

## **Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)**

**Councillors Present:** Councillors Donnell, Gemmell (Chair), Kyle and Vickery.

**In attendance:** The clerk, Cllr Janet Richards (NFDC) and Jacqui Hartas, Chair of Hale Village Hall Management Committee.

**24.100 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** - Cllr Gillmon and Cllr Lavis.

**24.101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - To receive declarations of interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda (in accordance with the Localism Act 2011). None received.

### **24.102 MINUTES**

**24.102.1** It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

**24.102.2** Note matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

**Proposed Exxon Pipeline** – The proposed pipeline to take CO2 from the Fawley plant to an off-shore carbon capture facility is no longer going ahead.

**24.103 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Jacqui Hartas spoke regarding the defibrillators situated at Hale Village Hall and Woodgreen Community Shop. Jacqui met with Suzie McNulty who manages the Woodgreen defibrillator, Suzie would like to restart the First Responder scheme next year for which volunteers would be needed. This was supported by Hale Parish Council although the council will not provide the lead on the project. Both defibrillators (Hale and Woodgreen) may need replacing in the next few years for which there may be grants available.

**24.104 HALE VILLAGE HALL:** Jacqui Hartas (Chair of Hale Village Hall Management Committee) presented the plans to build an extension to the front of the Hall. This will contain a new accessible toilet which will be accessed from the entrance lobby. The current accessible toilet, to the back of the hall, will become a storage cupboard. The Village Hall committee will write to “serve notice” to the parish council which has agreed to permit building on Parish Council land. The Village Hall will apply for planning permission to carry out works in 2025.

**24.90 PLANNING APPLICATION** - To consider the response to the following applications.

Case Number	24/01114FULL
Proposal	Oak framed single story extension
Site	Romaine, The Old Post Office, HATCHET GREEN, HALE, SP6 2

Councillors discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to recommend Option 1 – PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority’s Officers under their delegated powers. Cllrs agreed that the nature of the building may create significant light which should be taken into account by the National Park Planning Authority to reduce the light pollution on the “dark skies” of the National Park

**24.106 EXTERNAL MEETINGS:** None attended.

**Cllr Richards reported.** NFDC are holding an Emergency Planning Community Forum on 4<sup>th</sup> December (Cllr Donnell to attend).

Community Infrastructure Levy Bids – The second round of grant funding is now available and bids can be made until 13<sup>th</sup> December. All community groups are eligible to apply for CIL funding for projects to enhance the infrastructure in the local area.

**24.107CONSULTATIONS:**

**Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan** Cllr Vickery responded on behalf of Hale PC concentrating on the area local to Hale. The consultation closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting** This consultation runs until 19<sup>th</sup> December and seeks views on allowing remote and hybrid attendance at meetings. Councillors agreed that this would serve to aid meetings going forward however would need to be carefully legislated, for example, include a minimum threshold of meetings which must be attended in person. The clerk will respond on behalf of HPC and all councillors are also able to respond individually.

**NFDC Parking Strategy Review** – This consultation is now live until 1<sup>st</sup> December and allows all residents to have their say on the future of parking in the NFDC car parks via [www.newforest.gov.uk /ParkingConsultation](http://www.newforest.gov.uk/ParkingConsultation).

**24.108 TREE SURVEY** - An NFDC Tree Officer recently surveyed the 4 large oaks next to the Village Hall and work is required to reduce one large oak. Two quotes were supplied by NFDC, the clerk will obtain a quote from a local company and the works will be carried out over the winter months. The Service Level Agreement held with NFDC will be expanded to include the small copse next to the hall which will be surveyed every 4 years; the 4 large oaks adjacent to the hall will be surveyed every 2 years.

**24.109 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE:**

The Lengthsman will be working in the village on 18<sup>th</sup> November, jobs will include mending the broken bench and cutting back vegetation.

The village car park and BOAT (leading down from the village hall) suffered due to recent torrential rains. It was **RESOLVED** to approve up to £500 to carry out remedial repairs, discussions regarding a more permanent solution, and its’ funding, are ongoing.

**24.110 BANK ACCOUNTS :**

From 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 Lloyds bank is changing the Treasurer’s Account to a new Community Account, this account will incur charges of 4.25 per month.

A new 32 Day Notice Deposit Account was opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, £25,000.00 of ring-fenced reserve funds was deposited. Interest is added daily.

**24.111 BUDGET 2025/26** A proposed budget for 2025/26 was discussed and amended. The precept for 2025/26 will be increased by 3% to £14,100, the precept has not increased since 2020/21. It was **RESOLVED** to and unanimously agreed to accept the budget and precept for 2025/26.

**24.112 FINANCE**

**24.112.1**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the accounts for the month of September and October and note the following balances - The Treasurers account - £3,886.70, Business account - £264.10 and 32 Day Deposit Account £25,047.61.

**24.112.2 MONTHLY PAYMENTS** - It was **RESOLVED to** approve the following payments.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	PAYMENT METHOD
Viking	Office supplies	£17.44	£2.91	Bank Transfer
Amanda Johnson	Salary – October	N/A		Standing Order

	and November			
Cutting Edge	Cemetery Maintenance – September and October	£525.00 and £185.00		Bank Transfer

**24.113 CORRESPONDENCE** received before 29/010/2024.

**The following correspondence was noted. Actions in italics.**

13/09/24 NPA – Newsletter

25/09/24 Friends of the New Forest – Autumn update from the Chair

30/09/24 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – September Newsletter

01/10/24 HCC – Countryside Access Team Newsletter

01/10/24 NPA - Innovative Sound Creatives Take Up Position As New Forest Artists In Residence

01/10/24 NFDC – Medium Term Financial Plan

01/10/24 NFDC – Statement on Household Recycling Centres

07/10/24 Hampshire County Councillor Edward Heron Report

10/10/24 Friends of the New Forest – Wilding Film

11/10/24 HALC – October Newsletter

14/10/24 NFALC – Minutes of the meeting held on 30/09/24

16/10/24 Hampshire Forest Partnership – Free large standard trees.

17/10/24 NPA – Generation Green 2: £4.5 million project is helping England’s most socially disadvantaged young people make closer connections with nature

17/10/24 NFDC – Community Infrastructure Levy

18/10/24 NPA – Walking Festival News

22/10/24 NFALC – Formation of a working party to work with and advice the NPA.

28/10/24 NFDC – Invitation to Community Forum 4<sup>th</sup> December *Cllr Donnell will attend.*

28/10/24 NFALC – Response to LCWIP Consultation *Cllr Vickery responded on behalf of HPC.*

29/10/24 HALC – Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting *The clerk to respond on behalf of HPC.*

30/10/24 NFALC – Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**Shared on Website**

**29/10/24 NFDC** – Public consultation on district- wide parking strategy

**Parishioner email**

19/09/24 Email regarding parking at Tethering Drove *Forwarded to the National Trust*

**24.114 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

**24.115 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Signed by .....

Date .....