



BREAMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Breamore Annual Parish Meeting Held in Hulse Hall on Monday 24th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Chairman: Cllr Lynne Aggas in the Chair
Councillors: Cllrs Michael Hulse, Micky Pain and Anthony Swift
In Attendance: Vicky Eden (Clerk), parishioners, speakers and guests

1. Welcome by Chairman – The Chairman welcomed parishioners, speakers and guests (people as per attendance book). PCSO Luran Wilder and PC Fairwell left the meeting at 8.30pm during item 5.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Simon Cain and Peter Turner,

3. Minutes of previous meeting: Following review, the minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 16th April 2018 were unanimously agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman moved an item on the agenda due to the speakers' commitments.

4. Reports from Local Organisations, Schools and Individuals

Hampshire Police - PCSO Lauren Wilder and PC Matt Thelwell (Countrywatch) – Hampshire Police opened their talk by referring to the crime figures for 2018-2019 that had been produced for the Downlands and Forest area. It was noted that poaching does not fall under reportable crimes.

The theft of batteries was discussed and parishioners were told about the 'paint it pink' campaign to make batteries easily identifiable, with police officers making regular trips to scrap dealers and noting painted batteries.

A new contact management platform should be in place by June 2019 and it is hoped that this will reduce time spent on 101.

A request was then made for knitters in the parish to make Bobbies bears that would then be given to children in distressing incidents and patterns were available to interested villagers.

Residents then asked the following questions:

Q - Is there a station in Fordingbridge?

A - Yes, in Provost Street but it is not open to the public. For updates, residents were encouraged to sign up to <https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk>.

Q - Does PC Matt Thelwell cover the whole of the New Forest?

A - Yes, he is the sole wildlife officer for this area

Q - Is it legal to use cameras to protect properties?

A - It depends whether a camera is facing public property. Individuals must not be targeted.

Q - What is damage by ball bearings?

A - This could be linked to poaching and the use of catapults damaging windows.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Lauren Wilder and PC Matt Thelwell for their update.

5. Guest Speakers – Helen Whatley, Senior Sister - Breamore Ward with Katie, a nursing assistant, and Dave Cates, Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital.

The Chairman introduced the speakers to all present.

Helen Whatley introduced herself as the Senior Sister on Breamore Ward and gave a presentation about the background of the short stay surgical ward at Salisbury Hospital, which opened in 2018. The ward currently cares for 350 patients per month and it is hoped that it will be refurbished to improve the hospital environment. Katie also gave an overview as to her role of nursing assistant.

Dave Cates then spoke about The Stars Appeal, which was set up to help local people get better faster, return home sooner and have a positive experience whilst staying in hospital. At present, the charity is helping over 100 people local people per day with projects and services above and beyond the service provided by the NHS. Monies raised are ring fenced by wards and departments with decisions taken by people working in those wards and departments

The Stars Appeal has teamed up with Breamore Ward on a mission to enhance the ward alongside improving all the other hospital wards and departments. The Breamore Ward is hoping to raise £20K and proposed improvements include improving the outside space, upgrading the day room and updating bathrooms.

Breamore residents were encouraged to help with this fundraising and Helen stressed that the ward is very keen to build a relationship with the village that it is named after. Ways in which residents could help include:

- Donating or fundraising
- Volunteering
- Donating memorabilia from the Breamore parish
- Helping to promote the history of the village via a poster display
- Visiting the ward
- Arranging a visit by the nurse to the local primary school

Residents then asked the following questions:

Q - Is the Breamore Ward part of the older hospital, built by the Americans?

A - Yes

Q - It the Breamore Ward a mixed ward?

A - Yes but there are no mixed bays

The Chairman then thanked Helen, Katie and Dave for their interesting and informative talk

6. Reports from Local Organisations, Schools and Individuals

Flood Warden – Paul Hammond (*the following report was read aloud*)

Introduction: This year has been relatively quiet on the weather front. There have been no flood messages from the Environment Agency since 2nd April 2018. For those who have not yet signed up for these, the messages comprise:

- Flood Alerts, which advise that flooding is possible – be prepared, or
- Flood Warnings, which advise that flooding is expected – immediate action is required or
- Severe Flood Warnings which advise of severe flooding - danger to life.

It is the responsibility of the householder to have a personal plan for dealing with floods and I have some documents that may help.

It is also the responsibility of property owners or tenants, who have watercourses running alongside or over their property, to keep these clear of anything that impedes the flow of water. Again, I have documents covering this.

Role: The Flood Warden is the single point of contact of the Environment Agency as well as being the eyes and ears of the community. The Warden is an agent of the local Parish Council, whilst advising on flood prevention, has no authority to instruct remedial action, which is referred to the BPC.

The Warden does issue notifications of Flood Warnings received by email to the BPC and by posting a copy of the warning on the notice board and web site.

Event History: Alerts received since 2014:

- Cranborne Chase Flood Alert 15:42 on 4 Jan 2016
- Cranborne Chase Flood Alert 15:42 on 10 Feb 2016
- Cranborne Chase Flood Alert 15:42 on 2 April 2018 (updated 7 April 2018)

Reports: There have been three reports by email from residents;

- Observation: The ditch outside Reeds Cottages was over grown. On inspection this was not impeding flow, but the ditch has now been cleared and water flows freely under the A338.
- Concern by resident that the water in their garden was not clearing through an adjacent property. On inspection the property appears to have a high water table and the water flow at the other side of the road is ok. Investigation continues.
- Observation: The two 'new' drains provided on the slip road past Old Forge Cottage appear to be partially blocked. This has been reported to Highways Department and is ongoing.

In addition:

- Working parties were formed to clear the Hulse Hall ditches in autumn of 2016 and November 2017 but this has not been done now for over a year and there is a significant amount of vegetation in the ditches surrounding the hall. This still needs to be addressed.
- From time to time articles have been placed in the Breamore News and Views stressing the need for the maintenance of the water courses adjacent to property and for volunteers for working parties. This will continue.
- The 'Trash' screen on the North road watercourse is now in place and is clear.

Outstanding Issues: No major issues are apparent.

Future actions: Communications avenues are to be improved, and we will formalise a communication plan together with a telephone chain for extending warnings.

Parish Flood plan to be finalised (in draft at present). This will require the involvement of the PC;

- Identifying vulnerable people and carers where appropriate
- Identifying places of safety for each area of the Parish

It has been proposed to hire a digger to remove much of the silt in the water courses around the Hulse Hall grounds and funding will need to be sought to achieve this. Perhaps a Lengthsman job?

Suggestions: It would be helpful if, at times of flood risk, residents check on vulnerable and elderly residents in the vicinity. This extends to clearing waterways where necessary.

I have an application on my phone from AccuWeather which can be freely downloaded from most Apps suppliers to phone or computer, and not only gives accurate weather forecasts, but now flags up the same flood warnings I receive from the Environment Agency.

Finally, please do make use of the breamorefw@btinternet.com email address to flag up issues, make suggestions for improvement and to provide offers of help .

The Chairman thanked Paul for his update and asked if residents had any questions:

Q - Are things better at present

A - Ducting under road has improved but it is noted that some areas are getting overgrown. Homeowners were reminded that it is their responsibility to maintain ditches.

Avon Valley Partnership – Rev Nicky Davies *(the following report was read aloud)*

My first 18 months in post have been very enjoyable and busy. There is a regular, small congregation at our services and we have had some much larger congregations at special occasions, including Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas and Easter. These are always memorable and moving occasions – our recent Holy Week Compline (Night Prayer), Good Friday service and Easter morning were really moving. A huge thanks must go to all those who work behind the scenes to keep the church and graveyard in such a good state, and to those who decorate it with beautiful flowers, and also to those who prepare it for worship.

There are two new people learning to ring the church bells which is very encouraging. At the moment the bells are rung for special occasions and our aim is to have the bells rung every Sunday as a call to worship.

One particular challenge is that we no longer have a churchwarden and it would be very good to have someone in post to take over from Edna Dymot, who left the role after over 20 years of dedicated service. She remains a committed member of the congregation.

Breamore Church is a beautiful, ancient building and there are many weddings, baptisms and funerals requested. So I am kept busy with these. We've had the work done on the roof this year, the high-level repairs required by the most recent Quinquennial Inspection, and it was good to see this reported on South Today. They did a lovely feature & many people keep telling me they saw it!

I feel like I am now getting to know local people better and I have been warmly welcomed and encouraged by them. Special thanks go to the Rector Gary Philbrick, for his support and guidance.

I am delighted to report that we now have plans drawn-up for a small toilet building to be installed at the entrance to the church, it will be hidden amongst some trees. Michael Hulse has given us his support with this and we are soon applying for planning permission. We will then get quotes from three local builders. This is a much-needed amenity with all the services and events that take place at the church. We are continuing with our fund-raising for this and we aim to apply for grants too.

We continue to work closely with Breamore School, leading assemblies, classes and leading school visits to the church.

I was particularly delighted to lead the Year 5 and 6s on a mini-pilgrimage at Advent when we walked up to the Miz Maze. The children enjoyed walking the maze and did some gardening work

to maintain it. Our ambition is to replace the broken signs with new ones, and the children had a go at designing some. This is an ongoing project. I didn't know but apparently the whole school used to walk there every year.

The whole school took part in our Easter workshops in church this year which was a great day. I regularly go into school with my Fairtrade Tuck Shop. This is a great opportunity to chat with families as they pick up children at the end of the day, offering small treats for the children and adults, as we support farmers in developing countries. Fairtrade is a topic covered by the children and they recently held a Fairtrade Breccie. They are now classed as a Fair Aware school and it won't take much more for them to apply to be a Fairtrade School. The first one that I know about in this area. The school recently retained its Good rating following their OFSTED inspection and myself and others were totally delighted that they were rated as Excellent at their SIAMS review which is a separate Church School inspection.

In the wider community we enjoyed singing Carols in the Bat and Ball Pub again at Christmas and raised £200 through the raffle. More money towards our loo..

Across the wider Avon Valley Partnership we appointed a Children's, Youth and Families' worker. Jo Heath is now supporting us in our work of reaching out to families and young people in our local area. She has helped us set-up and run Open the Book, which is a way of telling the Bible stories through drama. We have a team of people involved in this at Breamore School and also Hyde School – both church schools.

In conclusion, Breamore has a beautiful church that is well used and well supported. That doesn't mean that we couldn't use more support? There are always challenges caring for old buildings and we'd value any support the parish council and others can offer us, so we can continue to be at the heart of the community? You are warmly invited to join us on Sundays and at all our events.

The Chairman thanked Nicky for her update.

Hulse Hall – Andy Finch – The Treasurer of Hulse Hall Management gave a short update advising that members were currently rotating charring duties in the absence of a permanent Chairman and that the annual accounts are currently with the auditors. Monies will shortly be required for maintenance and quotes are being sought prior to applying for grants. Hulse Hall Management Committee and Parish Council working parties are also in place.

The Chairman thanked Andy for his update and thanked all members of the committee for all their hard work on behalf of the village.

Breamore Primary School – Cllr Anthony Swift – As a Breamore Primary School governor, Cllr Anthony Swift gave an update and thanked the guest speaker for suggesting that a nurse from Breamore Ward could visit the school. Things are progressing well at the school and Anthony highlighted the results of the SIAMS inspection (excellent) and OFSTED inspection (Good). The school has achieved the Bronze Award in relation to its Travel Plan which was set up to reduce movements in the car park.

The Chairman thanked Andy for his update

District and County Councillor Report – County Cllr Edward Heron – The County Cllr reminded villagers to continue reporting potholes online at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

6. Chairman's Report, including Financial Report: Parish Cllr Cllr Lynne Aggas *(the following report was read aloud)*

Meetings Held 2018-2019: Since the last Annual Parish Meeting, we have held six full council meetings plus two specials, these were called to discuss planning applications which fell outside the usual bi-monthly Parish council meetings. Minutes of these meetings can be found online via <http://www.breamore.gov.uk>

Parish Council: Following an uncontested election the councillors for the next four years will be Cllr Aggas, Cllr Hulse, Cllr Turner, Cllr Haring, Cllr Cain and Cllr Pain, there is one vacancy.

06/01/19 Cllr Hilary Bowen gave notice after five years of loyal service, her wisdom and input at the meetings will be missed; I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hilary publically for all her hard work. After advertising the position we co-opted Cllr Micky Pain in March (11/03/19). We welcome him - I know he will be a valuable member of the council and I wish him well.

On the same note we have also received a letter of resignation from Vicky Eden, our very hard working and knowledgeable clerk. We would like to thank her for giving us a long notice with the hope that we will be able to fill her shoes before the end of June - the position of a new clerk is being advertised as we speak and anyone who may be interested please to contact Vicky who would be happy to talk to you about the job. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vicky on behalf of the council for the tremendous amount of work she has done on our behalf. All this work just reflects the amount of legislation including new GDPR requirements we have had to adhere to. Also, I would like to personally thank Vicky for all the support she has given me helping me to be the chairman I am today. We wish her well with her future enterprise of returning to college.

Planning: Seven planning applications were considered - Willow tree cottage, Outwick Farm, Roberts Cottage, Roundhill Farm, Old Pine Stores, The Old Forge and Shepherds Cottage. Where concerns have been expressed about possible breaches they have been reported accordingly. Villagers can also report their concerns regarding breaches online via <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/articale/13705/Enforcement>

There were also several tree applications which after discussion it was agreed to leave to the decision of the Tree Officer.

Stocks Were Mentioned At Last AGM: Vicky liaised with former Chairman John Forshaw and Edna Dymott of the village regarding their original location, apart from one photograph nothing else was discovered. Work is ongoing regarding the stocks although, unfortunately, other work has had to take precedence.

Training: Cllr Aggas attended training sessions in Eastleigh on planning 01/05/18, Charing Skills 11/07/18 and Appraisals 13/11/18. Cllr Swift attended training on Knowledge and Core Skills on 14/11/18.

These training workshops are available to all councillors and they help to expand knowledge in specialist areas and thereby making for a more effective councillor - we as a council actively encourage members to consider attending these courses this also helps develop networking contacts with other councillors in the local area.

Highways: Safety Concerns On The A338: Concerns were raised by members of the public at the last AGM and it has been the main focus of our discussions at our meetings this year. Although it has been frustrating for you, the public not seeing any immediate results, I can assure you that we have not taken our foot off the pedal and we have been constantly urging those who can change things to make it happen here in Breamore. We were hoping for double white lines at the very least from the Police House as you enter the village to the turning to Woodgreen but we were told that this would not happen due to highways legislation 'If you have got visibility Highways will not put in double white lines.' We have also suggested reducing the speed limit prior to entering the 30-mile speed zone down from 50 to 40 coming from Fordingbridge but this will not happen either, apparently this is because there has already been a speed reduction along that stretch of road. We have had two major accidents in the village since the last AGM but so far we have not managed to gain any reports from the police to ascertain the reasons for them, although I'm sure many of you have already concluded the possible reasons for yourselves.

What we have managed to do so far is to arrange to have a device called a SDR to measure the average speed of drivers travelling through the village and this has highlighted what we already knew, PEOPLE ARE SPEEDING!! To help us push this forward we need your help and this could be in the form of reporting any traffic incidents and issues you have directly to Winchester! Perhaps this would give them a better understanding of the dangers we all see here every day, or, you could write to us your Parish Council.

Cllr. Edward Heron has advised that the police van will visit the village again following the SDR deployment. Data will be analysed after this visit - it is hoped that a HCC highways representative will attend a parish council meeting to advise what can be done in the future.

Cllr Swift has completed training as a Travel Champion in his capacity as School Governor. Also, safety measures have been taken from the school perspective and it is now working towards accreditation under the MODESHIFT STARS SCHEME.

The school is continuing to liaise with HCC in relation to the Schools travel plan by raising awareness of school safety concerns on the A338 and how it affects the school - this in turn provides us the council with another string to our bow regarding safety in the village as a whole.

There is talk afoot of involving the school regarding the Gateways at either end of the village by asking the children to make a design for them - hopefully this may register with drivers passing through of a school ahead and thus encouraging them to slow down.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Heron for his continued support on this subject and his honesty regarding what is possible. He has also been liaising with the HCC highways safety team regarding the speed data and KSI's (Statistics to support claims). He has agreed however that our street furniture has got a bit tatty in the form of broken bollards etc and they need to be replaced or refreshed, if funding allows it, here's hoping we see something soon.

We will strive to continue on your behalf to keep the A338 speeding and safety issues high on our agenda.

This leads me on to the accident on 07/12/18 when a lorry left the road crashing into Japonica Cottage extensively damaging the front of the house and taking out the council bus stop. Thank goodness no one was using it at the time. On behalf of the council I would like to send the home owners our sincere wishes for a speedy resolution as fast as insurances and brokers will allow.

Other road issues - the erosion of the road leading to Woodgreen has been reported. However I would like to remind residents to report issues in relation to road problems online <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

Hedges And Footpaths: The lengthsman has worked very hard for us this year. The endless tasks of clearing footpaths and banks, cutting back hedges, cleaning signs etc. And especially footpath 18 which had become totally impassable last year after being fenced in. I would like to thank Cllr Turner for continuing to liaise with Marcus checking that the most urgent jobs are always done first. Due to possible cutbacks it is quite possible that the parish council will need to contribute more towards these services in the future.

Any issues in relation to Rights of Way can also be reported online:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

Hulse Hall: Looking To The Future: On behalf of the council as a trustee for Hulse Hall I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hall committee and supporters for all their hard work that they have undertaken this year. They have run events including Cider Pressing a BBQ and Quiz for all of us to enjoy and thus raising funds to help with the maintenance and day to day running of the hall. I know that without their dedication and the free time given we would not have the hall we all enjoy today. I was sorry to hear of the resignation of Adam Ephinstone, he made a brilliant chairman and I thank him for his leadership and enthusiasm over this past year.

As Trustee of the Hall we were made aware of our obligations regarding the constitutional relationship between the Parish Council and the Hall Committee. We are hoping to establish a modern governance structure to meet with all charity commission regulations but using the original conveyance documentation to maintain the integrity of the donor Dame Edith Hulse. Hopefully once completed external funding for the maintenance of Hulse Hall may be easier to achieve. At first this was met with caution and uncertainty but we advised the clerk to seek help and advice from HALC and the Hampshire legal services and from ACRE (Action with communities in Rural England) and from that advice it was agreed that we would form a working party between the two groups to discuss the Terms of Reference fit for purpose for the 21 century. This has worked very well, we have had two meetings (11/09/18, 13/12/18) spearheaded by Cllr Anthony Swift which have been very promising.

On a positive note we hope to have another meeting in the very near future, busy lives have somewhat got in the way but I feel quite certain that the Terms of Reference agreed between us will be accepted and adopted soon. This can only be a positive move for the Hall and its future.

Financial Report: Draft end of year accounts have been prepared by the clerk and will be audited by the internal auditor in June 2019. At the meeting in January 2019 councillors made the difficult decision to increase the precept by 15%. This decision was not made lightly, funding needed to be in place for a possible election and as I mentioned before there may be future HCC cut backs, already the countryside access team is reducing the number of paths they cut throughout the growing season. Funds will need to be available for the training of new and existing councillors and also a new clerk. Plus the parish council may need to contribute towards improving safety on the A338. Funding also needs to be set aside for any capital projects we may have in the future.

Please note that after purchasing a computer and IT equipment last year the administration costs have drastically reduced from £170.25 last year to just £20.34 this year. Also IT has reduced considerably from £474.98 down to £92.31 this is because we have the equipment in place. The

clerk's salary is less than in previous years so is very good value for money. Although personally I do know that Vicky has given us far more than she claims for.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow councillors for all the hard work they have done this council year and I look forward to working with you all again in the very near future.

7. Matters to be raised by the public

Concern was expressed about the lack of progress for reducing speed on the A338. County Cllr Heron advised that Hampshire Highways has a limited road safety budget meaning that needs are prioritised. Highways engineers will visit village but only after data analysed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18pm

Minutes, including appendices and other documentation, can also be found on our website:
www.breamore.gov.uk

These are draft minutes until approved at the next Annual Parish meeting

BREAMORE PARISH COUNCIL		
DRAFT - Receipts and payments to 31st March 2019*		
RECEIPTS	2017/2018	2018/2019
Precept	£4,400.00	£4,400.00
Sale of Assets	£0.00	£0.00
Hulse Hall	£0.00	£0.00
Grants	£900.00	£0.00
Consols	£0.00	£0.00
Interest Received	£7.79	£8.62
Donations	£0.00	£0.00
VAT refunds	£218.93	£127.02
Other	£0.00	£199.47
TOTAL INCOME	£5,526.72	£4,735.11
PAYMENTS	2017/2018	2018/2019
VAT Paid	£126.02	£150.53
Clerk Salary	£2,131.84	£1,758.07
Administration	£170.25	£20.34
Audit Fees	£160.00	£160.00
Insurance	£164.25	£218.00
Subscriptions	£281.33	£297.34
IT costs	£474.98	£92.31
Grant Aid	£60.00	£50.00
Training	£36.34	£300.00
Hulse Hall	£500.00	£977.00
Other	£243.31	£448.07
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£4,348.32	£4,471.66
SUMMARY	2017/2018	2018/2019
Balance as at 1st April	£6,244.16	£7,463.04
Add total receipts	£5,526.72	£4,735.11
	£11,770.88	£12,198.15
Less total payments	£4,348.32	£4,471.66
New balance	£7,422.56	£7,726.49
REPRESENTED BY	2017/2018	2018/2019
Bank of Ireland	£7,458.56	£7,751.49
Debtors	£0.00	£0.00
Creditors	£36.00	£25.00
Petty Cash Account	£40.48	£0.00
Balance to carry forward	£7,463.04	£7,726.49

<i>* Awaiting internal audit on 11th June 2019</i>		