Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The clerk, Cllr Edward Heron and a member of Fordingbridge Town Council

22.71 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: **-** . Cllr Kyle

22.72 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.
Cllr Gillmon declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application 22/00336.

22.73 REPORT BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIILLOR EDWARD HERON
HCC - Cllr Heron is now Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy. HCC has about £80 million less funds available so budgeting is a struggle. To bring the roads to the accepted standard requires £377 million and last year only an extra £7 million was allocated.
NFDC – Cllr Heron reported on the new Waste Strategy which comes into effect in 2024 which will enable NFDC to meet the governments recycling targets. The new waste strategy will go to NFDC's full Council on Monday 11 July for approval. Parishioners can read the new waste strategy at newforest.gov.uk/wastestrategy

22.74 MINUTES
22.74.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31st May 2022.
22.74.2 Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.
Councillor Vacancy – The Notice of Vacancy runs until July 7th and if no election is called for (from 10 electors of the Parish) a co-option notice will be placed on the website and noiceboards.
Jubilee Celebrations – The Jubilee Celebrations were a great success despite the bad weather conditions, attended by approximately 200 people. HPC will write a letter of thanks to the Social Committee for organising the event.
Tree Works – NPA Tree Officer James Palmer confirmed by email that forestry operations on farms, estates etc require a felling license. Felling licenses are managed and issued by Forestry England. If Forestry England issue a felling license, then this overrides both Conservation Area and Tree Preservation Order status and may be undertaken without consent from the NPA.

22.75 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. No members of the public were present.

21.76 PLANNING APPLICATIONs - To consider the responses to the following applications.

APPLICATION NUMBER:	22/00265
ADDRESS:	Hale Park House, Hale Park, Hale SP6 2RF
PROPOSAL:	Storage Container
CASE OFFICER:	Ethan Townsend

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. HPC supports the continued use of the container which is required to house the water source heat pump which is a sustainable use of resources. The location is restricted by the well which is the source of

water. HPC agree that the container should be clad to make it more aesthetically pleasing and blend better into the landscape.

APPLICATION NUMBER:	21/00478
ADDRESS:	Dilkusha, Hatchet Close, Fordingbridge, SP6 2NF
PROPOSAL:	Partial cladding.
CASE OFFICER:	Ethan Townsend.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. HPC supports the application believing that the cladding will both enhance the property aesthetically and increase insulation therefore improving energy efficiency.

For comment only (within Wooodgreen Parish)-

APPLICATION NUMBER:	22/00336/FULL
ADDRESS:	Land adjacent Warren Copse, Woodgreen, SP6 2QY
PROPOSAL:	Commoners dwelling; barn; stables; pole barn; manege.
CASE OFFICER:	Ann Braid

HPC recommend refusal of this application for the following reasons:-
DP2 - The proposed dwelling, associated outbuildings and manege are not appropriate in terms of massing and scale and constitute an overdevelopment of the site. The siting of the development enables it to be viewed from across the valley along Roger Penny way thus creating a visual intrusion.
SP7 – The development will have a major impact on the landscape character of the area, again due to the massing and scale of the development and its large visual impact on the landscape.
DP18 – The scale and setting of the development means that it is not “contextually appropriate” and does “harm key visual features, landscape setting and other valued components of the landscape.”
SP11 – The location of the development does not support the NPA’s policy to mitigate climate change, particularly in respect to the reliance of car use in this location.
SP5 and SP6 – The proposed development would be in close proximity to internationally and nationally designated sites (SSSI, SAC, SPA) and would impact negatively on these particularly in respect to local water sources and the possible increase in pollutants such a development would bring.
SP15 – The proposed development is situated on a site in the north of the New Forest, this area has been identified as one of the most tranquil in the Forest, (determined by the amount of manmade noise and visual disturbance). This development will add both noise and light pollution to this “tranquil” area and thus impact on the “dark skies” status aimed for by the National Park Authority.
Hale Parish Council are also concerned with the overgrazing of Hale Purlieu.

22.77 EXTERNAL MEETINGS - To receive reports from external meetings attended.
Cllr Vickery attended a handover meeting to the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Sarah Pook. Also present were Bob Combes (Chair of Hampshire and IOW Neighbourhood Watch Association and Sharon Barnett (outgoing Co-coordinator)
Cllr Vickery attended “The Knowledge and Core Skills “course run by HALC.
Cllr Vickery attended a Neighbourhood Tasking Group – Wiltshire Council are proceeding with a Public Spaces Protection Order in Redlynch and Downton.

22.78 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

HPC aims to install a Speed Indictor Device along Forest Road, which can also be used in other parts of the village if required. Councillors discussed the different designs available for their suitability. Cllr Gemmell will bring fully costed proposals to the next meeting and investigate the formal processes of implementation.

22.79 HAMPSHIRE GREENING CAMPAIGN- To receive an update to the Hampshire Greening Campaign from Cllr Kyle.
This was deferred to the next meeting.

22.80 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE INSURANCE RENEWAL
It was **RESOLVED** to renew the insurance policy with Gallagher Insurance from 1st August at a cost of £402.06.

22.81 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP
It was unanimously agreed that any unspent funds can be returned to HPC after the deduction of the unclaimed expenses and a new grant issued to the new Co-ordinator if applied for.

22.82 TRAINING
It was **RESOLVE**D to approve the cost for the clerk to complete an online GDPR course, the cost of £15.00 will be shared equally with Woodgreen Parish Council.

22.83 ACCOUNTS.
Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for the months of June
The Treasurers account balance is currently £32,131.57 and the Business account balance is £6,322.50

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

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	PAYMENT METHOD
Staffing costs	Salary (includes back pay) June and July	470.60		Standing Order
Cutting Edge	Cemetery cut – June	£180.00		Bank Transfer
NFDC	Cemetery – Green Refuse sacks	£22.75		Bank Transfer

22.85 CORRESPONDENCE - To consider correspondence received before 26/05/2022 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

For information (circulated)
1st June – Countryside Access Team Newsletter
10h June – Planning Committee Agenda 21st June
10th June – HCC Draft Catchment management plans
16th June – National Park Authority – Latest news
28th June – Friends of the New Forest - Tender for New Forest campsites. – **This was noted.**
Parishioner email
30th June - Concerns regarding speeding from Forest Road into Hale Road at Woodfalls Cross.
Traffic issues at Forest Road/Woodfalls Cross were previously addressed by HPC and new road markings installed by Hampshire Highways. The clerk will contact Highways regarding a possible sign installation.

22.67 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Telephone Box- The clerk is continuing with refurbishment plans.

22.68 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 6th September 2022 in Hale Village Hall

The meeting ended at 9.40pm.

Signed by .....

Date .....