

# Burley Parish Annual Parish Meeting 2022

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Burley Parish held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6.30 p.m. in the village hall, Burley.**

**Present:** Cllr Philip Daubeney (Chairman, Burley Parish Council), Cllr Robert Clarke, County Councillor Keith Mans, Mr Steve Avery (NFPA), 50 Burley residents and the Burley Parish Clerk.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from district councillors Frampton and Levett as the NFDC was holding its annual meeting at the same time.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes from the Annual Assembly 2021 were agreed & signed.
- 4. Matters Arising:** None
- 5. Parish Council Report:** Cllr Philip Daubeney, chairman of Burley Parish Council, gave a report on the activities of the council (annexed). Cllr Daubeney spoke and took questions on a wide range of topics including: parish council precept, Forestry England tree replacement policy, election qualification for Verderers, speed control and “twenty is plenty” campaign, kerbing, Little Deers Day Nursery replacement, affordable homes, the lengthsman scheme, jubilee celebrations, fibre broadband and access licences.
- 6. Tree project.** Cllr R Clarke gave a presentation on the trees planted in Pound Lane and the proposal to plant 12 trees to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth, which had been blocked by the Verderers.

A resident moved a resolution to support the council in its efforts to plant these trees against the wishes of the Verderers Court.

*The Annual Assembly of the Parish of Burley, held on 16th May 2022, legally representing all voters and residents of this Parish, hereby resolves:*

- 1. To commend the Parish Councillors for their work in promoting the Jubilee tree planting scheme, and to deplore the delays in obtaining timely consent from other bodies.*
- 2. To urge the Parish Council to continue to promote the scheme by all possible means until successful.*
- 3. To request the Parish Council to emphasise to all other stakeholders the widespread support of the local village community for this scheme, and the deep dissatisfaction caused by the delay in receiving consent, as evidenced by the views expressed at this meeting and by this Resolution.*

**The resolution was passed by 52 votes to none against.**

- 7. Hampshire County Council:** County Councillor Keith Mans gave a report on the activities of the county council. Cllr Mans announced he had stood down as Leader of the County Council but would remain as county councillor for Burley. Cllr Mans spoke about the financial challenges often due to the government passing down responsibility for services, including roads, adult care and children’s services but rarely maintained sufficient central funding.

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Cllr Mans explained that the county was on one of the largest in the UK with 1.4 million people and a £2.4 billion budget, half of which was passported direct to schools. The county had 50,000 planning applications not yet started.

The county had included money in the Holmsley Bridge contract to repair C roads impacted by works.

The county was supporting a replacement building for the Little Deers Day Nursery and the affordable housing initiative.

Cllr Mans advised that the county had assigned £500k for tree planting and that trees were better planted as a copse rather than individual trees.

8. **New Forest National Park:** Mr Steve Avery, Executive Director, Strategy and Planning, gave a report.

Mr Avery spoke about the updated Partnership Plan and the revised New Forest Code. The NFPA had been affected by pop-up camp sites and had now withdrawn permitted development rights. The Verderers had funded mobile speed cameras and the park authority was investigating average speed cameras with NFDC. The Burley affordable housing scheme was progressing, and it is planned to go to tender for two affordable houses later this year.

A question was asked regarding the authority's policy on e-bikes. Mr Avery advised this was a matter for the Verderers, but he believed they were treated the same as pedal cycles.

Mr Avery explained that the cycle network, car parks and camp sites were designed 60 years ago but any changes would require co-ordination from Forestry England, the park authority, the county council and the Verderers.

Asked about dogs, Mr Avery advised that the park authority worked with the New Forest Dog Owners Group which had provided funds for a seasonal ranger to help promote responsible dog walking in the forest.

9. **Chairman's closing remarks:** The chairman thanked those attending. He advised that there would be parish council elections in May 2023 and that anyone interested in standing should contact him, or the clerk. The chairman gave thanks to ex-councillor Neal Martin and Mrs Shelly Gale who had retired as clerk, and he introduced the new clerk, Tom Brindley.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_