

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish Council held at the Village Hall,
Bramdean at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th July 2023

24/18 Apologies.

Mrs A Cox	Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor

Present.

Mrs K Hawkings	Chairman
Mrs J Catling	Councillor
Mr A Harding	Councillor
Mr C McCrystal	Councillor
Mr M Morton	Councillor
Mr G Rothery	Councillor
Mr N Bolton	District Councillor
Mr J Pett	District Councillor

Eleven members of the public.

Mr B Gibbs	Clerk
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24/19 Declarations of Interest.

None recorded.

24/20 To approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish Council held the 18th May 2023 (Previously circulated).

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 18th May 2023. These were then signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Rothery. Seconded Cllr Morton.

24/21 Public Session

Members of the public expressed the frustrations at the current situation of unauthorised development at a parcel of land alongside the A272. All eleven members of the public spoke about the issue and all expressed the same concerns that they expect that the SDNPA will do very little to stop the unauthorised development in the short to medium term.

24/22 Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Cllrs Bolton and Pett were both in attendance and spoke about the following matters.

The issue of charging for DIY waste has regularly been raised at parish meetings and it is to be welcomed that charges for DIY waste at council tips are being abolished by the government.

This announcement is undoubtedly welcome news for those undertaking DIY projects as it will help to reduce project costs in these challenging times. However, the disposal of this waste must still be paid for by our local authorities and it will cost Hampshire County Council of around £1m per year. Disposal of dangerous items like asbestos will still be subject to a charge.

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The decision requires secondary legislation, so at the moment we do not know the full scope of waste included or the start date for free disposal. It is hoped that this announcement will go some way to reducing the incidence of casual fly-tipping of household waste.

Cllr Bolton also made reference to his written report regarding waste management as follows.

“Winchester is a waste collection authority that collects household waste and recycling. Hampshire County Council is a waste disposal authority that treats and manages the collected material.

Currently, Winchester collects 43,000 tonnes of waste from its residents, 17,500 tonnes is recycling including green waste and 25,500 tonnes is collected as refuse. Of the refuse collected approximately 35% of this is food waste and 5% are materials currently recyclable but in the wrong bin.

Of 11 districts in Hampshire, Winchester is currently 3rd in its recycling rate performance but we are most definitely what you would class as ‘middle of the pack’ across all English authorities. East Devon being top of the class, they have three weekly residual bin collections, a weekly food waste collection, a fortnightly chargeable garden waste collection, a weekly recycling collection which includes glass, pots, tubs, trays, textiles, batteries, cans, bottles and cardboard. There is the potential to increase the level of recycling in Winchester removing up to approximately a further 30% from the black bins.

The council is currently evaluating what the shape of its future waste and recycling system should be, how to deliver the mandatory food waste collection programme, how the inter-authority agreement between Hampshire and the collection authorities should be structured and importantly how we introduce greener waste and recycling vehicles to reduce the impact on climate change.”

Both councillors also spoke about an outstanding enforcement issue. The owners of the property concerned have assured the local planning authority (SDNPA) that a retrospective planning application will shortly be submitted.

Councillors and members of the public expressed their frustration with the current planning laws.

Councillors asked the Clerk to ascertain how long the SDNPA will tolerate the situation where development will continue on the site without any planning application being received.

24/23 Chairman’s report.

Cllr Hawkings spoke about the Parish Council’s CIL allocations and reminded councillors that there were deadlines for spending the money. She continued by saying that the Recreation Committee’s report to be received later in the meeting would be making a number of recommendations regarding the Recreation Ground and its play equipment.

Cllr Hawkings also spoke briefly about Bramdean Common. There have been some unauthorised traveller encampments recently. These have been dealt with by Winchester City Council. In addition, there have been a lot of camper vans visiting the Common over recent weeks. There is an agenda item later in this meeting addressing these concerns.

24/24 Finance and Administration.

a) Orders for Payment

Expenditure May to July 2023.

Chq	Supplier	Description	Amount
BT8	Do The Numbers Ltd	Internal Audit 2022-23	190.00
BT9	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary May 23	297.40
BT10	AJ Gallagher	Insurance	814.49
BT11	Jason Silk Services	INV-2934	3207.00
BT12	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary Jun 23	297.40
BT13	Mill Farm Trees	Coronation Tree	60.00
BT14	HMRC	PAYE/NI	148.60

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BT15	Premier Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance	90.00
BT16	HALC	HALC Fees 2023/24	257.70
BT17	DM Payroll Ltd	Annual Payroll Admin Fee	60.00
BT18	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary July 23	297.40
BT19	HMRC	PAYTE/NI	74.58

The Parish Council resolved to approve these orders for payment.

Proposed: Cllr Hawkings. Seconded Cllr Morton.

Income May to July 2023

Date	Cash/Cheque/Bank Transfer	Description	Amount
31/05/23	Bank Transfer	HCC 23-24 Lengthsman Scheme	1100.00
15/06/23	Cash / Cheques	Defibrillator donations	200.00

b) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts.

The Clerk presented a further report to remind everyone about the current position with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Clerk said that £8,934.87 is still available in the Parish Council's bank account from the original sum received in 2018 (£21,572.15).

Two CIL payments each of £1,724.54 were received by the SDNPA in April 2022. The Parish Council received these payments on the 20th October 2022.

The Clerk told the meeting that the timescale for spending these payments was the 30th September 2027.

Taken together, the Parish Council currently holds a CIL figure of £12,383.95 at the time of the meeting.

Following on from the finance item regarding the outstanding CIL receipts, the Parish Council received a report from the Recreation Committee. The report focussed on the work needed to repair the play equipment at the recreation ground.

It was **resolved** to appoint Ava Recreation Ltd to undertake the following works to the play equipment .

Repair the Jukebox/Twist to include replacing the climbing wall and log access. Following on from this to cut four existing wooden legs and install metal shoes and concrete them into the ground. This would be at a cost of £3,448.57 exclusive of VAT.

It was also decided to replace three rotten/missing timber steps for the Log Walk at a cost of £407.14 exclusive of VAT.

Ava Recreation was asked to quote for the repair of wood edge around the Jukebox. They were also asked to quote for renewing the high fence netting on north side of the recreation ground and removal of the netting on the south side.

Proposed: Cllr Rothery. Seconded Cllr Morton.

Separately, the Parish Council discussed the need to purchase a second Speed Indicator Device (SID). Quotes had been received from two suppliers.

It was **resolved** to purchase a SID from Elan City Ltd at a cost of £2,200 exclusive of VAT and delivery costs.

Proposed: Cllr Hawkings. Seconded Cllr Morton.

24/25 Planning.

a) Planning applications and decisions received from the South Downs National Park Authority.

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SDNP/23/02383/HOUS College Farm Church Lane Bramdean Hampshire SO24 0JS: Erection of detached garage to replace garage recently lost to fire.

The Parish Council is happy for this application to be left to the delegated officer for determination.

b) SDNPA Parish Priority Statements.

The Clerk asked the Parish Council to review the recent correspondence from the SDNPA regarding its emerging local plan review. Part of this process involves the parishes being asked to provide evidence of their planning priorities. It was decided that this would be reviewed between meetings.

24/26 Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Hawkings the Lengthsman had visited recently and would be back again in August. She would issue the work sheet before then.

b) Brockwood Turn Bus Shelter

The new bus shelter is on order and the first stage payment has been made. The contractor has apologised for the delays to the project due to a lack of materials in the supply chain and also a backlog of work.

c) Flooding issues and concerns.

Cllr Hawkings spoke about the need to write to riparian owners in the village to remind them to maintain and upkeep their part of the watercourse through to Cheriton. She also spoke of the need for the Environment Agency to be involved in assessing the watercourse at the parcel of land involved in the planning enforcement action.

d) Recreation Committee.

In addition to his earlier report, Cllr McCrystal made the following comments. He said that he was happy that all of the committee's recommendations had been accepted. He was concerned about the areas of fencing surrounding the recreation ground and said that some work was needed here. It was proposed to ask Ava Recreation if they would quote for renewing the high fence netting on north side of the Recreation Ground and removal of the netting on the south side.

24/27 Village matters

a) Bramdean Common by-laws.

It was noted that the proposed Bramdean Common by-laws were never adopted. It was agreed to review this topic between meetings.

24/28 Correspondence.

a) There was no other correspondence to receive.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 5th October 2023 at the Village Hall in Bramdean.

Brendan Gibbs,
Clerk to Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish Council.

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