



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Junior Parish Council held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019, at the Jubilee Field Pavilion

Present:

Cllr Joshua Marnell, Chairperson  
Cllr Beau Heasman  
Cllr Aaron Marshall  
Cllr Hattie Griffiths  
Cllr Thomas Clark

Cllr Freya Marnell, Vice Chairperson  
Cllr Thomas Cox  
Cllr Louise Clark  
Cllr Robyn Burn  
Katie Walding, Parish Clerk

In attendance:

19 Members of the public (MoTP)

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The meeting started at 11:30am.

### 1. Apologies

None received.

### 2. To approve the Minutes from the meeting held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting, signed and dated by the Chairperson.

### 3. New Forest Ranger

Claire Sherwood from the New Forest National Park Authority attended the meeting and made a presentation on the National Park, and her role throughout the year. She explained that as guardians of the Forest the NFNPA has statutory responsibilities which are summed up as 'Protect – Enjoy – Prosper'.

Claire went on to explain what a ranger does, and how the job changes across a year. She talked about the main issues that should concern everyone, and discussed with the Councillors what those issues were and why. They included road traffic accidents involving animals, the problems around feeding and trying to stroke the livestock, some dog walkers and ground nesting birds, and more.

Claire had brought a selection of items from the Forest and the Councillors were able to look closely at these and ask and answer questions covering such things as fungi, deer antlers and birds' nests.

The Councillors all thoroughly enjoyed the informative talk and after some questions and answers, the Chair thanked Claire Sherwood for taking the time to come and talk to them.

### 4. Clerk's Report

The Clerk noted a number of brief items:

- **Phone Box** – the book swap was going well and there were plenty more books available to be added to the collection. Friends of the Phone Box had suggested that an info sign to explain how the book swap works, and to advertise it, would be welcomed.



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**ACTION:** Councillors to volunteer to create posters explaining how the book swap works, and (separately) to advertise it.

- **Playground equipment addition** – there had been progress on this project and hopefully at the next meeting more details and some consideration for the Council on the possible selection.
- **Litter campaign** – posters were a great success and would be replenished in due course as the original ones faded or spoiled from the weather. Residents had reported improvement already, particularly in the area of West Beams Road.
- **Stanford Rise Green** – the official opening would take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March and the Clerk hoped that Councillors would attend to mark the occasion.

**ACTION:** Councillors to confirm attendance to the Clerk.

- **Sway Spring Clean** – this was part of the Great British Clean Up (part of the #KeepBritainTidy campaign) and would be run by the Council from the Jubilee Field Pavilion between 9:30 and 12:30 on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk asked for volunteers to come along and help, and of course to do some litter picking.

**ACTION:** Councillors wishing to volunteer to help to confirm to the Clerk.

- **Parish Assembly** – This was a big occasion, to be held on the evening of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, when all the groups, charities and organisations in the village were invited to spend a few minutes updating residents on their achievements over the last year, plans and hopes for the next year. The Clerk asked if the Council would like to make a short presentation to residents.

**ACTION:** Councillors to agree whether to make a presentation and if so, who would attend.

### 5. Litter in the Village

#### a) New waste bin outside the school

Following a meeting with New Forest District Council, the Clerk had agreed with the Street Scene Supervisor that the addition of a new bin was appropriate. The Council was asked to suggest two positions where the bin might be located, and these would be considered.

**ACTION:** Councillors to review the location and nominate two positions (to report back to the Clerk)



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### **b) Dog poo bag dispenser**

Both NFDC and the (senior) Parish Council had approved the placement of a dog poo bag dispenser to be located by the footpath between West Beams Road and Station Road. In order to make the purchase on the Junior Council's behalf, the Clerk noted that a vote would be required.

**DECISION:** To purchase one dispenser at the cost of £79+VAT for the unit, and one case of bags (of 800, grouped in 50s) costs £26.00.

### **6. Stanford Rise Green**

At the previous meeting, the Council had been asked to send in nominations for names for the snake at SRG. These had been added to a form which was presented to each Councillor, who selected their first, second and third choices.

After a brief pause to collate the results and calculate a winner, it was announced that the winning choice was 'Slithering the Snake' with 'Slithers' and 'No Feet' in joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**DECISION:** The Stanford Rise Green Snake would be officially named 'Slithering the Snake'.

### **7. Possible Junior Parish Council event tied with Sway Carnival**

Following a meeting with the Carnival Committee which the Clerk had attended, the suggestion was that a nerf wars game was held at Stanford Rise Green on the Sunday of Carnival week, which would raise money and provide an event which the Junior Council could host and run. Before any confirmation was made, it was vital that Councillors confirm their involvement.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to collate names for those to be involved in managing an event so that confirmation could be given to the Carnival Committee.

The Council were invited to consider putting in an entry for the Carnival Procession. The theme this year would be 'Under the Sea'.

The discussion continued to the possibility of hosting a stand at the Fete, and Cllr Griffiths suggested that perhaps the Council could put together some information about the history of Sway, including photographs and stories of old. It was agreed that this would be a great way to attract people to a stand.

**ACTION:** Councillors to start collecting information and materials that could be used on the stand.

### **8. Other matters for discussion – from Junior Councillors and/or the public**

- The Clerk noted that the (senior) Parish Council elections would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 and asked that all the Junior Councillors remind their adult family members and friends in Sway to vote.



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- It was noted that – at a previous meeting – the Council had agreed to write a letter to the twinned village of Bretteville du Grand Caux and this remained outstanding.
- Cllr Freya Marnell noted that some fundraising would be a good idea to top up the Junior Council funds, and she would bring some ideas to the next meeting, which the Council could consider.

**ACTION:** Councillors to write a letter to the children of the twinned village.

**12. Items for the Next Agenda**

There were no additional items.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed, but either Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March or 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 11:30am.

With all business concluded, the meeting closed at 12:23pm.

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