

# **EXBURY & LEPE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE EXBURY CLUB**

**MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **Present:**

Councillors E. R. Page (Chairman), A.L. Tilbury (Vice Chair), E. J. Anders, R.A.G. Johnson

**In Attendance:** P. K. Perkins (Clerk) C/Cllr K. Mans (HCC), D/Cllr D. Poole (NFDC)

### **Also Present:**

P Eaton, A. Fothergill, C. Johnson J. Muldoon, E. Neve, J. M. & A. Wadhams,

### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

This was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed off by the Chairman.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations to report.

### **4. The Chair's Report**

Cllr Page thanked everyone involved with the successful "get-together" before Christmas. She welcomed the fact that the outgoing Chairman Lt. Col. Peter Hayward Broomfield had agreed to continue to act in a personal capacity to apply for grants for traffic calming for the village.

The Parish Council is waiting to hear from Hampshire County Council Structures Group with a price and a date for repairs to Lepe bridge which is in poor condition.

Fly tipping has become a problem Cllr. The Chairman thanked Councillor Tilbury for taking the lead reporting each incident to both the NFDC and the police.

Cllr. Johnson has submitted the Parish Council's response on the proposed Government reorganisation in support of the NFDC position. The Council has agreed to be a co-signatory to a letter to our MP along with other New Forest parishes.

### **5. Councillors' Reports**

C/Cllr. K. Mans reported on the Government's plans for the reorganisation of our local area and said that he was still not sure if the planned elections were now going ahead. There was nothing more anyone could do to influence any decisions made for the New Forest. He also

offered a grant towards Swift boxes and the planting of more daffodils on the green opposite the Exbury Club.

D/Cllr. D. Poole also reported on the Local Government reorganisation. There was a discussion about the problem of fly tipping. Cllr. Tilbury said that she had not had any response from NFDC to her reports of fly tipping. Cllr. Poole offered to follow this up and reported on progress that had been made tracing other fly tippers who were now going to be prosecuted. He discussed various ideas for ways of dealing with the fly tipping after further questions from the floor. This was followed by a discussion about the nuisance and damage caused by the antisocial joy riding which has been occurring in local fields.

Cllr. Johnson proposed improving the environment in the parish by installing Swift boxes. Cleo Johnson handed out fliers she had made showing how the Swift boxes would work and the benefits they would bring to the village. She gave informed answers to questions from the councillors. Cllr. Poole also offered financial help with the boxes in the next financial year

Cllr. Johnson gave an update on progress towards having a website for the Parish Council. This should only take a few weeks to set up. It was agreed we should go ahead with this.

#### 6. Finance

Penny Perkins, Clerk, said that the current balance was £5350.30 as of 31 December 2025

#### 7, Planning Applications

No planning applications had been received.

#### 8 Questions for the Chair

A question was raised about any known plans for building in the New Forest National park. Cllr. Poole said there were none although he felt there might be building up to the boundaries of the National Park.

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No further issues were raised and the meeting was closed.

Chairman ..... *Emma Pope* .....

Date ..... *18 May 2026* .....