

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 1st November 2023

24/35 Apologies.

Mrs J Catling	Councillor
Mr A Harding	Councillor
Mr M Morton	Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor

Present.

Mrs K Hawkings	Chairman
Mrs A Cox	Councillor
Mr C McCrystal	Councillor
Mr G Rothery	Councillor
Mr N Bolton	District Councillor
Mr J Pett	District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs Clerk

24/36 Declarations of Interest.

None recorded.

24/37 To approve the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish Council held the 5th October 2023 (Previously circulated).

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on the 5th October 2023. These were then signed by the Chairman as a true record.

24/38 Public Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

24/39 Reports by the County and District Councillors.

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

Both Cllr Bolton and Pett said that they had met with the SDNP planning committee at the Boomtown site for a tour and meeting with the management team on the Friday afternoon of the event. It's clear that there is considerable effort and organisation with managing an event of this magnitude. There was one particular element of the event that was questioned that was the sound level monitoring and controls.

Boomtown are required to submit a noise report of the event, which will include all of their off-site readings and necessary actions taken. This will include all the data from the one continuously monitored site in Itchen Abbas.

At a post-Festival “wash-up” meeting for local residents held in Cheriton on 18th September, representatives from Boomtown were present and assured attendees that their monitoring showed that there had been no breach of their license conditions. It was nonetheless clear that some residents’ lived experience through the Festival weekend was of sufficient volume and acoustic range to cause significant disturbance.

Consequently, the Chair of the Winchester City Council licensing committee has been requested to arrange a ‘teach-in’ for members of that committee to ensure they have a good working knowledge of the noise limits in terms of their real effect at a distance from Matterley Bowl. Cllrs Bolton and Pett also asked for wider circulation of the monitoring results from this year.

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Concern has also been raised that the Festival’s Traffic Management Plan had little flexibility when faced with multiple incidents on the M3 and A34 as the site emptied on the Monday. This resulted in gridlock across the City, with little use being made of alternative egress routes to the east.

There also appears to be a lack of confidence that the environmental mitigation measures applied across the Matterley Estate have a sufficiently positive impact to outweigh the potential damage caused by the event.

These concerns have also been discussed with the Chair of the SDNPA who agrees with the need to secure greater transparency across each of these aspects of the Festival’s activities before any future planning case is determined.

The South Downs is not the only national park to host a Festival: Kendal Calling, on the Lowther Estate in the Lake District National Park, and the Y Not Festival at Pikehall in the Peak District National Park have both been held annually for some years.

24/40 Chairman’s report.

Cllr Hawkings said that the riparian letters had been sent to all landowners with responsibilities to the water course. The Clerk reported that he had received no replies.

She also spoke about the NT Hinton Ampner estate. She and Cllr Cox had recently visited the estate for an accompanied walk-around. There were plans in place to provide enhanced bluebell woods, deer fencing and a tree planting scheme.

Cllr Hawkings concluded her report by informing everyone that there would be a Brockwood Music Festival in July 2024. The Clerk was asked to look out for any licencing application emerging from WCC.

24/41 Finance and Administration.

a) Orders for Payment Expenditure July to October 2023.

Voucher	Supplier	Description	Amount
BT14	HMRC	PAYE/NI	148.60
BT15	Premier Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance 10/6/23	90.00
BT16	HALC	HALC Fees 2023/24	257.70
BT17	DM Payroll Service	Admin of Payroll First Tranche	60.00
678	Cllr Harding	APA refreshments	76.92
BT18	CPRE	CPRE membership	36.00
BT19	Wizbit IT	Website support	27.00
BT20	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary July 23	297.40
BT21	HMRC	PAYE/NI	74.58
677	Mr A Taylor	2023 Honorarium	280.00
BT22	Elan City Ltd	SID purchase	2640.00
BT23	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary Aug 23	297.40
BT24	Premier Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance 31/8/23	108.00
BT25	Jason Silk Services	INV-2934 Bus Shelter	3207.00
BT26	HMRC	PAYE/NI	148.62
BT27	AVA Recreation Ltd	Play Area Improvements	6773.53
BT28	Appleton Signs	Tree Plaque	83.08
BT29	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary Sept 23	297.60
BT30	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	74.32
BT31	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary Oct 23	297.40
BT32	Premier Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance 10/10/23	504.00

The Parish Council **resolved** to approve these orders for payment.

b) Income July to October 2023.

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Date	Cash/Cheque/Bank Transfer	Description	Amount
WCC	WCC Drawings	Precept	4,275.00
DEP	Hiscox Insurance Ltd	Insurance payment	6,164.00

c) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had spent £6,773.53 of CIL funds at the Recreation Ground since July 2023 in purchasing new equipment and in the repair of the existing equipment. A further £2,640.00 was spent on a new speed indicator device.

He said that the total spending this financial year had been £9,413.53 out of a total pot of £12,383.95. He concluded this report by saying there was £2,970.42 left in the CIL pot.

The only outstanding work at the recreation ground was to complete the repair of the area of fencing nearest the neighbouring properties.

d) Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish Precept 2024-25

The Clerk began the precept discussion by reminding members that the Parish Council had received a total sum of £8,550 from Winchester City Council in 2023-24.

The Clerk explained that the precept was calculated by multiplying the tax base by the Council Tax Band D property rate.

For information, the Tax Base for 2023-24 at Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish was 223.92 and the Band D rate was £38.18

The 2023-24 figure of £38.18 was an increase of 2.9% over the figure of £37.11 for 2022-23.

The Clerk then said that Winchester City Council will publish the tax base in early December 2023. Once this happens then the Parish Council will be able to make an informed decision about its precept.

The following questions were asked by councillors:

- What was the level of the general reserve at the financial half year?
- What would be the effect of the NJC 2023-24 & 2024-25 pay settlements upon the Clerk's salary?
- Are there any outstanding grant applications for 2023-24?

The Clerk said that the general reserve stood at £15,106.62 as at the 31st October 2023. He said that the NJC agreement for 2023-24 has not been published at this time but that a 4% increase to pay bands has been suggested. The Parish Council will be required to review the Clerk's salary before the end of the financial year. A grant application had been received from the Winchester District Citizen's Advice that will be determined in January 2024.

24/42 Planning.

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

None to receive. There are two applications currently outstanding at Tythelands Farm and Moody's Meadow.

b) SDNPA Parish Priority Statement.

The Clerk had asked the Parish Council to review the recent correspondence from the SDNPA regarding its emerging local plan review. Cllrs Hawkings and Cox had worked with the Clerk to produce a draft document for approval.

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This would be sent out to all councillors for the final approved version to be sent back to the SNDPA as soon as possible.

24/43 Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Hawkings said that the Lengthsman has visited recently. She commented that charges are to increase 1st Jan 2024. Cllr Hawkings will be writing to the company concerned about these increases.

There was no news regarding the scheme continuing into future years.

b) Flooding issues and concerns.

The Clerk had written to riparian owners in the village to remind them to maintain and upkeep their part of the watercourse through to Cheriton. Councillors will be keeping an eye on the watercourse and ground water levels over the next few month.

c) Recreation Committee.

Cllr McCrystal said that the recent repairs and enhancements at the Recreation Ground will provide a good play space for the village for some time to come.

24/44 Village matters

a) Bramdean Common by-laws.

It was noted that the proposed Bramdean Common by-laws drawn up in 2012 were never adopted.

24/45 Correspondence.

a) There was no other correspondence to receive.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.16pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 10th January 2024 at the Village Hall in Bramdean.

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

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