

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 6.30PM ON 25TH MARCH 2019 AT WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

Mr C Cobb-Smith introduced Mr A Carr, a local First Responder, who gave a demonstration on use of the village defibrillator, including how to contact the ambulance service for instructions and how to access the unit outside the Village Hall. Mr Carr was thanked for coming to the meeting.

1. Attendance Register

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr S Locock, Cllr N Manston, Cllr D Bellini
In Attendance: Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC), Mr E Hale (Clerk), Mr A Carr, Mr B Currie,
Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs H Sutton, Mr C Cobb-Smith, Mr R Rideout,
Mrs C Thompson, Mr E and Mrs S Ambrose, Mr G Dominey, Mr A Foreman
Apologies: Cllr C Harper

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 7th January 2019

These were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

There was discussion about the closure of sections of Whitsbury Road in Fordingbridge for drainage works. The works will be carried out in three phases and there will always be diversions in place. Cllr Heron said Wessex Water can't be stopped from carrying out this type of work.

5. Items raised by Members of the Public

It was agreed that a light should be fitted over the defibrillator to help in accessing the cabinet.

Mr Currie thanked residents for their patience while works had been carried out at The Cartwheel. It is now open Thursday to Sunday inclusive and the Manager is busy training staff. Mr Currie said he enjoyed being part of the village community and Cllr Thompson thanked him for returning the pub to the village. It is important that as many people as possible now use it.

6. Report by Cllr Heron

Cllr Heron reported that HCC are carrying out road resurfacing works around the County, including some work at Whitsbury Cross and Whipps Hill. Residents had reported many new potholes, particularly on the road to Breamore.

7. Correspondence

Hampshire Superfast Broadband have reported that over 95% of the county now has broadband, and this should be 97.4% by year end. There is a link to a broadband speed checker and the BT website has details of where broadband is being rolled out next.

HALC have notified us that Dawn Hambet is now Chief Executive. She had been interim Chief Executive since the death of Steven Lugg.

Villages are being invited to join Parish Council litter picks from 22nd March until 23rd April.

The tree service for the New Forest area outside the National Park is now provided by NFDC.

HCC have issued guidance on response to fly tipping which will be displayed on the notice board.

8. Financial Reports

A. Balances of Accounts.

The balance in the deposit account is £2,487.80 and in the current account is £2,615.63.

B. Accounts for Payment.

The Clerk asked for approval of payments of £140 to S Colborne for grounds work to the open space, and £240 to the Clerk for duties at the previous four Parish Council meetings.

9. Planning Applications

19/10122. Mulberry House alterations. Only minor external change so permission recommended.

19/10239-40. Glebe House alterations. Mostly internal work so permission was recommended.

Tree Applications. The Parish has not been notified of any tree applications.

10. Parish Council Representatives

No meetings attended since the Parish Liaison Meeting in January.

11. Any Other Business

Open Space. The Clerk will contact the solicitor to check if the legal arrangements have been finalised so NFDC can be asked to release the funds they were given by Hyde Housing Association.

Parish Council Elections. The Clerk explained that anyone wishing to stand for the Parish Council for the next four years would need to fill in application forms to be delivered to Lyndhurst by 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April. The Chairman said he hoped more residents would stand for the Council so there would be a contest. Cllr Locock said she would not be standing again and the Chairman thanked her for her long service to the Council.

The Village Show Committee is due to meet soon to plan the next event.

12. Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Edward Hale – 28th March 2019.