

Burley Parish Annual Parish Meeting 2023

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Burley Parish held on
Monday 17th April 2023 at 6.30 p.m. in the village hall, Burley.**

Present: Cllr Philip Daubeney (Chairman, Burley Parish Council), County Councillor Keith Mans, Mr Steve Avery (NFPA), Craig Harrison (Forestry England), 50 Burley residents and the Burley Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from district councillor Martyn Levett and parish councillor Lucy Bramley.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes from the Annual Meeting 2022 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 thanked the clerk, Tom Brindley, who was leaving to join a larger parish council and retiring Cllr Lucy Bramley. After an uncontested election, the five remaining councillors had been reappointed and would be joined by newly elected Cllr John Vincent

Cllr Daubeney spoke about, and took questions on, a wide range of topics including: The parish council four year strategy, the Greening campaign, Tree replacement, a new Little Deers Day Nursery building, affordable homes, the lengthsman scheme and coronation celebrations.

6. **Hampshire County Council:** County Councillor Keith Mans gave a report on the activities of the county council. 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 maintaining sufficient central funding.

Cllr Mans answered several questions on services provided by the county council.

Cllr Mans had, from his HCC locality budget, made significant grants to Burley for Jubilee and Coronation celebrations, and the parish council's website refresh.

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

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

Mr Avery spoke about two new Public Space Protection Orders which would come into force on 1 July 2023, one for wildfires and barbecues and one for petting and feeding ponies.. The orders had been made by NFDC but would be enforced by New Forest National Park Authority and Forestry England rangers. Consideration was being given to signage to advise of the restrictions.

The New Forest National Park had been affected by pop-up camp sites and had now withdrawn permitted development rights. However changes to planning law could mean that short term camps for up to 30 pitches would no longer require planning permission.

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The Burley affordable housing scheme was progressing, and groundworks had begun locking in the planning permission. The project was waiting on an easement granting the right to cross the NFDC car park, for which two private citizens had yet to give permission.

Mr Avery explained that the cycle network, car parks and camp sites were designed 60 years ago and the new Partnership Plan recognized the need for a fundamental review of an increasingly outdated and fragmented infrastructure. Any changes would require co-ordination from Forestry England, the park authority, the county council and the Verderers.

9. **Forestry England** : Craig Harrison Deputy Surveyor gave a report

Mr Harrison spoke about three distinct areas of forest: Inclosures, Ancient woodland and Open grazing.

Inclosures, were where Forestry England managed trees for sustainable timber.

Ancient woodland were areas where trees were allowed to regenerate but fallen trees were left to rot naturally. Mr Harrison advised that FE policy was not to plant new trees but to allow for natural regrowth. Some domestic grazing, including deer and, in autumn pigs, grazed these areas.

Open grazing covered the areas used for forest animals such as horses, donkeys and cattle. Here, tree growth and excessive gorse was controlled by both animal grazing and mechanical mowing.

Mr Harrison took questions on the limited regrowth observed due to deer, and other animals, eating saplings and suggested that regeneration was a long term event and that the forest needs to be allowed to determine its own form over an extended period of time and that human interference should be limited.

10. **Chairman's closing remarks:** The chairman thanked those attending.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____