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A MEETING OF BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL TOOK PLACE AT 8.00PM IN THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK, ON MONDAY 31 JANUARY 2005

MINUTES

PRESENT WERE: Mr A Jordan (Chairman), Mr M Croucher, Mr S Coyte, Mr L Futchter, Mr B Hope, Mrs A C James, Mr R Kingshott, Dr J Tough, (Parish Councillors). Cllr E Hope, Cllr S C James (District Councillors). Councillor M Cartwright (County Councillor). One member of the press and one member of the public were also present.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman presided.

01/05 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) – 21 March 2005. Draft committee reports by Chairs of committees to the Chairman by 24 February. The theme for the evening was briefly discussed.

Decision: A talk about the Princes Trust was to be organised for the APM.

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Best Kept Village Competition. The Chairman referred to the success in the competition. Afternote: The Chairman of the Parish Council passed on his grateful appreciation to the Parish Office staff and spouses for their organisation and work to make the presentation event such a success.

02/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Bridge, Cllr Walters, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Jordan (late arrival).

03/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 20 DECEMBER 2004

Resolution: The minutes were agreed and signed as being a true record.

04/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – 20 DECEMBER 2004

149/04 **Planning Application.** Disappointment expressed over the outcome over the OSU site application.

154/04 **Schools Travel Plan.** The Clerk confirmed that HCC had suggested that they would make changes to the scheme in Avenue Close. The Parish Council had written to say that there should be a further meeting/consultation. A further response was awaited. The matter was discussed further, specifically some of the wider aspects of the Travel Plan.

A3 Inquiry. The delay in the decision, and the sending of a letter to the Secretary of State (SoS) concerning the importance of the A3.

Decision: Cllr Tough, in consultation with the Clerk, was to send an appropriate letter to the SoS expressing that the A3 was a route of national and international importance. **JT**

05/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman read out the declaration.

06/05 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES/REPORTS OF COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Liphook Millennium Centre Management Committee (LMCMC) – 13 January 2005. The Chairman referred to the minutes of the meeting, and invited questions. Cllr Tough said that the Tsunami Concert was on 5 February in the Liphook Millennium Hall (LMH) which had been provided at no charge, and that St John Ambulance was providing their service at no charge.

The Chairman asked that the minutes of the LMCMC meeting of 13 January 2005 be accepted and the recommendations be adopted. A vote was taken.

Resolution: Agreed.

Planning Committee – 17 January 2005. Cllr Mrs A C James reported that there had been a long debate about the Cycle way application at Fletchers Field, and there had been no objections. The Development Brief for the Silent Garden had also been discussed in preparation for public consultation.

Cllr Mrs A C James asked that the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 17 January 2005 be accepted and the recommendations be adopted. A vote was taken.

Resolution: Agreed.

Bohunt Working Party. Cllr Coyte reported that advice had been sought from EHDC,

and there was no reason why Bohunt Manor could not be considered even though it was not in the Local Plan and might not be in the South Downs National Park. It had been hoped to have a preliminary meeting about the matter; a policy statement could then be made. Bohunt Manor was currently being marketed as a private estate as not as a development. Cllr Coyte suggested that the meeting would be held prior to the next Planning Committee meeting at which a report would be made.

Decision: A meeting between the appropriate councillors would be held prior to the Planning Committee in February and a report made to that meeting.

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07/05 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE F&P COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that on Tuesday 25 January 2005, Cllr Mrs A C James had carried out the monthly reconciliation, checked the invoices, the cheques for payment, the receipts and payments, checked the balance sheet, the budget, and signed the internal audit certificate. The Chairman invited questions and asked that the payments for January be approved. A vote was taken. The Chairman said that an error had been found in the bank statement but it did not affect the totals.

Decision: The payments for January 2005 were approved (see attached).

08/05 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned.

Cllr Cartwright. Are you aware that Drum Housing has objected strongly to the Fletchers Field Cycleway?

Cllr Mrs S C James. Yes. Parish Council land, and support application as it is the final link in the cycleway between Bohunt and Sainsbury's. Concerns about trees, and the cycleway does not go anywhere near the pathway belonging to Fletcher's Field

Cllr S C James. Would the Council have time to consider the medical facilities in the Parish in relation to the number of developments, and the need to have access to fully functioning surgeries which might be under pressure?

The Chairman. Worthwhile topic for discussion and should be placed on an agenda for a future meeting for discussion by members.

Clerk

The meeting was re-convened.

09/05 CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman referred to the letter received from members of the public who wished to be considered for co-option. The Chairman asked whether councillors wished to nominate and second individuals. Cllr Mrs A C James nominated Mr Reid, seconded by Cllr Tough. Cllr Coyte nominated Mr Ratcliff, seconded by Cllr Kingshott. A vote was taken by ballot. The

Chairman reported that Mr Reid had received five votes and Mr Ratcliff had received two votes. The Chairman declared that Mr Reid had a clear majority and that he was co-opted to the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Ratcliff for participating in the co-option process.

Decision: Mr Reid was co-opted to the Parish Council.

Clerk

10/05 REPORTS/REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

CAB Meeting- 13 January 2005. Cllr Futchter reported on the main points from the meeting. The new Chairman was Mr Bill Lyons who was a working barrister. The Manager had reported a successful outcome to the funding bid made to EHDC. A debt councilor was to be recruited. Funds had been made available to purchase a laptop for the Liphook Outreach, and Parish Councils were to be asked to provide funds and be informed of the benefits of the service that was provided. There was an away day on 23 February for trustees and volunteers. Cllr Futchter said he would be unable to attend, and if anybody was interested in attending they should contact him.

Representative for Community Magazine Meeting – 9 March 2005. The Chairman sought a volunteer to attend the meeting in the absence of Cllr Dawkins. Cllr Mrs A C James volunteered.

Decision: Cllr Mrs A C James would attend the meeting on 9 March 2005.

ACJ

Rail Users Group Meeting – 25 January 2005. Cllr Tough reported on three items that were of interest to Liphook. These were the increase to the Liphook-Bordon Bus Link fare after 7.00 pm due to hooligans problems, the building of an extension to the platform at Liphook for trains that would no longer serve the station, and the evening timetable problems and the possibility of making adjustments to the next production of the timetable in the summer to allow additional stops at Liphook. Cllr Tough said that consultation was needed with commuters to identify the problems and put forward proposals. These matters were discussed, together with access and transport for disabled passengers, Disability Discrimination Act issues, and the route of the Liphook-Bordon Bus Link. Cllr Jordan joined the meeting.

Decisions: All the matters discussed were to be included on the agenda for the next H,B & T Committee meeting and recommendations made to the Parish Council.

Clerk

11/05 EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/PRESS

The Motion: “This Council resolves to exclude members of the public and the press for Items 12-15 in order to discuss confidential matters and those classified as exempt under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.”

The Chairman proposed the motion, seconded by Cllr Coyte. A vote was taken.

Resolution: Agreed
Cllr Jordan took over as Chairman of the meeting

ITEMS CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT

12/05 MINUTES OF THE EXEMPT SESSION – 20 DECEMBER 2004

Resolution: The minutes were agreed and signed as being a true record.

13/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM EXEMPT SESSION – 20 DECEMBER 2004

37/4E Scouts & Guides Agreement. No informal response had been received.

14/05 STAFF MATTERS

The Clerk gave a confidential report to the Parish Council concerning legal advice provided for an employment matter. The advice, the options, and the implications were discussed. A vote was taken.

Decision: The Parish Council accepted the report and agreed the recommendations which were to be actioned by the Clerk.

Clerk

Further decisions required to be made prior to the 28 February 2005 were delegated to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as advised by the Clerk.

ARJ

BH

Clerk

The Chairman declared a personal interest in Item 15 (Minute 15/05) as he was a member of Liphook Scout Group and left the meeting. Cllr Coyte declared a personal interest in Item 15 (Minute 15/05). Cllr Hope took over as Chairman of the meeting.

15/05 AGREEMENT - SCOUTS & GUIDES

The Chairman gave a report to the Council concerning the current situation regarding the on-going discussions between the Parish Council and representatives of the Scouts and Guides. The financial aspects, the proposed agreements, and the way ahead were discussed. A vote was taken on the suggestions made to progress the matter.

Decision: A full report, including the proposed agreements and finances was to be placed before the Parish Council on 28 February with an accompanying motion. The agreements were to be subject to reasonable amendments being received by 18 February 2005.

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BH

The Scouts & Guides were to be informed that any response was to be received by the Parish Council, no later than 18 February 2005.

Clerk

The Scouts & Guides were to be informed that their insurance payments were to be received by the Parish Council by 31 March 2005.

Clerk

CONCLUSION - This concluded the business of the meeting at 10.00 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting held on 28 February 2005
Signed
Chairman