Draft minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January at 7.00pm, held virtually using Microsoft Teams.

Present: Cllrs Delves, Gemmell, Harrison, Hartas, Lavis and Mangan(Chair)

In attendance: Amanda Johnson (Parish Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

The meeting was recorded by the clerk, Cllr Gemmell and by a member of the public.

1. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

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

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation received.

3. **MINUTES**

3.1 To consider and resolve to approve the minutes of the Hale Parish Council meeting held on 1st December.

It was proposed by Cllr Hartas, seconded by Cllr Lavis and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

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

Projects

Traffic Management Two locations for traffic surveys have been agreed with Highways (Forest Road and Hale Road). The timing of the surveys remains to be confirmed and will be dependent on Covid-19 restrictions and winter weather conditions.

Woodfalls Cross Highways will carry out the improvement works in the spring.

Cemetery fencing The fencing was installed in December and a site visit indicated it is keeping the deer out.

Council papers

All papers associated with HPC meetings are now published on the website at the same time as the agenda.

Neighbourhood Watch

A virtual meeting including Cllr Lavis, members of the police and Neighbourhood Watch, was held on 11th Jan. A system of monthly meetings to review incidents of crime has been set up with a more formal meeting to take place in a year's time. Information has also been published on the website regarding reporting crime and a new system where "dashcam" footage can be uploaded to a police website.

NALC Award

HPC proposes to submit the award in September. Cllr Hartas has produced a newsletter (4 are required a year) which will be circulated to all Cllrs prior to being published on the website. The parish magazine has been temporarily suspended. Other actions required include producing an annual report, consultations, a training policy and logs, updated website profiles. HPC will begin working towards these aims.

1 4. **COVID 19 UPDATE –** Update on the current situation and HWSG.

Cllrs Mangan and Gemmell reported that in the Salisbury/Ringwood area cases are rising at an alarming rate with 800 cases per 100,000. There are 130 patients with Covid in Salisbury Hospital which is approx 25% of available beds. The number of deaths has also started to increase. Other procedures are affected with elective activity being impacted but essential procedures are ongoing.

The local support group is up and running and is largely self reliant with a good network of volunteers and neighbours. Chris Fairgrieve is co-ordinating and volunteers will report to him if extra support is required.

HPC website will publicise the support available. Because the new variant of the virus is more easily transmitted advice to people is to follow the message of "hands, face, space" and avoid travelling and stay local.

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

Cllr Mangan opened the meeting to members of the public.

A parishioner spoke in relation to agenda item 8 stating concern that Cllr Gemmell is trying stop the CLT action at Folly Hill by aiming to discredit the CLT. He felt that Cllr Gemmell should be declaring an interest. He added that

HPC should not be severing their contact with the CLT as has been proposed by Cllr Gemmell in Item 8. He questioned if HPC would severe links with other village organisations.

This will be discussed in Agenda Item 8.

A parishioner asked for clarification in relation to HPC's standing orders and public participation. He felt that as members of the public are only permitted to speak early in each meeting and not allowed to raise a hand to seek clarification on a debated item, this would appear to be in conflict with HPC standing orders which allow open democratic debates.

The clerk will look at the standing orders and give a written reply to the parishioner.

The same parishioner spoke in relation to the published minutes for the HPC and HVCLT meeting on 15th December 2020 which states that Cllr Lavis requested information concerning a missing document (Page 4) at the CLT exhibition held at Hale Village Hall. The parishioner asked to establish what was actually said at this meeting about this missing document.

The CLT confirmed at the meeting that page 4 was distributed.

A parishioner spoke regarding an email sent to the Chair on 27th Dec 2020, and copied to the clerk, which was not included in this month's correspondence and was not circulated to the rest of the Council as Parishioner's correspondence. The parishioner felt discriminated against because of the subject of the email which concerned an HVCLT statement displayed on their website. The parishioner asked to draw attention to the HVCLT statement displayed on their website which reads: "*We are not in any way suggesting that the 98 who said they don't want affordable housing in the village should be ignored because we respect their views*." and stated that this contradicts with an HVCLT statement which reads, ..." *clearly the people who are objecting to any (affordable housing) have voted against every site so they cannot realistically be involved in the choice* "

Cllr Mangan replied that members of pubic are entitled to contact any Cllr and this is not routinely shared in with the Council, hence he responded to the email as he has to all other letters received since he has been Chair. Any letters to the council should be addressed to the clerk. HPC will publish the new communications policy on the website and clarify to whom correspondence should be addressed.

Cllr Mangan closed the meeting to members of the public.

6. PLANNING AND TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS - To **consider** responses to the following applications.

Application No: CONS/20/0723
Address: GREENLANDS, HATCHET GREEN, HALE, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 2NE

Proposed Works:	Reason for Work:
Prune 2 x Holly trees	Oaks reduce away from property and crown
Prune 4 x Oak trees	raise for vehicle access.Hollies reduce away from property to give clearance,

The Tree Warden has raised concerns regarding the ownership of the trees and the question of vehicle access to the property. Cllr Gemmell will further investigate and liaise with the owners.

7. HALE VILLAGE CLT – To receive the minutes from the meeting between HPC and HVCLT on 15th Dec 2020.

Councillors agreed to the following amendments:-
The minutes state that HPC offered to liaise with Steve Avery to consider what further steps could be taken to identify potential sites, this will be amended to "Cllr Mangan offered to liaise with Steve Avery". No meeting is currently planned and would be subject to approval by HPC.

Cllr Hartas wished to clarify her statement in Section 3 to include that she strongly disagrees with the criticism of the survey because those people who voted against affordable housing are still entitled to have a say on the sites. It is possible to get an indication of the numbers who support the Folly Hill site having voted "yes" to AH, by deducting the number of people who voted "no" to affordable housing from the number who voted against the Folly Hill site which shows that about 30% of those in favour of affordable housing don't support Folly Hill. Cllr Hartas intention was to point out that the CLT had already made this deduction in their own statement so their criticism was not valid.

Section 4 – Cllr Lavis wished to add that he did not accept the reply from the CLT that all the pre-application information was on display.

Section 6 stated "Cllr Mangan suggested that drafting of a proposed reply should follow the meeting rather than follow the usual practice of a lead councillor preparing a report and recommendation in advance of the meeting. " To clarify, the exact logistics of how/when the report to the National Park Authority in response to the planning application will be drafted have not been decided and will be agreed at the planning meeting held to discuss the application.

8. **HALE PARISH COUNCILS SUPPORT FOR HALE VILLAGE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

8.1 Cllr Gemmell proposes that Hale Parish Council formally states it is NOT ASSOCIATED with Hale Village Community Land Trust.
Cllr Gemmell proposed, Cllr Harrison seconded and with 3 votes in favour and 4 votes against the proposal was not approved.
8. 2 Cllr Gemmell proposes that Hale Parish Council DELETES its hypertext link to Hale Village Community Land Trust website from HPC's website
Cllr Gemmell proposed, the proposal was not seconded and therefore withdrawn.

In response Cllr Hartas proposed creating a more comprehensive list of village organisations on the website categorised into those who have associations with/or representation from HPC.

Cllr Hartas proposed, Cllr Delves seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to produce a comprehensive list to be published on the website.

9. **ANIMAL ACCIDENTS IN THE FOREST** – Proposal by Cllr Hartas that HPC works, through established frameworks, to improve traffic management aimed at making the B3078, B3079 and B3080 roads, as they pass through the National Park, safer for commoners' animals and road users.

The recent accidents resulting in animal deaths were discussed at the NW Quadrant meeting including the formation of a local group which has submitted an e-petition for average speed cameras to be installed along the Roger Penny Way. The Animal Accident Reduction Group is already set up and contains representatives from all the statutory bodies. Woodgreen Cllr Lance Benest has offered to liaise with both groups.
HPC will request minutes from the AARG which will be included as a regular agenda item.

10. POLICIES - Proposal to adopt the following policies :-

Cllr Mangan proposed, Cllr Delves seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following polices.

- Terms of Reference for Standards Committee
- Terms of Reference for Personnel Committee
- Communications Policy
- Consultations and Community Engagement

Cllr Mangan proposed , Cllr Hartas seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following police with 4 votes in favour and 2 against.

- Disciplinary Policy
- Grievance Policy

11. BROADBAND IMPROVEMENTS –Proposal that the Parish Council sponsors an Openreach Community Fibre Partnership to deliver Full Fibre Broadband to residential and business premises in Hale.

Cllr Mangan proposed, Cllr Hartas seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to agree the proposal including the associated printing costs of £49 plus VAT.
Letters will be distributed to all parishioners excluding areas (Queen Street, Moot Lane, and Hale Lane) which already have full fibre connections. The information will be available to download from the website. Closing date for responses is 26th January.

12. **CLERKS REPORT** – To receive the clerks report.
The clerks report was noted.

13. ACCOUNTS - To review the accounts for the month of December 2020.
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts**.**

14. MONTHLY PAYMENTS - To approve the following payments**:**

18.12.20	ICO- Data Protection (Standing order)	£35.00
18.12.20	Woodgreen HWSG Grant (Rob Hutchinson)	£76.38
18.12.20	Cutting Edge – December tidy cemetery	£85.00
18.12.20	SLCC Membership	£117.00
19.12.20	James Plaskett – cemetery fencing	£830.00
19.12.29	Fordingbridge Town Council – Lengthsman supplies	£31.48
24.12.20	A. Johnson – Salary	£452.40
12.01.21	Friends of the New Forest – Annual Subscription	£17.00
12.02.21	HCC – Woodfalls Cross Improvements	£250.00

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the payments.

15. CORRESPONDENCE - To consider correspondence received before 05/01/2020 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

For information or comment -

03/12/2020 NFNPA – Agenda for Full NFNPA meeting 10th December.
03/12/2020 NFNPA – Date of NW Quadrant meeting – 11th Jan 2021.
04/12/2020 Parishioner letter
04/01/2021 Countryside Services Access Newsletter - circulated.

Shared on Website

30/11/2020 NFDC Press Release – Free Christmas Parking
30/11/2020 NFDC Press Release – Covid 19 Safety Ambassadors
03/12/2020 NFNPA Press Release – Animal Accidents in the Forest.
12/12/2020 NFDC Press Release – Bank holiday rubbish and recycling collection dates.
Recent correspondence –
A tree along Forest Road in need of attention and will be felled by HCC within the next few months.
New fencing around village hall – this is not the responsibility of HPC however HPC has liaised with the parishioner to allay any concerns regarding access to their property and parking along the BOAT.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Boundaries – the Local Government Boundary Commission has published the final recommendations for NFDC and Hale remains unchanged although there have been local changes to Godshill and Hyde.
NW Quadrant meeting 11th Jan (remote) – Both Cllr Hartas and Cllr Mangan attended.

- Steve Avery apologised for slower responses from NPA during the Covid pandemic.
- There has been a higher footfall in the forest and there are some concerns regarding managing some areas and verge parking.
- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan – will be developed over summer and aims to develop routes into the forest from local villages and all routes which will crisscross the Forest. A volunteer from each parish is required and HPC will nominate a suitable candidate
- The NFNPA Design Guide is being updated, those villages without their own formal design statement can be part of this process.

17. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Feb 2nd, held remotely using Microsoft teams.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.