

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Wood Lane, Bramdean

Present: Mr M Morton (Chairman), Mr G Budd, Mrs M Bulloch, Mrs K Hawkings,  
Mrs B Holyome (Vice-Chairman), Mr C McCrystal, Mr R Huxstep (County Cllr), Mrs R Greenwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Mr A Harding (holiday), Mr L Ruffell (City Cllr), Mrs A Thacker (City Cllr)

2. Disclosure of interests on agenda items

None.

3. Public session

Cllr Huxstep said HCC Cabinet would respect the outcome of the “Serving Hampshire” consultation: residents wished to keep the county intact. The HCC element of the Precept could rise by up to 5% in 2017/18. Revised opening hours for household waste recycling centres had been deferred to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 (full report to be circulated).

A report from Cllr Thacker on the following topics had been received for circulation: garage numbering and possible case of sub-letting in Woodlane Close; signage to display new fine rates for breaking existing Bramdean Common byelaws; branches marked for cutting from fallen trees (southern boundary Wood Farm - Wood Farm Cottages).

On 16<sup>th</sup> January, PCSO Wilkinson advised that further speed checks could not be carried out in Wood Lane: the Local Policing Team no longer had access to a speed gun. The speed camera van continued to patrol regularly. Crime statistics: Aug, ASB near Bramdean Garage; Sept, ASB (near Bramdean Garage); Oct, burglary (near The Spinney), burglary, criminal damage/arson (Woodlane Close); Nov, burglary (near Bramdean Garage), vehicle crime (2) Hinton Hill.

4. Approval of minutes of Parish Council meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Parish Council meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Rob Turner had arranged for the ditch to the left of Maple Cottage to be cleared. The section closest to the A272 had not been dug out. Mr Harding would be asked to press for this to be carried out.

Mr Harding to confirm if the top left hand door catch, Village Hall notice board had been adjusted.

The door to the Hinton Hill telephone box had been removed for repair by BT. The damage was thought to have been caused by vandalism. The Clerk would request BT to reinstate the door.

6. Recreation Committee

The Toro tractor mower was serviced in December by D J Scott (final cost £204.92 + VAT). Playdale replaced two upright timbers on the Adventure Trail (delivery and installation £295.00 + VAT, parts covered by remainder of 15 year timber guarantee May 2007). Equestrian Fencing & Timber Ltd, Shirrell Heath would replace the main gate and repair the hard court perimeter fence (£595 + VAT for

hardwood gate and fittings; £50 + VAT to repair perimeter fencing). There was concern about the height of the Leylandii along the Wood Lane boundary. Adrian Taylor would cut back the over - hanging branches close to the fence. Topping out was the responsibility of property owners which shared the Leylandii boundary. The Bramdean Garage fuel account would be topped up for 2017 before the end of March.

## 7. Finance

### 7.1 Accounts

The Lloyds Bank account was £10074.79 in credit to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 (£9284.57 to date) including £495 County Councillor's Devolved Grant.

428	Community First course fee R Greenwood 3/11	90.00
429	Wizbit Internet Services hosting 16/17 & amendments	165.00
430	Playdale Playgrounds repairs to Adventure Trail	354.00
431	Village Hall Committee room hire 2016	40.00
432	HMRC 3 re R Greenwood 1 Oct – 31 Dec	184.80
433	R Greenwood 3 pay/expenses 1 Oct – 31 Dec	818.52
434	CPRE sub 17/18	36.00
435	D J Scott service mower	245.90

### 7.2 Audit 2015/16

To comply with the minor issue raised by External Audit, Box 4 Section 2 of the Annual Return was amended and initialled at the meeting. External Audit would be advised accordingly.

### 7.3 Precept and Budget for 2017/18 onwards (enclosed)

For 2016/17, it was uncertain whether WCC might charge a fee for the Referendum. The final surplus could increase from ca £6503 to ca £7503 if there was no expenditure on Flooding to 31<sup>st</sup> March. For 2017/18, the allocation for the Parish Website would be increased from £350 to £450 to scan and post another village scrapbook. The Council Tax Support grant (CTS) would be £309 in 2017/18, halve in 2018/19 and cease to be paid from 2019/20. It was agreed to keep the Precept unchanged at £7250 - £309 CTS = £6941 and to advise WCC accordingly.

## 8. Planning

### 8.1 Decisions received (circulated)

SDNP/16/00784/LIS. Blackhouse Farm, Hinton Ampner. Conversion of redundant farm buildings to ancillary domestic use.

PC - Support

SDNP – Approve

SDNP/16/03639/FUL. Hinton Ampner House. Siting of sewage treatment works including new package treatment plant, new pipeline from Hinton Ampner House, creation of percolation field.

PC – Support

SDNP - Approve

SDNP/16/03832/LIS. Porch Cottage, Bramdean. Increase chimney and pot height to give sufficient height above thatch ... Installation of wood burner in existing fireplace, relining of chimney for existing wood burner, re-thatching of roof ridge.

PC – Support

SDNP – Approve

SDNP/16/05096/HOUS-97/LIS. Tanners Farm, Bramdean. Freestanding powder coated aluminium glasshouse sited on part of dwarf wall, made up with heritage old farm house bricks in keeping with existing brick work.

PC – Support

SDNP - Approve

SDNP/16/05406/HOUS. 1 Gardeners Cottages, Brockwood Park. Infill rear doorway and replace with window. Construct near rear side entrance within boot-room porch structure; gable dormer structure off rear face to allow first floor bathroom.

PC – Support

SDNP – Approve

Note: Mr Morton declared an interest and would abstain from the decision-making process regarding the property.

## 8.2 Decisions awaited

SDNP/15/06486/FUL. Matterley Estate, Ovington. Change of use of land from agricultural to temporary mixed agricultural and summer festivals and endurance running events use, including retention of wooden structures within woodland associated with festival use.

PC – Support

SDNP - Delegated Decision Awaited

Note: Mrs Holyome abstained from the decision-making process in her capacity as a member of SDNPA Planning Committee.

SDNP/16/03489/HOUS-03490/LIS. Manchester House, Bramdean. Permanent retention of temporary access and related gates and fences (created under temporary permission to remove part of the boundary wall for plant access, SDNP/15/01419/LIS refers).

PC – Object, Refer to Committee

SDNP – Awaited

8/12. WCC considering amended proposals. Agent had requested more time to agree compromise.

16/1 Case Officer to be asked for update. Parish Council to press for sight of proposals and opportunity to comment.

Note: Mr McCrystal declared a pecuniary interest and would abstain from the decision-making process regarding the property.

SDNP/16/05914/LIS. Bramdean Manor. Retrospective application seeking planning and listed building consent for erection of railings at Bramdean Manor (SDNP/16/00083/LB refers).

PC – Support

SDNP - Awaited

## 8.3 Other matters

SDNP/16/00271/HOUS. Bramdean Cottage. Erection of a free-standing close board wooden fence on top of existing brick wall. APP/L1765/W/16/3148562 heard by Planning Inspectorate.

PC – Support

Planning Inspectorate – Appeal dismissed 5/12/16

## 9. Flooding Update

The field side of the drainage pipe under A272 at Hinton crossroads had been cleared. Mrs Holyome offered to monitor the situation.

Mr Harding had reported that the following works had been completed satisfactorily:

21165460 Concrete sides of run-off drain from Tanners Lane or install grill. 12/1 HCC advised that a small concrete pad had been installed at start of open grip to side of Fox Inn. 17/5 Mark Keighley confirmed order for additional length of concrete pad at open grip adjacent to The Fox Inn.

5/11 Work completed.

21251556 Clear collapsed vegetation to reinstate foot/bridle path from Fox Lane (at bottom of hill) and restore storm drains/run offs dug last autumn to prevent water rushing downhill and flooding lower section of Fox Lane. 25/10 Work completed.

21251585 Dig out roadside drainage run-off channels to prevent water flooding down Wood Lane. 25/10 Work completed.

21252464 Ditch west of Church Lane. Clear vegetation from ditch. Reinstall footpath. Mow up to left of path to prevent overhang. 8/12 Work completed.

21252465 Verge east of Church Lane. Mow verge up to and into ditch. Remove cuttings. 8/12 Work completed.

21252466 Verge-Ditch west of Church Lane. Ditch to be cleared all the way. Cuttings should be removed not left at the bottom of the ditch to impede the flow of water. 9/12 Work completed.

On 12<sup>th</sup> January, Mr Harding reported that Seamus McLaughlin was clearing the drainage channel from the dew pond below Elm Cottage to Wood Lane. However as the camber now ran in the opposite direction the flow of water down Wood Lane was unlikely to reduce significantly.

#### 10. Highway Report

21217286 New drain cover replaced 1/11. Within few days had worked loose. Noisy when driven over. Re-reported 11/11 21257639 pressing for underlying problem to be resolved before the new cover broke up and caused an accident. 22/11 Work completed.

21228421 Footpath sign by Manor Farmhouse, Church Lane (FP 14) had fallen down. 13/6 Referred to RoW for action.

21230097 Clear footpath, Church Lane to War Memorial to 1 metre width. Clear spoil from highway verge which had fallen onto the footway making it too narrow for pedestrians from Old Rectory to War Memorial. 17/10 Impossible to access safely with wheelchair or buggy. 19/12 Residents complained width of footpath opposite Littledean and Bramdean Lodge was so narrow it was difficult to walk a dog along due to spoil from ditch being dumped rather than carted away. Path was right width closer to Church Lane. 20/12 HCC asked to ensure path was cleared and confirm whether legal width was 1metre clear access. 31/12 Path to be sided out and arisings removed. 1 metre clear access was minimum contractors permitted to leave applied when road works in progress.

21251570 Re-plumb/repaint cast iron sign post at Woodland Gate. 16/1 Work in progress

21260105 Urgently repair collapsed road surface opposite entrance to Marriners Farm. 25/11 Split tyre and damaged wheel of resident's vehicle forced on to surface to avoid lorry travelling from A272. 29/11 No work required.

PROW236704 Consider solution to make less difficult for walkers to negotiate side of entrance to FP9 (straw bales and wood across wide entrance to stop vehicle access and crop damage). 16/1 Tenant had work in hand to increase the gap to 1 metre width.

PROW 911060 Clear nettles and vegetation from FP11 opposite Turnpike Cottage, Hinton Ampner. 16/1 Mrs Holyome to check if path was clear. 9/8 RoW requested to mow FP503/504 wider (3' solid gravel path to be reinstated) under HCC Priority Cutting List.

Bus shelters. Hinton Ampner: Mr Budd to replace missing roof tile.

Information that a resident might have arranged for the verges along Church Lane to be tidied up was referred to Highways.. On 16th November, Ray Gardener (Local Highways Engineer) said that HCC was no longer able to cut back hedges and verges unless they were actual highway. Current policy was to send cutting notices with legal backing to landowners. If a notice had not been issued HCC was unlikely to pursue a resident who undertook work unless it was carried out in a dangerous

manner. The Parish Council hoped that residents would delay cutting verges until after established wild flowers had seeded.

11. Bramdean Common

WCC would be reminded to clear the rubble left of the track leading to Breach Plain Cottage, also some material partly hidden under the hedge.

A request to demonstrate fire making was referred to WCC (response awaited). One option might be to contact Alresford Scout Group who built fires adjacent to the Scout Hut.

12. Parish Website

Mrs Bulloch presented “The Bramdean and Hinton Ampner WI Scrapbook 1992”, compiled by Bruce and Anne Newson. It was agreed to request the Hampshire Record Office to scan the contents to disk before Wizbit posted it on the website (total cost not expected to exceed £100). Mrs Holyome awaited permission from the copyright holder to post updated details about the Winchester Villages Trust.

As the web page architecture was very complex and specialist skills were required, the following procedure to post material from outside organisations was agreed. Wizbit would be asked to estimate the cost to the applicant of posting the item. Mrs Holyome advised that the Village Hall Committee had decided not to commission a website from Wizbit and were currently considering other options

13. Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The meeting would begin at 7.00 pm. “Silk Stockings and Spitfires” by John Smith (fee £50 inclusive of travel), would follow after a short interval from 7.45 pm (approx). Arrangements were needed for a leaflet drop to all households one month prior, also artwork for an eye-catching poster (Clerk to approach Mr Smith in first instance). A further request for photographs of local views to display at the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting would appear in the February issue of Church & Village. Mrs Bulloch offered to co-ordinate the display.

14. Ownership of land at Hinton Ampner

Mr Morton would request an update from the Rector concerning the drawing up of an affidavit by long standing residents to support established access and parking arrangements. Proposals for consideration by the Rector and the Parish Council were awaited from the National Trust.

15. Risk Management

It was agreed that the current guidance would remain in force for 2017/18.

16. Speeding and Traffic Nuisance on A272 and A32

HCC had declined to carry out a formal review of the six speed limits in force along the A272: West Meon Hut to top of Harnham Hill, Cheriton. The main point about multiple speed limits was not addressed. The Parish Council was determined to achieve sensible speed limits over a reasonable distance and would also support a suggestion from the Meon Valley parishes to paint some 50 mph signage onto the road surface to reduce the enormous array of signs (daft to be circulated for comment). Cllr Huxstep would support continued action to secure a review.

It was understood that the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) was considering whether a gang of motor cyclists speeding through a village constituted anti-social behaviour when finalising the Police & Crime Plan (draft plan awaited). Mrs Holyome reported that the PCC had withdrawn funding for speed cameras on the A32. George Hollingbury MP would press for the funding to be reinstated

17. Southern Water's Water Efficiency Project

The Parish Council had agreed in principle to participate in the proposed project in 2017 (nominated beneficiaries Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Village Hall and St Simon & St Jude, Bramdean). Southern Water's answers to questions raised by Parish Councillors were noted.

18. Correspondence

On 4<sup>th</sup> November Neville Crisp (WCC Traffic Engineer) stated that speed camera signage could not be provided in Wood Lane as it did not meet the criteria for patrol by speed camera van. "Slow" markings could be painted on the tarmac at the 30 mph limit (north end) and at the junction with the A272 (accepted 5<sup>th</sup> December, proofs awaited). If this was ineffective, the possibility of a different road surface and a pinch point might be considered.

The Parish Council would donate £75 in 2016/17 towards the Community Minibus service run by New Alresford Town Trust. The availability of the service would be mentioned in Church & Village.

The Parish Council was disinclined to support Victim Support for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Provision of defibrillators in the area arose during a First Aid course at Cheriton Primary School. There were two machines at Beauworth. Anne Newson had enquired whether the Parish Council had considered purchasing a machine. Information from Sue Scholes (Chairman of Beauworth Parish Meeting) was considered and the options for cabinet or stand-alone discussed. It was agreed to obtain facts on a stand-alone model with key pad as installed outside Cedar Veterinary Surgery, Alresford; Mrs Holyome would speak to Graham Lunn and report the outcome.

Answering the BT consultation to 30<sup>th</sup> October, the Parish Council stated that the service to the telephone box on Hinton Hill should possibly be converted to emergency use only. The kiosk was Grade 2 listed and could not be removed. Answering the WCC consultation to 6<sup>th</sup> January on the removal of BT telephone boxes across Winchester District, the Parish Council stated that the boxes on Hinton Hill and outside the Village Hall were needed for emergency calls. The mobile signal at both locations was poor or non-existent. Emergency signage at Jubilee Recreation Ground would require amendment if the telephone box outside the Village Hall was removed.

The end of WWI would be marked with "Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute" on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Details of an access problem to 4-6 Hinton Hill and a wooden structure in the garden of 8 Hinton Hill had been circulated for comment prior to raising both issues with George Upex (NT Estate Manager). Mr Budd declared an interest and would abstain from the decision-making process.

19. Reports from Parish Councillors and Clerk

Mrs Holyome attended the HALC AGM on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

The Clerk attended a course, Safeguarding Adults and Children, on 3<sup>rd</sup> November (details circulated).

Mrs Holyome had been re-elected to the WDALC Executive.

Mrs Bulloch would attend the Rural Crime Conference at Netley Abbey on 17<sup>th</sup> February convened by Michael Lane (Police & Crime Commissioner) for those who live and work in rural communities.

Mags Wylie (Senior Rural Housing Enabler) would be asked for an update on possible affordable housing in the parish.

20. Items to be considered for the next meeting

Affordable Housing  
Defibrillator  
Ownership of land at Hinton Ampner

21. Date of next meeting

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Bramdean.  
Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017, at 7.00 pm at the same venue  
Also, Mondays 17<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.00 pm at the same venue.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

MM/RG