

7 SEPTEMBER 2018

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Friday, 7 September 2018

- * Cllr S J Clarke (Chairman)
- * Cllr L R Puttock (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

- * G C Beck
- * G R Blunden
- * S P Davies
- Ms L C Ford
- R L Frampton
- * A T Glass
- * L E Harris

*Present

Councillors:

- J M Olliff-Cooper
- * D N Tungate
- A S Wade
- J G Ward
- * Mrs P A Wyeth

In attendance:

Councillors:

Mrs A J Hoare, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services

Councillors:

Mrs D E Andrews, Portfolio Holder for Community Affairs

Officers Attending:

P Donelan, Mrs C Ferguson, Mrs R Higgins, Mrs J McClay, T Nelson, Mrs R Rutins and Mrs K Wardle

Apologies:

Cllr J G Ward

9 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Puttock disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 as a member of Netley Marsh Parish Council which had requested a Community Governance Review of Netley Marsh.

11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

12 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Puttock disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Netley Marsh Parish Council which had requested to discontinue the two wards of the Parish Council. He concluded that there were no grounds under common law to prevent him from remaining in the meeting and to speak.

The Committee considered progress on the request by Netley Marsh Parish Council to discontinue the two wards of the Parish Council, involving a Community Governance review. Two consultations had been carried out by way of newsletter and on the Council's website. Five residents had responded to the second consultation and they had expressed support to combine the two wards. It was noted that it was unusual for a Parish of this size to be warded.

RECOMMENDED:

That, as it is considered that discontinuing the two wards of the Parish Council would result in effective and convenient local government and that community governance in the area would reflect the interests and identities of the community:

- (i) final proposals to abolish the two wards of Netley Marsh Parish Council with effect from the next ordinary election of Councillors in May 2019 be published and that steps be taken to ensure that those who may have an interest are informed of them; and***
- (ii) following the steps in (i) above, a Reorganisation Order be made to give effect to the changes set out above.***

13 DATES OF MEETINGS 2019/2020**RESOLVED:**

That the following meeting dates for the General Purposes and Licensing Committee in 2019/2020 (all Fridays at 9.30 am) be agreed:

14 June 2019
13 September 2019
8 November 2019
10 January 2020
13 March 2020

14 URGENT ITEMS - UPDATE ON LICENSING POLICY

The Chairman introduced the Environmental Protection team to the Committee.

The Chairman reported that the licensing policy review was on hold pending the outcome of the consultation on the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) which was being carried out by Southampton City Council with the District Council. The consultation period was due to close on 13 September. Comments from businesses and residents would be considered and reviewed. It was reported that recommendations for a new licensing policy would not be brought forward until decisions on the CAZ had been taken as these would impact on vehicles licensed in the New Forest travelling into Southampton. The Chairman reported he would circulate information he had been sent to all Committee members.

In response to a request officers would arrange to meet with Lyndhurst Parish Council to discuss the results of air quality monitoring in Lyndhurst High Street.

CHAIRMAN