

**Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council Meeting of
WOODGREEN PARISH COUNCIL held in Woodgreen Reading Room on
Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Members present: Vice Chairman Lance Benest (LB), Chairman John Clarke (JC), Helena Datta (HD), Stewart Hall (SH), Ed Hollinghurst (EH), John Sanger (JS) and Pete Skinner (PS).

Also present: Amanda Johnson (Clerk), Cllr Edward Heron (District and County) and two members of the public.

21/22.122 Apologies for Absence: None

21/22.123 Declarations of interest: JS - NFNPA Planning Committee.

21/22.124 Minutes of previous meeting on 14/12/2021.

21/22.124.1 Following a review of the minutes, it was then unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record with one amendment - in 21/22.116 Budget 2022/23, the proposal was seconded by HD. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

21/22.124.2 Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items:

Bus shelter - posters requesting suggestions for a new use have been displayed around the village.

Contact details for any NPA grant applications will be added to future minutes.

21/22.125 Public Participation Session: Two members of the public were present and presented to the council concerning inappropriate speeding and dangerous driving through the village and possible measures to tackle this.

Simon Whipple (Representing New Forest branch of Friends of the Earth) - asked the council to consider a default limit of 20mph in the village of Woodgreen. A proposal has been made by Dummer PC to ask Hampshire County Council to set 20mph as the normal speed limit in places where people live, work, shop, play or learn. The New Forest Association of Local Councils will discuss this proposal on January 27th and feed their decision onto Hampshire County Council.

Mark Flannigan (MF) presented a report to “Stand against Speed” to the council - the view of residents is of a worsening trend in both speed and the use of appropriate speed. There is currently a lack of signage; blind bends and concealed highways; speeds of 30mph and 40mph encouraged where there are roundels; no physical road safety measures and no technology deployed to improve road safety. Possible improvement measures include vertical deflections - tables, cushions, speed bumps, rumble strips. Other physical measures include gateways, horizontal deflections, road narrowing, street furniture and planting, signs and lines, Speed Indicator Devices, speed limits and cameras. MF would like the council to accept there is an issue within the village and agree a plan to begin implementing some measures to reduce this.

Councillor Heron responded with comments. The government is currently forcing change in how roads are used and instead of segregating users e.g. pedestrians on pavements, cyclists in cycle lanes there will be a policy change that sees all road users as equal and not dominated by cars. The Highway Code is changing to support this but changing the ideology will take time.

Some improvement measures are not suitable for villages like Woodgreen, vertical measures are not permitted in all areas and the use of signage is not encouraged in the New Forest for aesthetic reasons. Cllr Heron supports the implementation of 20pmh throughout residential

areas of the New Forest however agreed that it will be a challenge for HCC to implement this.

21/22.126 Speeding within the village: To discuss speeding issues within the village as highlighted by parishioners and consider and approve any action or spending required.

Councillors discussed the issues presented including commoners' stock, current data, pedestrians, possible measures available and their impact on the village, and the effectiveness of 20mph limits and where in the village these should be implemented. Councillors agreed that they were not in favour of any measures which would change the nature of the village, for example excess signage.

JS proposed and EH seconded the following motion :-

Woodgreen Parish Council supports the *20's Plenty for Hampshire* campaign and calls on Hampshire County Council to implement 20 mph in Woodgreen village.

This was unanimously agreed by all councillors.

HD will attend the NFALC meeting on January 27th when this will be discussed.

WPC will make enquiries with Highways concerning the Community Funded Highway Infrastructure initiative which supports such measures in villages.

21/22.127 Planning: To receive recommendations and agree responses for the following tree applications.

Case Ref:	TPO/21/0679
Proposed works:	Fell 2 x Silver Birch tree (T1 & T10); Fell group of 2 x Silver Birch and 1 Willow tree (G2); Prune 1 x Oak tree (T6); Fell 2 x Sweet Chestnut trees (T7 & T8); Prune 2 x Beech trees (T12 & T13). Other trees listed are exempt from this application but are included for information only.
Site address:	Langat House, Densome Wood, Woodgreen SP6 2QU

EH and SH had surveyed all the trees and reported to the meeting; it was **RESOLVED** to accept the decision of the NPA Tree Officer.

Case Ref:	CONS/22/0005
Proposed works:	Prune 2 x maple; Prune 1 x beech; Prune 1 x Hawthorn; Prune 1 x Ash.
Site Address:	Hall house, Hale Road, Woodgreen SP6 2AJ.

EH and SH had surveyed all the trees and reported to the meeting; it was **RESOLVED** to accept the decision of the NPA Tree Officer, however there are concerns that the level of crowning to be carried out will result in the trees being very low.

21/22.128 Meetings attended:

JS attended the following:-

10/01/2022 New Forest Marquee There is a good number of members (approx 170) with most members having renewed and the organisation is in a good financial position.

11/01/2022 Farming in Protected Landscapes Promotes and gives grants to aid more ecological farming practices.

21/22.129 Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme:

Having had no further progress from Openreach LB looked at other providers, however after contacting Openreach CEO he received a response but the Woodgreen application is no further forward. It appears that Openreach have been overstretched by the scheme.

21/22.130 Village Maintenance and Parish Council property (including roads, hedges, footpaths, ditches) :

Lengthsman - The Lengthsman worked at the cemetery and carried out general clearance work. He is next due in February.

Drains - LB is still awaiting a meeting with HCC to discuss the results of the recent survey.

Hedges - The hedges along the road to Breamore are in need of trimming - SH will arrange. The hedge by the church needs some attention - this will be discussed with Avon Valley Churches. Grace Lane - hedges require attention.

Footpath Halls Field - A meeting to discuss a fencing quote will be arranged. (PS/JC)

Bench - A bench on the common has some metal work that has sprung out. PS will look at.

21/22.119 Finance and Review of Ongoing Budget:

Current Balances

- a. Santander £70,006.04 as at 05.04.2021, NSI £5233.42 as at 01.09.2021
Lloyds £18,858.28 as at 05.01.2022
There are sufficient funds in the budget to meet the remaining costs of the year.

- b. **Expenditure** - The following payments were **RESOLVED** and Clerk is to forward payment accordingly:

Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
Amanda Johnson	Clerk's salary and expenses for December	£349.00
Cutting Edge	Cemetery Maintenance	£160.00
HostingUK.net (reimbursed to A.Johnson)	Domain renewal	£288.00 (VAT 48.00)
TP Jones	Payroll Oct - Dec 2021	£54.00 (VAT 9.00)

21/22.132 Consultations and Correspondence up to 05/01/2022 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised and not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

For information (previously circulated) -

15/12/2021 Forestry England - highlights of action points.

16/12/2021 NFALC - Speed limit motion

07/01/2022 NFNPA Planning Committee meeting 18th January - agenda circulated.

07/01/2022 Friends of the New Forest - Byelaw Watch.

22/12/2021 NW Quadrant meeting 31st January (Teams meeting)

Shared on website -

20/12/2021 - Police and Crime Commissioner - police budget precept consultation

Parishioner emails for discussion -

21/12/21 Parishioner motion to address speeding throughout Woodgreen, (Agenda item)

03/01/22 Information that overhanging branches are damaging the fence at the back of Halls Field. *Councillors will investigate and remedy it if possible.*

11/01/22 Parishioner enquiry as to whether the parish council has any plans for Jubilee celebrations. *The Parish council does not have any events plans and at present does not know of any being planned by other village groups.*

21/22.121 Any other business and matters to be raised on next agenda:

NFNPA Local List Project - this involves nominations for parish assets which make a positive contribution to the character of the New Forest. More information will be available at the next quadrant meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th February 2022 AT 7.30PM in the Reading Rooms.

Signed by the Chair

Date