared on Website
12th Jan – Stephen May PCSO – Beat surgery dates for 2022
10th Jan – Road Closure B3080 – Jan28th -30th
10th Jan – NFDC Garden Waste Collection Service 2022/23
10th Dec – Police and Crime Commissioner – precept consultation.
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Parishioner emails/telephone calls:
Various emails (many to Caravan Club and copied into) concerning possible campsite at Tethering Drove. This application has not been accepted and will not be going ahead.
Parishioner email regarding Harry's Meadow.(discussed under 22.5)

21.191 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None.

21.192 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

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