

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER

Report in lieu of meeting to be held on Wednesday 29th April 2020 which was cancelled due to Covid-19.

3. Annual Report of the Parish Council – Matthew Morton

I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their work on behalf of the Parish Council during the past year. Special thanks to Vice-Chairman, Barbara Holyome, who represents this area on the South Downs National Park Authority, Tony Harding (Flood Warden), Kashy Hawkings (Chairman of the Recreation Committee) and Chris McCrystal for maintaining the parish website.

We are grateful to Justin Berryman (Deputy Flood Warden), also to residents and riparian owners for their co-operation, in particular to Ed Hawkings during the recent floods. Thanks also to our nominee to Blake's Educational Charity, Hazel Flindt, to our Internal Auditor, Seamus McLaughlin and to Neighbourhood Watch Village Co-ordinator, Chris Day. We also wish to thank Annabel McLaughlin and Maureen Carpenter for invaluable "real time" information to WCC and the Parish Council on traveller movements and incidents of anti-social behaviour at Bramdean Common.

The Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April 2019 was attended by five Parish Councillors, two City Councillors, a Police officer, the Clerk and 42 residents. Afterwards, Ned Densham gave an illustrated talk on "Walking the Camino de Santiago" following the "primitive" way first taken by King Alfonso II in the ninth century.

Four Parish Council meetings were held in the past year. Parish Councillors attended meetings organised by or with representatives of Boomtown Community, Environment Agency, Hampshire Association of Local Councils, Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire County Council, Passenger Transport Forum, Winchester City Council and Winchester District Association of Local Councils.

When land was purchased for a recreation ground in 1978, land registration was not mandatory but 42 years later the Jubilee Recreation Ground has finally been registered with the Land Registry.

We considered 25 planning applications (23 in 2018/19). Whilst on the subject of planning, Barbara Holyome has convened a small Steering Group to update the Village Design Statement (VDS).

We continued to support the Communities Against Noise and Speed (CANS) campaign for lower speed limits on rural roads in the Meon Valley and we considered revisions to our existing Code of Practice for Local Councils in Handling Complaints.

Responding to the petition for a defibrillator, the Parish Council "adopted" the former BT telephone box outside the Village Hall to house the equipment. The defibrillator has been ordered from the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) for installation when the current restrictions are lifted. The purchase was funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Thanks to Parish Councillors and members of the Village Hall Committee for researching options to inform decision-making, and to Justin Berryman for volunteering to lead a team of residents trained by the CHT to use the equipment to offer emergency assistance.

The Parish Council has decided to purchase speed limit reminder (SLR) signage for deployment at HCC-designated locations along the A272 and Wood Lane, and thanks are due to Mandy Bulloch for leading this project. Volunteers will be required to move the signs at regular intervals. The Parish Council has also been working with HCC and the SDNPA to install verge side "village gates" at the parish boundaries on the A272 at the parish boundaries to check vehicle speed. Both projects will be

funded from the parish CIL allocation and will be completed when current restrictions on site meetings are lifted.

The high rainfall earlier this year caused ground water to rise to such an extent that an official Flood Alert was issued. Parish Councillors met with the Environment Agency to review the state of the drainage system and to identify sites for remedial action when conditions improved. Thanks are due to Highways for clearing and jetting culverts and digging out the ditches. This essential work almost certainly prevented a serious flooding emergency.

HCC funding for a Lengthsman ensured that routine highway works were carried out more frequently, including keeping the highway ditch clear of obstructions and regular verge-cutting. Thanks to Kashy Hawkings for co-ordinating the work of the Lengthsman to the undoubted benefit of the community.

The Housing Needs Survey conducted by Action Hampshire confirmed there was a need for affordable housing in Bramdean and Hinton Ampner. The Parish Council would welcome offers of land within the parish which might be suitable for a maximum of six housing units, solely for occupancy by people with strong connections to Bramdean or Hinton Ampner.

We carry forward the sum of £28,122.82.00 which includes the sum of £21,681.82 solely for expenditure which meets strict CIL funding criteria. The Parish Council has already set aside CIL funding for a defibrillator, SLR signage and village gates, and is committed to finalising further expenditure during the coming year.

Finally, the Parish Council is required to have positive written consent to hold data of private individuals so, if you have not already done so, please request a Consent Form from the Parish Clerk or download a copy from www.bhpc.org.uk.

5. Report of the Recreation Committee – Kashy Hawkings

I would like to thank my fellow committee members Tony Harding, Anne Newson, Adrian Taylor, Chris McCrystal, Rachael Greenwood and in particular Adrian Taylor for their continued support this year.

We had a good annual inspection this year and everything is looking very satisfactory. What minor repairs are needed will be done throughout the summer.

In the winter we undertook repairs to the chain link fencing on various parts around the outside of the ground and maintained the hard court in a few places too. The electricity board managed to gain access and cut back a lot of the tree branches which were touching the generator.

Work from the residents with a boundary on the Recreation Ground has commenced for which I am very grateful though there is still a lot of vegetation to be cleared alongside the southern boundary.

Following Government guidelines the Ground had to be closed due to the Covid 19 outbreak. I hope it will not be too long before it will be opened up again for everyone to enjoy.