

**Ordinary Meeting of Minstead Parish Council
Hybrid Meeting – Danby Room & Virtual Meeting
Monday 14 June 2021 at 19.30**

Present: Cllrs W Andrews (Chair), H Bennett, M Causton, G Saunders, J Smith, R Taylor.

In Attendance: Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC), PCSO R Williams (Hampshire Constabulary), B Mollett (Clerk),
1 x public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Hough

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Taylor was proposed by Cllr W Andrews, seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed by all.

3. Public Participation Period

PCSO R Williams gave an update on recent issues in the car parks at Football Green and Shave Wood.

Issues have been passed to LAGLOS for monitoring. Those who have expressed concerns have been advised by PCSO Williams of what is happening. Public should continue to be encouraged to report issues via 101 or Hampshire Police website. Overnight parking should be reported to Forestry England.

Cllr Causton to provide update in next newsletter

A parishioner gave the rationale for his current planning application and responded to councillor questions.

4. Declarations of Interests

All councillors declared an interest as shareholders in the Community Shop (agenda item 17)

Cllr Saunders also declared an interest as the prospective contractor for the works in Community Shop (agenda item 17)

5. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 May 2021

These had been published. They were confirmed and signed.

6. Matters Arising

- Insurance Renewal – Payment of £724.17 for renewal of insurance with Penn Underwriting was proposed by Cllr W Andrews and seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed by all.

7. Items Ongoing

- Cricket ground – renewal of licence is ongoing. Forestry England raised queries on replacement of concrete practice pitch and Natural England have queries drainage. Cllr Taylor will continue to advance.

8. Reports from County/District Councillors

Cllr E Heron (HCC) reported by email:

Residents' views sought on tough decisions for balancing the budget Hampshire County Council has launched a consultation to ask people for their views on options to help the Authority to prepare its budgets through to April 2024 - in response to continuing pressures on local government funding and increasing demand for core public services.

The Balancing the Budget consultation presents a range of options that could contribute towards balancing the budget. These might involve:

- Introducing and increasing charges for some services;
- Lobbying central Government for legislative change;
- Generating additional income;
- Using the County Council's reserves;
- Reducing and changing services;
- Increasing Council Tax;
- Changing local government arrangements in Hampshire.

The consultation runs from midday Monday 7 June 2021, to 11:59pm on 18 July 2021.

Residents can take part in the consultation via the online response form on the webpage: www.hants.gov.uk/balancingthebudget.

There is also a full information pack about the proposals in the consultation on this webpage. Paper copies can be requested by emailing insight@hants.gov.uk or calling 0300 555 1375.

Surgeries I hold regular virtual surgeries (using Zoom) on the last Friday of each month for residents to discuss any issues or raise any concerns they may have with me. To book a slot I would be grateful if residents could email me (edward.heron@hants.gov.uk) no later than 5pm on the preceding Monday. They will need to provide their postal address as I only offer these appointment to residents of the Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge Division.

For residents who are unable to make use of a virtual surgery appointment, I am happy to arrange a telephone or in-person meeting. This can either be arranged by email or by telephoning 07738 289889.

Election Results I was delighted to be re-elected as your Hampshire County Councillor for Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge in the local elections. The make up of Hampshire County Council is now as follows:

Party name	Seats won	% of votes
 Conservatives	56	51%
 Liberal Democrats	17	27%
 Labour	3	13%
 Independent	1	2%
 Whitehill & Bordon Community Party	1	< 1%

Election results by party

The Members of the new County Council Cabinet are:

- Councillor Keith Mans - Leader of Hampshire County Council, Executive Member for Policy and Resources
- Councillor Rob Humby - Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council, Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and the Environment
- Councillor Stephen Reid – Executive Member for Performance, Human Resources and Partnerships
- Councillor Russell Oppenheimer – Executive Member for Highways Operations
- Councillor Jan Warwick – Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability
- Councillor Roz Chadd – Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
- Councillor Liz Fairhurst – Executive Lead Member for Adult Services and Public Health
- Councillor Edward Heron – Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs
- Councillor Steve Forster – Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property

Pharmacy Test and Collect Hampshire residents without symptoms can access free supervised testing, or collect kits to self-test at home, from participating pharmacies across the county.

In Hampshire, over 200 pharmacies are providing the national collect scheme and over 40 of these pharmacies will also be offering on-site supervised lateral flow testing.

Hampshire’s [symptomatic testing sites](#) will continue to offer test kit collection for people without symptoms **from 2.30pm to 8pm**, alongside the pharmacy scheme.

Lateral flow testing and the test kit collection scheme are for people without symptoms. Anyone with [symptoms of coronavirus](#) must [book a PCR test](#) or call 119.

Collecting kits from a pharmacy for testing at home:

- Anyone over the age of 18 can collect test kits from participating pharmacies for themselves and their families to use at home.
- You can collect 1 pack per person of 7 lateral flow device tests.
- There is no need to book an appointment.
- Testing should be done twice a week. **It is important to record the result.**

Hampshire County Council Farms Hampshire County Council has a 1,900-hectare farm estate. Holdings range from 1.8 hectares (4.45 acres) to 114 hectares (282 acres). These provide an affordable first step on the farming ladder for aspiring farmers and makes a significant contribution to the rural economy.

The council's farm estate features a range of units that support dairy, arable, horticultural and livestock businesses including our very own local Jersey herd farm shop based at Attwood's Drove, Compton.

Connect4Communities Vulnerable children in Hampshire have been given £15 food vouchers for this half-term. This initiative is part of the connect4communities programme led by Hampshire County Council.

They include families whose children are eligible for free school meals, all children open to early help services, 16 to 18-year-olds previously eligible for free school meals and all two to four-year-olds accessing childcare and eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium. Community grants to support vulnerable families are open until 13th June 2021.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

Ticks and Lyme Disease As spring approaches and more people are outdoors Hampshire residents are urged to be 'tick aware' especially when walking in wooded areas or long grass where ticks attach themselves to people or animals as they pass by. Further information is available here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210401ticks>

Book your Spring Recycling Slot The HWRC booking system offers more than 50,000 booking slots each week sites are now open for longer: 9am – 6pm every day during the summer months.

A wide range of household items can be taken to one of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs for recycling or disposal and information about what can and cannot be deposited can be found online <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres>

To make a booking Bookings can be made online at www.hants.gov.uk or by telephone **0300 555 1389**.

Cancellation Anyone who is unable to make their booking for whatever reason is asked to please use the link in the confirmation e-mail to cancel it, so it may be made available to another resident. Bookings can also be amended, in this way, to another time if needed.

Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC):

A persistent fly-tipper in the New Forest District area has received a sentence of 8 months' imprisonment, primarily due to evidence obtained by NFDC's Enforcement Team, and witnesses who came forward. This illegal behaviour shows a total disregard for our beautiful part of the world, using our quiet countryside lanes to dispose of waste. This gentleman who tipped locally at Brook and Bartley will not be able to tip for a while at least!

"Vision for the Waterside" will be looking at the A326, reopening the Waterside Railway Line and Totton Railway junction, there are significant issues connected to all the above. The public consultation is to follow.

Positive news, Southern Water added an additional option after their desalination plant met with public opposition. Working with Portsmouth Water, approval has been given for a reservoir at Havant Thicket, there will be no further need for a desalination plant at Fawley now.

There is three way road control at Loperwood Lane as highway drainage chambers are installed causing traffic delays. The 80 dwellings due to be built have not started yet but site infrastructure is well under way.

9. Reports from Parish Representatives

- Quadrant – The last NE Quadrant meeting was on 13/05/21 via microsoft teams. Presentations were made on 'The Climate and Nature Emergency' (Paul Walton NFNPA), coping with increased visitor

numbers (Nigel Matthews NFNPA), and a Forestry England Update (Sammy Fraser FE). Steve Avery of NFNPA also talked about the Partnership Plan for the New Forest update, Non-Designated Heritage Assets (locally listed buildings), the Design Guide update, pop up campsites, and development along the Waterside - several of which will need Parish Council involvement and feedback later in the year. If the PC wants any further information or advice on these topics NFNPA will be happy to provide some. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 19:00 - hopefully this will be a physical meeting in Minstead Hall (subject to covid developments). There was a general feeling that virtual meetings will continue to have a significant role.

- Website - hall booking has been updated. Co-ordinating with newsletter and Facebook updates
- Newsletter - being worked on.
- Community Shop - doing well but still seeking volunteers. Now has membership with "Go New Forest".
- Village Hall - being clad, bookings are currently good.
- PCC - held face to face meeting

10. Report from Lengthsman

He was not able to get onto the ground so much this month, mainly because of the bad weather.

- Church footpath he has put in another drain under the path where the water has overflowed. The drain already in situ was not sufficient to drain properly and mainly due to the angle of pipe so it was not possible to rod through. Inserted a new pipe and should now be easier to clear of debris when required.
- Bull lane path grass strimmed cut back over growing whips.
- Church foot path grass strimmed, whips and clear grass cuttings.

11. Planning

Decisions

21/00015 Marleys. Barn; stables; garage with attached carport; demolition of existing outbuilding. **Refuse**

21/00300 (LDCP) Stable Cottage, Fleetwater Stud **Permitted Development**

21/00132 Mill Lane Cottage. Replacement outbuilding with room over; demolition of existing outbuilding.

Grant (Subject to)

21/00214 Williams Hill Farm. Replacement stables.

Grant (Subject to)

Decision Awaited

18/00954 Petrol Station, Ringwood Road. Single storey rear extension to sales building to provide sandwich bar.

21/00128 Mill Lane Cottage. 1no. outbuilding; demolition of 2no. outbuildings.

21/00378 Belwood Cottage, Peartree Lane. Two storey extension; single storey extension; alterations to garage to form additional habitable floorspace; alterations to doors and windows; roof alterations including rooflights; demolition of attached store; demolition of conservatory; removal 1no. chimney.

Applications Deferred (from last meeting)

21/00367 Robins Bush Farm. Dormer windows; oriel window. – **Response 5 Accept Decision of NPA Comment – Unable to provide information on 2004-5 development**

21/00392 Land of Cartref Lodge. Manege – **Response 5 Accept decision of NPA Comment – Note the existing condition applied to lighting (i.e. none)**

New Planning Applications

21/00359 A31, LOWER CANTERTON ROAD, MINSTEAD, SO43 7GQ – **Response 5 Accept decision of NPA - No additional comment**

21/00469 BELWOOD COTTAGE, PEARTREE LANE, EMERY DOWN, LYNDHURST, SO43 7FH – **Deferred till next meeting awaiting response from Natural England**

21/00414 MINSTEAD LODGE, LONDON MINSTEAD, LYNDHURST, SO43 7FT – **Response 3 Recommend approval – no additional comment**

21/00415 MINSTEAD LODGE, LONDON MINSTEAD, LYNDHURST, SO43 7FT – **Response 3 Recommend approval – no additional comment**

Trees

CONS/21/0245 Home Farm, Peartree Lane, Emery Down. Prune 1 x Oak Tree

Already approved.

12. Correspondence

To Read: LCU, Clerks & Councils Direct.

13. Finance

- As electronic banking is now used for most payments an additional column showing who authorised and made payments will be added to finance summary.
- Receipts & Payments for May 2021:

	£	£	£
	Net	VAT (recoverable)	
Balance at 30 April			39,568.21
Receipts:			
HMRC: VAT Recovered			169.59
Standing Order/Direct Debit payments:			
SOs: Salaries and expenses	538.20		538.20
Debit card payment:			
1&1 IONOS: website monthly fee	6.87	1.37	8.24
Cheques/Online payments:			
Nil			
Total payments for May 2021	545.07	1.37	546.44
Balance after payments (In addition to £6,000 in reserve.)			39,191.36

Payments were proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed by all.

14. Audit 2020/2021

- No action required at this meeting

15. Minstead Village Green Litter Collection

Following discussion Minstead PC will ask our NFDC Cllr to let NFDC Street Scene know of our willingness to engage with them in a pilot trial of measures to control, manage, prevent and/or restrict the perceived littering problem(s) on the Green. The impact will be monitored and assessed.

Cllr W Andrews to advise NFDC

16. Grants Policy

Following review the grants policy was accepted with the following amendments:

- Grants to religious bodies to be excluded in addition to the current exclusion of political parties.
- Grants will not provide more than 50% of overall funding for requests

17. Grant Application – Minstead Community Shop

Following discussion a grant of £1000 was proposed and agreed to support internal changes at the shop. Proposed Cllr Taylor Seconded Cllr W Andrews

18. Matters raised by Councillors

- Broadband trenches have been installed
- NFDC have removed overhanging branch nr Village Green
- Football Green roadworks are underway
- Acres Down splash has had a further failed repair. *Cllr Smith to review and report*

- Defibrillator has been re-registered with Circuit who have superseded SCAS with the monitoring of defibrillator machines
- Telephone box door will be repaired and then the whole box will be re-painted
- Cycling Event is planned for September but will come no closer than Emery Down
 - *Cllr Causton to include in next newsletter*
- Lyndhurst Neighbourcare is not able to provide drivers currently due to lack of drivers under 60 impacting insurance.
 - *Cllr Causton to include in next newsletter*

19. Date of next Ordinary Meeting: 5 July 2021 at 19.30. This will again be a hybrid meeting in Danby.

Meeting closed at 21.52