

# BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bramshaw Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

## **Bramshaw PC Attendees:**

Sue Bennison (SB) Vice Chair  
Nigel Challis (NC)  
Jane Mullan (JM) Clerk  
Colin Paine (CP)  
Ian Sandbrook (IS)  
Denis Shaughnessy (DS) Chair  
Gemma Wilks (GW)

## **Public**

Ruby Buxton  
Carol Stewart

PC Dee Faulkner  
Henry Forse (NFDC Cllr)  
Edward Heron (HCC Cllr)

### 1. **Apologies**

All parish councilors present.

### 2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 , copies of which had been circulated by email were signed.

### 3. **Declarations of interest**

None.

### 4. **Matters arising from Minutes**

DS reported that BT have decided not to decommission any of the phoneboxes in our parish, so the kind anonymous donation made by a Fritham resident will need to be returned – JM, GW and CP to discuss how to correctly show this transaction in the financial records of the parish council.

### 5. **District and County Councilor's, and Police reports**

Cllr Henry Forse reported that at the full meeting of the New Forest District Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010, it had been agreed that council tax would be increased by 2%. He also advised that he would be able to award a small grants of up to £500 for suitable projects put forward by the council.

Cllr Edward Heron reported that Hampshire County Council had kept their increase to 1.9%. The county would be funding an additional 4000 salt bins throughout the county but they wanted the public to let them know where they were most needed. It was not anticipated that these bins would have instructions on them as to the best time to put the salt/grit down – this would be left to the individual.

He also advised that £2 million had been allocated to deal with the potholes following the frost and snow of the winter, but overall Hampshire were looking for a more sustainable method of dealing with potholes. If however in the interim it is necessary to report a particularly bad pothole, on Hampshire County Council's web site there is a section for doing just this (under Highways Defect Form).

PC Dee Faulkner advised there had been a few thefts from motor vehicles in the Fritham area. Also there had been a burglary at Oak Cottage.

The safer neighborhood team is keen to learn if there are any particular issues which need addressing in Bramshaw and they wish to set up regular beat surgeries and are looking for ways to meet the community.

6. **Finance**

Cheques signed as follows:

Cheque Number 000517 Clerk's salary and expenses.	£277.87.
Cheque Number 000518 LexisNexis – Arnold Baker Local Council Administration)	£ 59.05
Cheque Number 000519 HALC Clerk Training.	£100.00

7. **Reports from Councillors and Clerk**

i) **Bramshaw Trust**

CP advised that the running costs for the hall per annum are of the order of £11,000.

Since the public session at the last meeting, Dining Solutions have also given notice.

The social club assets are to be auction on 20 March 2010.

The NHS are extremely unlikely to take up any part of the area as there is not a large enough population in the area.

Date for open forum to discuss the future of the 'South Wing' to be 16 March 2010 – JM to book hall.

ii) **Community and footpaths**

CP advised that that Air Ambulance cloths bin on the village hall car park was to be removed because of lack of use.

The stile on footpath 8 had been attended to.

The redundant bus stops in Fritham should be removed within 2 weeks.

The drains problem he would continue to chase.

CP asked we should get David Morris to attend the annual assembly.

The Council resolved to proceed with the listing of the telephone box in Fritham and CP agreed to progress this matter.

iii) **Highways**

NC reported that the current repairs that had been undertaken to the footpath and bridge over the ford on Tyrell Road were only temporary. There is however a ford sign at the end of the road.

The infill beneath the railings on the bridge at Burnford had been changed from chain link wiring to a more substantial metal balustrade.

JM to follow up removal of 40 mph signs on Brook Hill and when SID might visit again.

iv) **Communications**

RB reported that the current website format as provided by NFDC is not particularly user friendly and wishes to research easier packages to use, and the possibility of purchasing our own domain name to which the current name, bramshaw.gov.uk can be linked to.

v) **New Forest Consultative Panel, NFALC.**

SB advised that the NFC panel meets next month.

NFALC – change of secretary to Peter Smith from Hordle.

- vi) **National Trust**  
DS advised that Doug England of the National Trust is looking to undertake a tour of the National Trust land within the parish – DS to liaise with Cllrs and Mr England to organize a convenient date.  
They are also looking for a representative from the council who would need to be a member of the National Trust. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

- vii) **Clerk's report**  
Having started the training for a CiLCA award JM explained that one or two changes are required to the current form of agenda. In future the wording will 'summons' you to attend the meeting instead of the previous invite will be on the councilor's agendas, if apologies are not received a record of 'non-attendance' must be noted on the minutes and also when the agenda is being compiled, it will be emailed to all members asking if there are any matters of business for inclusion.

NALC has produced new standing orders and a copy of the current book was made available to the meeting – they are also available in PDF format on the web – DS to produce a draft copy of standing orders for approval at the next meeting.

GIS log in details as provided by NFDC were given to all councilors – a date for training to be agreed.

8. **Social Event**  
IS reported that the Royal Oak are unsure whether they are able to do the catering as they anticipate the weekend being very busy at the pub.  
Tickets to be sold through Bramshaw Village Stores.  
The BFG are unable to assist as originally thought as they are a separate entity and do not want the line between parish council and BFG to become muddled – meaning that the Parish Council are the sole resource for this event.

9. **Planning:**

**Application Number: 94859** - Lush's, Brook  
Revisions to Agricultural Building.  
Council resolved to recommend approval for agricultural purposes only.

**Application Number: 94870** – Southview, Canterton Lane –  
Revised position of manege.  
Council resolved to recommend refusal as plans do not show levels and there is insufficient information that what they are proposing to do won't damage too many trees.

**Application Number: 94838** – Oak Wood, Penn Common Road  
(Conservation area consent) – demolition of outbuildings.  
Council resolved to recommend approval for the demolition of the outbuildings.

**Application Number: 94837** - Oak Wood, Penn Common Road,  
(Conservation area consent) – outbuilding.  
Council resolved to recommend refusal as they believe the building needs to be closer to the existing building and have a lower roof height.

**Tree orders –**  
**CONS/10/0048 & 0057**  
Council resolved to that both applications should be recommended for approval.

**Enforcement list.**

Council has requested SB to invite Steve Avery and or Sandy Tolmey to next meeting so that a better understanding of enforcement procedure and action can be gained.

10. **Ditch outside Methodist Church.**

Methodist Church Secretary wrote to council expressing her concern over the water/flooding in the road outside Methodist Church possible caused by works undertaken further up the road where scalplings laid in a gate way have infilled the drainage ditch. JM to write to owner of field (Jenny Watts).

11. **Date and venue of Annual Assembly.**

Council resolved to hold the AGM and Annual Assembly on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Fritham Free Church.

12. **Pound Bottom Landfill.**

Concern has been raised by residents along B3078 about the number of lorries going to Pound Bottom Landfill – there has been a large increase since November/December 2009. EH explained that it had become a waste transfer station rather than just a landfill site. Council resolved to monitor the situation.

13. **New Forest Litter Pick.**

Mr Jack Sturgess has kindly volunteered to run this again for Bramshaw Parish Council he would however like any expenses he incurs in publicizing the event to be paid for by the Parish Council. Council agreed that this was acceptable and would await sight of his costs.

14. **Parish Insurance – public liability.**

The extent of the public liability cover was discussed in connection with the council undertaking any remedial works on Crown land outside the village shop. The insurers response was under the Parish Council policy there is no cover for this area as it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council and therefore any work on this area must be covered under the Forestry Commission's insurance. If the Forestry Commission agree for the Parish Council to undertake this work then this would have to be covered under the Forestry Commission's Liability insurance. Considering this advice the council resolved not to undertake any remedial works outside the shop.

As to the Council using an odd job man to undertake maintenance items around the parish – cover here was seen to be adequate as they would be self employed, providing a service and would be invoicing for any work done.

15. **Date of next meeting.**

23 March 2010.

Meeting closed 10.15 pm.