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**A MEETING OF BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL
TOOK PLACE AT 8.00PM IN THE PEAK CENTRE, MIDHURST
ROAD, LIPHOOK ON MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2012**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllr M Croucher (Vice Chairman), Cllr B Easton (Chairman), Cllr R Evans, Cllr E Hope, Cllr D Hoskins, Cllr A James, Cllr D Jerrard, Cllr P Jordan, Cllr B Mouland, Cllr J Poole, Cllr P Robinson & Cllr J Tough

Fifteen members of the public and Sargent Paul Brommell were also in attendance.

01/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Easton read out an announcement covering recording of the meeting, fire exits and hearing loop.

02/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Cllrs were present

03/12 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared

04/12 UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Sgt Paul Brommell gave his monthly update and agreed that he or a colleague will attend future monthly meetings of the Parish Council to provide regular community updates. It was reported that the budget for Police Services had been cut significantly posing significant challenges. The Police Office in Whitehill was due to close and be sold-off in line with other Police Stations in the area. This was because priority was given to having police officers over buildings. There will still be a police present 24 hours a day and seven days a week based at Alton.

It was suggested that Councillors should continue their role of identifying issues that are worrying the local community. Presently the focus is on speeding and traffic matters. Part of this was to promote the Community Speed Watch, successful in other areas. A speed laser gun is purchased at a cost of about £2000. Then at a site agreed by the police it is used and registration numbers are then passed to the Police to take appropriate action.

Cllr Tough asked about whether the Liphook Station could be used more. This was a possibility, but the strategy now is more about being out and about. Problems of parking at the Avenue was raised. The police are aware of the problems and had attend on several occasions. It was noted that the Headteacher at the local school had prepared a good plan involving options such as one-way system and a dropping-off point. The options will continue to be explored.

Finally the crime statistics were noted and details can be found on a new website www.crimereports.co.uk .

05/12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Angela Glass

Cllr Angela Glass's report was read out by the Chairman. (copy in minute book). This concerned a meeting held with Traffic Management East, Hampshire County Council. The anomalies on speed signs were pointed out. A number of proposals were agreed including the laying of traffic monitoring cables in Bramshott and Hammer Vale. If tests are positive, speed limits would be added to a list of future schemes.

Cllr Ferris Cowper

Cllr Ferris Cowper presented a report (copy in minute book). It was reported that the highways budget for 2011/12 was spent and the 2012/13 was nearly spent.

Cllrs were reminded that many Councillors get a budget of £8,000 to spend on local projects. Cllr Cowper asked for any requests for this money to be forwarded to him by the end of February.

Cllr Cowper is the "Broadband Champion" and the extension of a faster service to the area was outlined. It was anticipated that 93% of the area would be able to receive at least 2mbs at a cost of £20m.

Finally, the signage from the A3 was reported with northbound traffic signed to leave the A3 at Liphook rather than Hindhead, although there was a later sign indicating this. Cllr Cowper will investigate this matter. Problems of local 20mph signs and their legality was also raised and will be taken up by Cllr Cowper.

06/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The declaration was read out by the Chairman.
Meeting was adjourned for public questions.

Public Questions – not on the Agenda.

Mr Young asked for assurance that money earmarked for the slope on the south bound station for the elderly and disabled was available and if so it should proceed urgently. It was reported that the s106 money was earmarked for transport schemes. The chairman advised that there would be a council representative present at the 14th February public meeting.

Mr Powers outlined the problems faced by the local Liphook Football teams. The team plays at the recreation ground, has a clubhouse purchased from the cricket team and has 280 players, and is self funded. The problem is that the senior team have been highly successful but their facilities are not up to league standard which could mean possible relegation. Problems relate to pitch size, toilets, changing facilities and floodlighting. The Bohunt Manor Land was discussed and noted that a forum will be arranged involving all parties. Cllr Jordan will be leading this on behalf of the council but needs time to understand the problems. It was agreed that other options for the existing facilities should be considered at the Recreation Committee on 6th February 2012.

Mr Burns endorsed what Mr Powers had said. He highlighted the problem of dog fouling on the pitches and suggested that maybe there should be a bylaw banning dogs from the area. Cllr Hoskins was previously pursuing the problem but had not been able to action due to health issues, but would pursue in due course.

Questions relating to business on the Agenda.

The declaration was read out by the Chairman.

No Councillor had a prejudicial interest in business being transacted

Mr Young asked that he be able to speak on item 13 and it was agreed he could do so when that item was reached.

Meeting re-convened

07/12 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minute 144/11 amended to read Peak Centre. Minute 151/11 change to read Cllr James not Cllr Moulard.

Proposed Chairman, Seconded Cllr Croucher Agreed unanimously

08/12 MATTERS ARISING

It was reported that the trees on the Portsmouth Road on the approach to the village were in a poor state and that ownership would be established before any work could be undertaken.

It was reported that the £917 paid to DCK Beavers reported as expenditure on mileage was recorded incorrectly as the actual mileage was £75.

09/12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The chairman reminded chairman of committees that they were welcome to make a short report back to the Council when minutes of committee meetings are adopted.

Liphook Millennium Centre Management Committee

To adopt the draft minutes of the LMC Management Committee.
Proposed Cllr Jerrard Seconded Cllr Croucher Vote unanimously agreed.

Planning Committee

Cllr Jerrard reported that it was possible for a maximum of three representatives from the Parish to address the Forum. Names need to be identified by Tuesday 7th February. As such, an extraordinary meeting of the planning committee will be held on Monday 5th February to agree the Councils position. It was noted that the original approval was for elderly people homes. Now the plan includes houses. All councillors are welcome to join the extraordinary planning meeting.

Vote to adopt the draft minutes of the Planning Committee.
Proposed Cllr Jerrard Seconded Cllr Croucher Vote unanimously agreed.

Highways, Byways and Transport

The minutes were not yet prepared but Cllr Evans gave some feedback from the meeting. The main problem highlighted was the parking in the Avenue.

10/12 UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES WORKING PARTIES/ GROUP MEETINGS

Website Working Party

A meeting was held on 18th January involving the Chairman and Cllr Croucher. Main issues were fixing a few errors that were identified and adding some new features such as links to external websites. It was agreed that Cllr Robinson and Cllr Jordan would join the working party for future meetings.

Standing Orders Working Party

Councillors were reminded of the February deadline for any changes to the recently approved Standing Orders. This is to allow Cllr Jordan and Cllr Tough to have input to these as returning councillors. All Councillors should have copies of the Standing Orders. There are some typo errors to correct. Cllr Hoskins will liaise with other Councillors.

11/12 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE F&P COMMITTEE

Cllr Croucher introduced the financial report. The clerk advised Councillors that the payment of invoices was now done on a monthly cycle and that the figures showed the position for period 9 which covered December 2012. Some of these had already been reported but the monthly cycle would be used in future reports. The clerk expressed a

wish to make the accounts as transparent as possible and invited any Councillor who wished to know more to visit the Parish Office.

Proposed Cllr James Seconded Cllr Croucher vote unanimously agreed

12/12 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2012/13.

Councillor Croucher ran through the proposed budget. This had been considered at the last F&P meeting and was recommended for approval by full council. It was noted that the budget had been established using Omega, the finance system and involved looking at the budget for last year, considering the projected actual spend this year and then to review line by line to set the budget for 2012/13. A number of points had emerged during this process. The amount of budget set for the Millennium hall was too low and corrected for 2012/13. It was also noted that by agreeing free use of the millennium hall to groups this was having a significant effect on its budget shortfall. It was agreed that in future any free use of rooms in the hall would be shown as a charge to F&P with a credit to the hall. This would ensure all grants are together and transparent.

Proposed by – Cllr Croucher

Seconded by: Cllr Evans

Vote: 9 in favour Cllr Tough, Cllr Mouland and Cllr James abstained.

Budget and precept approved

13/12 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Council had received a letter inviting it to plant a free tree in celebration of the forthcoming Queens Jubilee. However, it was felt that the Council should be looking to do a lot more. Cllr Jordan and Cllr Robinson had agree to coordinate the work through a working party. Cllr Hoskins, Cllr Mauland and Cllr Poole all agreed to be members of the group. Suggestion for consideration included re-establishing steps and banking at Radford Park and a Liphook in Bloom tree walk. Whatever was agree should be publicised through the Parish Website.

Mr Young advised that he planned to hold a tea party for all the elderly residents in the Parish. This will be funded by Age Concern. It was accepted there were potentially large numbers so marquees may be needed. Coordination is needed to ensure organisations are not clashing over events. This was possibly a role for the working party but care is needed to ensure the Parish is not seen as taking over. Mr Hall advised that there will be a small event at the Peak Centre during centre hours.

14/12 REPORTS/REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

District Council Forum

An initiative called Insulate Hampshire was providing free cavity wall and roof insulation. The scheme should be promoted and details are on the EHDC website.

It was also reported that the Parish Council had been granted £35,000 towards the play park project.

It was reported that the next section of Shipwrights Drive was due to be opened, but there was opposition from the military who own the land.

15/12 ABANDON TROLRIES

A letter had been received from a parishioner expressing concern about increasing numbers of supermarket trollies being abandon. This was the responsibility of Sainsbury's and it was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter, preferably to the Head Office and copied to the local manager to ensure action was taken. It was also agreed that Drum Housing would be contacted as some of the trollies were located on their property.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Hope for making arrangements to move residents from the Peak Centre to Old Thorns during recent tree work. A good time had been enjoyed by all concerned.

16/12 EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Motion: "In accordance with the provisions of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted"

Proposed by: Cllr Easton

Seconded by: Cllr Croucher

Motion was passed unanimously

At this Point Cllr James and Cllr Jordan left the Meeting