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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
AT THE NEXT MEETING ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**A MEETING OF BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL
TOOK PLACE AT 7.30 PM IN THE PEAK CENTRE, MIDHURST
ROAD, LIPHOOK ON MONDAY 27th JULY 2015**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Croucher - Chairman
Cllr Darling
Cllr Ives
Cllr B Easton
Cllr Jerrard
Cllr J Kirby
Cllr Maroney
Cllr J Poole

Mr P Stanley – Executive Officer

6 members of the public and the press were in attendance. Cllr Mouland and Cllr Standish from EHDC were also present.

85/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman reminded those present of the fire exits and mobile phones.

86/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Gavin. Cllr Hooper, Cllr Jourdan, Cllr Trotter.

87/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No disclosable pecuniary interest were declared.

88/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2015. One amendment to minute 78/15 under Planning Committee to include “traffic problems and would like to see a traffic management plan”

Proposed Cllr Croucher, Seconded Cllr Ives, 7 in favour, 1 abstention. Minutes approved.

89/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 77/15 – Report from District Councillors.

Cllr Glass was not in attendance but had agreed to provide a written response to Cllr Easton concerning Gypsy sites in the area. This was still to be received.

90/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Meeting Adjourned

Public Questions – Not on the Agenda

A member of the public stated that he had attended the recent forum meeting together with many other people. There was concern about drainage and the problems in this area. There was a lot of discussion about the problem but no resolution to the problem. Could the Parish Council put pressure on the relevant authority to get something done about it.

Cllr Croucher stated that he had attended the forum. He stated the power lies with the District Council but does not stop the Parish Council putting pressure on them to do something about the situation.

There was concern that at the forum, the person taking questions was not able to answer most of them. It was noted that Hampshire County Council are responsible for some of the drains and they were not in attendance to answer questions.

Cllr Maroney reminded the meeting that there had been a technical meeting involving Thames Water , developers, action groups and councillors and the minutes of that meeting had been widely distributed including EHDC last November 2014. Cllr Maroney had tried to get Hampshire CC to attend the recent meeting but they did not attend. He has written to OfWAT to see if anything can be done to get Thames Water to take action.

Cllr Jerrard expressed his concern about how the forum had operated and in particular to its treatment of Cllr Maroney in asking questions, particularly in view of his extensive work in the area. He was also concerned that Cllr Maroney should not be expected to get matters resolved by himself, but should be supported by the council. It was agreed that the council would write a letter concerning the drainage problems.

Cllr Moulard stated that the matter is the responsibility of Thames Water. He also stated that Hampshire CC had been invited to the forum but were unable to attend. The format of the forum has changed with a question time to a panel of experts.

Cllr Mouland also mentioned an email from Cllr Maroney which suggested that he had written the article in the Herald which was not the case. Cllr Maroney apologised unreservedly for this.

Ms Pike from the Liphook Herald stated that the forum is shared by the various Heralds. The Bordon Herald had picked up the item because of the sewage plant in Lindford, but would only report on the Bordon aspect. That paper would not report on the Liphook issues or what the Liphook residents had said. The article for the Liphook Herald was delayed which was a decision by the head office.

Public Questions – On the Agenda

None.

91/15 REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cowper had offered his apologies due to a private commitment. He had produced a report which was tabled.

Cllr Mouland presented a report produced on behalf of the District Councillors. He stated that he and Cllr Standish had met with the Headteacher of Bohunt and were keen to proceed as quickly as possible with the Bohunt sixth form. He believed the traffic management plan has been completed, although he had not seen it.

It was reported that 17 more affordable homes will be provided by the developer at Silent Gardens. In response to a question from Cllr Easton, it was confirmed that these would be shared ownership with Radian. Owners would be able to sell the house on but it did provide the potential owners with a wider availability of mortgages.

Mr Futcher asked the District Councillors whether they would vote against future large housing developments in Liphook until the foul water drainage system is brought up to present day standards. Cllr Mouland stated that he had made a speech against Lowsley Farm stages 1 and 2, Chitley Farm was refused under delegated powers. EHDC was in favour of Bohunt Park but that was turned down following a vote.

92/15 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning Committee

The minutes of a meeting held on 15th June 2015.
Proposed Cllr Kirby, Seconded Cllr Poole, unanimously adopted.

93/15 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The following changes were proposed:

Finance & Policy Committee - Cllr Maroney to join and Cllr Trotter to leave.

Planning Committee – Cllr Maroney and Cllr Darling to join and Cllr Ives and Cllr Jerrard to leave.

Proposed Cllr Croucher, Seconded Cllr Poole, unanimously approved.

94/15 ANNUAL RETURN 2014/15

The Annual Return had been completed by the External Auditors BDO LLP with their audit opinion. The Annual Return was approved and accepted.

Proposed Cllr Croucher, Seconded Cllr Jerrard, unanimously approved.

95/15 ISSUES ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL RETURN

The only issue arising was to have regard to the Internal Audit Report. This has already been considered together with an action plan at the Finance & Policy Committee on 27th May 2015 under minute 39/15.

96/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Croucher provided an update of the Neighbourhood Plan. The planned consultation meeting had been cancelled due to a lack of publicity. It has been rescheduled after the school holidays for Monday 14th September 2015. Publicity will be provided for the event by Will Parsons from EHDC.

97/15 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Ives reported that following a recent Youth Club AGM there was not enough committee members and the Youth Club is no longer running. It was hoped that the club can be resurrected in the future. Cllr Ives also reported that the Sports day had been a success and expressed thanks to Cllr Easton, Cllr Maroney, Cllr Poole , Cllr Kirby, Mr Hall and Parish Staff for their help in making the day a success. A full report will be made at the next recreation committee.

Cllr Maroney gave an update on the Parish Plan which should be finalised in the next month.

Meeting closed 8.03 pm

Chairman:

Date: