

**MINUTES of the Court of Verderers held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 at  
9.30 a.m. in the Verderers' Hall and the Library, the Queen's House, Lyndhurst.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lord Manners	Official Verderer
	Mr R Deakin	Elected Verderer & Staff Committee Chairman
	Mr A B Dowsett	Forestry Commission Appointed Verderer
	Mr J Greenwood	Elected Verderer
	Cllr E Heron	National Park Appointed Verderer
	Miss D Macnair MBE	Senior Elected Verderer
	Mr G M H Mills DL	DEFRA Appointed Verderer
	Mr A H Pasmore	Elected Verderer
	Mr D Readhead	Elected Verderer
Mrs D Westerhoff	Natural England Appointed Verderer	
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Miss Sue Westwood	Clerk to the Verderers
	Mr Jonathan Gerrelli	Head Agister

**IN COMMITTEE in the Library**

2017/9337 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING RESUME

The Minutes of Court held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved and signed.

2017/9338 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RESUME

The Official Verderer declared an interest in the Verderers' Higher Level Stewardship Agreement as tenants on his Estate benefit from the Verderers Grazing Scheme and his Estate is in Higher Level Stewardship.

Elected Verderers Mr Deakin, Mr Greenwood, Miss Macnair and Mr Readhead declared an interest in the New Forest Higher Level Stewardship Scheme, Verderers Grazing Scheme and Basic Payment Scheme. Mr Pasmore declared an interest in the Basic Payment Scheme.

Mr Deakin, Mr Readhead and Mr Greenwood are members of the New Forest Commoners' Defence Association committee. Mr Deakin is also Treasurer.

Mr Deakin and Mr Readhead are Directors of the New Forest Livestock Society. They are also members of the New Forest Stallion Syndicate.

Mr Dowsett is a Forestry Commission Volunteer Ranger.

Mr Greenwood is employed part-time by Cadland Estate and therefore has an interest in the Stallion Grazing. Mr Greenwood also has a stallion of his own.

Cllr Heron declared his membership of Hampshire County Council, New Forest District Council and the New Forest National Park Authority. He will declare any additional interests that may arise during the course of the meeting at the item.

Mr Hallam Mills declared an interest in HLS Schemes as his Estate is in Higher Level Stewardship. The Estate is also involved in the Better Boundaries Project, run by the New Forest Land Advice Service with support from Natural England. Mr Mills is also a Patron of the New Forest Trust

Mrs Westerhoff is a tenant of the Forestry Commission.

2017/9339    **CONDITION OF STOCK**    **RESUME**

The Head Agister reported that at present the condition of stock is very good. There appear to be a lot of foals this year and they all look strong; it is a good crop.

All the stallions have been removed. Two had to be removed early because of injury but they were still out for several weeks.

The Agisters are still marking cattle and it appears that more cattle have been actually turned out this year. Nevertheless a sizeable number of cattle have been paid for but have not gone out.

As always, conditions will now be dependent on the weather. The present hot dry spell is good for making hay but it won't be long before rain is needed.

2017/9340    **REPORT ON ANIMALS REMOVED FROM THE FOREST**    **RESUME**

This very useful report had been circulated prior to the Court.

2017/9341    **STOCK DEATHS - OTHER THAN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS**    **RESUME**

This very useful report had been circulated prior to the Court.

A discussion then took place concerning the social media activity after a foal was euthanased following the death of its dam in a road traffic accident. The Court supported the policy of not responding to comments on social media. The Court also agreed that the Agisters should be free to use their discretion in how to handle future instances, while treating animal welfare as the highest priority.

2017/9342    **REPORT ON MARKING FEES RECEIVED TO DATE AND COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEAR**    **RESUME**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Forest Ponies	4714	4707
Forest Cattle	4311	3589
Forest Donkeys	124	108
Forest Pigs	0	0
Forest Sheep	0	0
<b>Total Forest Stock</b>	<b>9149</b>	<b>8404</b>
Common Ponies	806	648
Common Cattle	1184	980
Common Donkeys	124	90
Common Pigs	0	67
Common Sheep	0	0
<b>Total Common Stock</b>	<b>2337</b>	<b>2018</b>
Ponies, Cattle & Donkeys on the Forest	9149	8404
Ponies, Cattle & Donkeys on the Commons	2096	1718
<b>Total Ponies, Cattle &amp; Donkeys</b>	<b>11245</b>	<b>10122</b>
<b>Total Stock – Forest &amp; Commons</b>	<b>11486</b>	<b>10422</b>

2017/9343    **BYELAW ENFORCEMENT**    **DISCHARGE**

There are no current byelaw enforcement issues.

The Announcements were approved.

**The Head Agister left the meeting.**

**OPEN COURT – 10.00 a.m.**

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Paul Grugeon, Land Agent (New Forest)

**The Head Agister opened the Court with the usual proclamation.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECISIONS BY THE OFFICIAL VERDERER**

2017/9345 HIT AND RUN INCIDENTS

At the May Court we received Presentment from Richard Deacon about a hit and run incident in the Linwood area.

In order to encourage people to report drivers responsible for hit and run RTAs involving Forest stock, we are increasing, the maximum reward for information leading to the conviction of a hit and run driver to up to £5000. This is effective immediately and is being offered with the support of the New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society, the New Forest Commoners' Defence Association and World Horse Welfare for which support the Verderers are very grateful. This enhanced reward will be available in connection with any incident occurring on or after 1st January 2017.

This is a good moment to remind everyone who drives on the unfenced roads within the New Forest that the animals have right of way. Some of the more important measures that have been taken in recent years to reduce animal accidents include:-

Regular cutting back of roadside vegetation by the Forestry Commission to improve sight lines;

The Verderers, through the Verderers Grazing Scheme, making reflective collars available free of charge to all commoners for their ponies and donkeys. We are currently experimenting with collars for cattle;

Hampshire County Council deploying changing signs at various locations to warn drivers of the risks of animal accidents;

The Verderers making a substantial annual financial contribution to the regular deployment of the Speed Camera Van which is operated by Hampshire Police.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all drivers of the provisions of the Highway Code relating to speed limits and I quote:-

"The speed limit is the absolute maximum and does not mean it is safe to drive at that speed irrespective of conditions. Driving at speeds too fast for the road and traffic conditions is dangerous. You should always reduce your speed when

- the road layout or condition presents hazards, such as bends
- sharing the road with pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, particularly children and motorcyclists
- weather conditions make it safer to do so
- driving at night as it is more difficult to see other road users."

We believe that if drivers slow down as they approach animals grazing on the verge and move over a little as they pass, a significant reduction in the number of accidents would result.

The Shared Forest Project has produced a poster asking drivers to slow down at night, saying that 40mph is too fast in the dark.

2017/9346 INVITATION TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

I have written to Mr Michael Lane, inviting him to meet with us to discuss the many measures that we and others take to try to reduce animal accidents in the Forest and, in particular, to discuss what further might be done, particularly in relation to 'hit and run' incidents.

2017/9347 THE NATIONAL PARK RECREATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2010 – 2030

The National Park is reviewing this strategy and as part of that review, on Friday 16th June it launched a public consultation exercise on recreation management for the future. There is an online questionnaire which will also be available in paper form from the NPA. This is an important exercise and I would urge people to complete the questionnaire but when doing so think of what is good for the Forest when considering their answers to the questions, and not what is perhaps just good for their own particular personal use of the Forest.

2017/9348 LYNDHURST BYPASS

At the April Court we received presentments from Roger Gilley and Alexi Sugden, then prospective Liberal Democrat candidate for Lyndhurst and Fordingbridge, on the topic of 'talks about talks' about a bypass for Lyndhurst.

Any proposal for such a bypass would come from the Highway Authority, Hampshire County Council, and there is no such proposal at present.

**ANIMAL ACCIDENT REPORT**

2017/9349 THE ANIMAL ACCIDENT REPORT FOR MAY 2017

The Agisters attended 11 accidents in May.  
5 ponies and a sheep were killed and 1 pony and 1 cow were injured.  
1 of the ponies which died was wearing a reflective collar.  
7 accidents occurred in the daylight, and 4 in the dark.  
2 accidents were not reported.  
5 drivers were local.  
The number of animals killed and injured to date is 25, compared with 22 in the same period last year.

2017/9350 THE SPEED CAMERA VAN

The data for May is not currently available.

## PRESENTMENTS

2017/9351 BUCKETS OF WATER  
Presentment by Mrs Mary Gray, Commoner from Brook

Mrs Gray expressed concern that a resident at Bramshaw has placed buckets of water outside their property for the benefit of the Forest animals during this very hot dry spell.

The resident lives by the road and Mrs Gray felt that whilst people think they are being kind by putting out buckets of water, it is not a good idea so close to the road.

### IN COMMITTEE in the Library

## CONSIDERATION OF PRESENTMENTS

2017/9352 BUCKETS OF WATER DISCHARGE

The Clerk said that every time there is a hot dry spell, the office receives calls from members of the public concerned that the animals do not have access to water.

The Official Verderer will make an announcement at the next Court explaining why putting out buckets of water, especially near the road, is not a good idea. The Clerk will draft some suitable words.

Action  
OV/Clerk

## NEW SUBMISSIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

2017/9353 WOODGREEN CRICKET CLUB LICENCE DISCHARGE

The draft licence was approved subject to provision of a plan to a larger scale; a copy of which was requested for the Verderers' files. It was also felt that the Schedule 2, guidance for managers, which is attached to the licence, should be amended to state that the list of NVZs (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) is not an exhaustive list and it may be subject to change in years to come.

Action PG

2017/9354 CLEANSING OF CULVERT UNDER THE RAILWAY LINE AT WOODFIDLEY DISCHARGE

This proposal from Network Rail was approved but the Court requested that Mr Sean Marsh, the Forestry Commission's Estates Officer should be present to supervise the work. This is to ensure minimal damage is caused to the grazing.

Action  
PG/SM

2017/9355 NEW FOUL SEWER TO THE PIG, BROCKENHURST RESUME

The Court felt the proposal to connect The Pig to the main sewer is the lowest risk option in the long term as it minimises the likelihood of potential pollution of the Forest. This may be an opportunity to get the area around the railway bridge sorted out. At present it is a mess with large pieces of concrete and what looks like an exposed BT/broadband cable. A site meeting and detailed proposal is required.

Action  
PG/Clerk

2017/9356 SEWER REPLACEMENT AT ROUNDHILL, BROOK RESUME

The proposals are not clear as to which section of pipe is to be replaced. Clarification is required. A damaged manhole needs replacement/repair as well.

Action  
PG

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2017/9357 A35 HOLMSLEY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – TRIAL HOLES DISCHARGE

The Court approved the request for the trial holes. The safety of stock and the public must be maintained at all times. A meeting to discuss the proposals with HCC has been arranged for the 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 a.m. in the Verderers' Office.

Action  
Clerk

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COURTS OF CONCERN TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION**

2017/9358 RAILWAY EMBANKMENT AT LATCHMOOR, BROCKENHURST RESUME

A site meeting has been arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 a.m. Meet at the Pound. Meanwhile, the Verderers' Office is in touch with Network Rail about repairing the fence, which is very weak.

2017/9359 NEW PARK FENCING DISCHARGE

A decision on funding the cost of strengthening the fences is pending. It was agreed this can now be discharged from the Minutes and brought back onto the Agenda if there are further problems which cannot be resolved.

Action  
DS

2017/9360 FOREST DESIGN PLAN (FDP) - THROWING OPEN OF INCLOSURES RESUME

A note of the meeting with John Stride (FC) had been circulated. The Clerk was asked to ensure the Agisters receive a copy. The meeting talked about process rather than detail. There are a variety of options and the FC has agreed to consult on the proposals for each inclosure.

A resolution to the question of which organisation will be responsible for fencing if inclosures are thrown open has not been achieved.

The CDA has requested a presence at any meetings and this was agreed.

There could be problems at Kings Copse because the fences of some private land are weak. The occupiers of the properties have not been used to fencing out Forest stock. Pondhead inclosure is Crown Freehold and as such different rules will apply if it is thrown open. John Stride is to be asked to estimate when works on the inclosures to be thrown open is likely to start.

Action  
Clerk

2017/9361 DRAINAGE AT MILL LAWN RESUME

There was some confusion as to whether the requested work has been carried out or some other works have taken place in the area. Some work has definitely been done on a passageway which appears to have been extended. Mr Dave Morris (FC) is to arrange a date for a site meeting.

Action  
PG/DM

2017/9362 NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY RECREATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW RESUME

The sub-committee consisting of the Official Verderer, Mrs Westerhoff, Mr Dowsett, Mr Mills and Mr Pasmore will draft a response from the Court in time for consideration at the July Court. Everyone is encouraged to make a personal response as well.

Action  
Sub-  
Committee

The Court agreed the Clerk should arrange for a 'link' to the response questionnaire on the NFNPA's website to be put on the Verderers' website.

Action  
Clerk

### SSSI RESTORATION WORKS

2017/9363 SSSI REPAIR & MAINTENANCE WORKS RECORDING SHEET RESUME

The content of the sheet was noted.

2017/9364 QUEEN BOWER / POUNDHILL (WARWICKSLADE CUTTING) RESUME

Mr Pasmore asked for his dissatisfaction with the progress of resolving problems at Poundhill to be minuted. He said trees are dying due to waterlogging because the levels in the system are wrong. This had been pointed out when the original scheme was done and at a site meeting last year the Forestry Commission agreed to take levels with a view to correcting the gradient. Mr Pasmore added he has been asking repeatedly over the past year for this straightforward work to correct the levels to be undertaken but nothing has happened despite repeated assurances that it was in hand.

Action  
FC (Nick  
Wardlaw)

Mrs Westerhoff, however, disagreed with Mr Pasmore. She said that indeed some trees are dead and that is the effect of redirecting the water course back into its original meanders. Mrs Westerhoff felt it will not be a recurring problem and she felt the system needs to be left to settle down.

2017/9365 PONDHEAD RESUME

The bridges at Pondhead are falling apart. The Forestry Commission is aware. A suggestion that one of the bridges should be taken away is felt to be counterproductive as it would make things worse. Mr Deakin has also suggested that one of the bridges should be moved so that it is in line with the track and the other bridge but the FC seems unwilling to do that.

Action  
Add to SSSI  
R&M sheet  
FC (DS)

2017/9366 COWLEYS RESUME

Further remedial work is required at the boundary with the former Exbury woods. Sarah Oakley (FC) will revisit the site in August. Additional work is required on private land if the issues are to be resolved but it may not be possible to obtain the permission of the landowner.

Action  
Add to SSSI  
R&M Sheet

In addition, Mr Deakin said the culvert (nearest Kings Copse) which goes under the road needs cleaning out again. This is believed to be the responsibility of Hampshire County Council. The Clerk said she will report it.

Action  
Clerk

### ENCROACHMENTS INVOLVING THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

2017/9367 VERGE PROTECTION OFFICER DISCHARGE

The position of Verge Protection Officer remains vacant after the successful candidate declined to take up the post.

2017/9368 ENCROACHMENTS LIST RESUME

An updated encroachments list had been circulated.

Action  
PG

It was agreed several items should now be deleted. These being:-

Wayfarers - where the access has started to green over and dragons teeth have been installed on the main entrance track to prevent spread.

3 Fox Cottages - where from a practical point of view, the occupier of this property has nowhere else to park his vehicle. The existing garage is very small and space cannot be created within the curtilage of the property unless the garage is demolished. The road outside the cottage is not suitable or safe for parking. Mr Deakin felt the position should be regularised by the FC issuing a licence for one vehicle to be parked on the access to the garage. The Court agreed.

Whitefield, Toms Lane - where the owner has agreed to surrender the original parking space once works on the property are completed. The area will be allowed to return to grazing and dragons teeth will be installed to prevent any future parking. The new access to the property will be licenced in the normal way. There will be no parking on the access.

2017/9369 CHAPEL LANE VERGE PARKING DISCHARGE

Mr Marsh has been leafleting vehicles and fewer vehicles are being parked on the verges. More work needs to be done.

2017/9370 GRITTENBURY FARM DISCHARGE  
from Minutes  
and retain on  
Encroach-  
ments List

Mr Grugeon is to check the property boundary. Mr Deakin will ask the CDA what it wishes to do about the new fence that has been erected close to the tarmac, several feet from the old property fence. In the past, cattle have been seen slipping down the steep bank onto the road. If commoners feel the new fence should remain for animal welfare reasons, the Court suggested it should be licenced.

Action  
RD

2017/9371 KINGS COPSE ROAD DITCHING DISCHARGE

The ditching needs to be extended for another 300-400 metres.

The road above Gatebridge also needs to be ditched. This will be added to the encroachment list.

from Minutes  
and add to  
Encroach-  
ments List

## ACTION LIST

2017/9372 ACTION LIST RESUME

An updated action list was provided.

The Action and Encroachment Lists have become rather confused and it was agreed that Mr Grugeon and the Clerk should discuss how best to rationalise the lists, possibly by incorporating them.



**ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF CONCERN TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION**

2017/9373 NEW FOREST (LYNDHURST) GOLF CLUB RESUME

The heap of tarmac and rubble that has been left on the Forest for some time adjacent to the car park has now been levelled out and tarmacked over, effectively extending the car park. The Court questioned whether this should have been done. The only available map is not clear. In addition a lot of paraphernalia is currently stored on the Forest. It needs to be removed.

Add to Encroachments List

Mr Grugeon and Mr Marsh will discuss the issues with the Club with a view to obtaining a reduction in the area of Forest occupied by the Club. It was noted that tees do not appear to be marked on the plan – which is felt to be inadequate.

2017/9374 FORESTRY COMMISSION OUT OF HOURS TELEPHONE ANSWERING SYSTEM AND RESPONSE TO ISSUES RESUME

Cllr Heron expressed concern at the apparent lack of staff who can be called upon to deal with issues out of normal office hours. He cited a recent incident where he reported a fire close to an inclosure. The out of hours call taker advised Cllr Heron that they were unable to deal with or keep a record of calls on any issues other than sick or injured animals and that all other matters should be directed to 101. In the very dry weather, currently being experienced, Cllr Heron felt this is unacceptable and he asked Mr Grugeon if he could reassure the Court that the FC does have sufficient out of hours cover. Mr Grugeon apologised and said he was unable to answer Cllr Heron's question. It was, therefore, agreed that the Official Verderer and the Clerk will discuss the problems, which seem to be besetting the call centre at present, with the Deputy Surveyor.

Action DS

The Land Agent, Mr Grugeon, left the meeting.

**ENCROACHMENTS NOT INVOLVING THE FC**

2017/9375 FENCE AT KINGS COPSE DISCHARGE

The old fence is still in situ. The new fence, which the Court feels is an encroachment, now incorporates the telegraph pole. Mr Readhead said he will visit the occupier again. There remains a question mark over who actually owns the area which has been fenced in.

Action DR/CDA

2017/9376 ACORNS, SEAMANS LANE, MINSTEAD RESUME  
Sept/Oct

The Official Verderer reported on his meeting with the CDAs Encroachments Committee. The case is due to go to mediation on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The Court has already agreed to assist with funding of this case, up to a maximum of £5,000. If further funding is required it will be discussed.

Mr Deakin said he feels there is a growing problem with encroachment which is happening all over the Forest and has become very serious. The CDA is valiantly trying to cope but of course all members are volunteers.

## OTHER MATTERS ARISING

2017/9377 DELEGATED POWERS FOR THE CLERK DISCHARGE

A proposal to allow de-minimis proposals to be considered by the Clerk and one other Verderer was approved. It was agreed an annual review of the decisions made should take place to ensure no problems have arisen.

## OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

2017/9378 FARMING GROUP AND SUBSIDIES RESUME

The two local MPs, Dr Julian Lewis and Sir Desmond Swayne will be invited to meet with several Verderers and the Head Agister. A tour round the Forest will be included. The aim is to enlist the MPs help in building a case for subsidies for the Forest after 2020 and explain why a tailor made solution is essential for the Forest. The aims should be to provide environmental support as well as support for the commoners whilst at the same time ensuring the welfare of stock and control over the number of animals on the Forest.

Action  
OV

2017/9379 OUR NATIONAL PARKS UNDER PRESSURE – A CONFERENCE FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE FOREST. DISCHARGE

The Official Verderer will be attending part of this conference which is to be held in Brockenhurst in October. Mrs Westerhoff and Mr Pasmore also expressed an interest.

2017/9380 NEW FOREST SHOW RESUME  
September

The Official Verderer advised the Court that it has been asked to pay for its pitch at the New Forest Show this year. The sum of £420.00 has been requested.

The Court took a dim view of this request as a pitch fee has never been requested before and when the Court's display moved from the Forestry Commission's area, it was on the understanding there would be no charge for the new pitch in what was then New Forest Corner.

The Official Verderer and the Clerk will communicate the Court's disappointment at being asked to pay, particularly at such short notice, to Mr Denis Dooley, the Show Society's Secretary and a request will be made for the fee to be waived.

A review will be taken in September as to whether the Court will attend the Show next year. If a charge is made for the pitch, its attendance is unlikely.

2017/9381 FOREST DESIGN PLAN DISCHARGE

A further discussion took place on the Forest Design Plan. It was agreed a formal letter should be written in response to the letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Action  
OV/Clerk

## HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP SCHEME (HLS)

2017/9382 HLS BOARD MEETING DISCHARGE

The next meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> July.

The person appointed as Verge Restoration Officer declined to take up the post. The position will probably have to be re-advertised.

2017/9383 FIXED POINT PHOTOGRAPHY RESUME

Mr Pasmore suggested an HLS project whereby fixed point photographs would be taken over the years to make a record of how the Forest changes. In particular Mr Pasmore expressed concern at the rate of decline in heather in some areas. It was, however, pointed out that the re-seeded areas are returning to heather and these reseeded areas are important for the commoners as the ponies, in particular, need grass.

Mrs Westerhoff said that condition assessments are being carried out by Natural England.

Cllr Heron thought the idea of making a photographic record, rather than just undertaking monitoring is worthwhile.

Action  
OV/SW

It was agreed it would be useful to try to find out what photography has been undertaken in the past and what, if any, is being done now, possibly by the National Park Authority. It was agreed this subject should be resumed for further discussion and in the meantime the Official Verderer will discuss it with the Clerk.

## VERDERERS GRAZING SCHEME (VGS)

2017/9384 SMALL GRANT SCHEME RESUME

The Official Verderer is keen to agree some formal criteria to aid the decision making process when commoners apply for small grants.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

2017/9385 NFNPA FARMING GROUP & SUBSIDIES FOR THE FOREST AFTER BREXIT RESUME

The Court is keen that future subsidy schemes protect the Forest and support commoning but do not lead to overgrazing. The Official Verderer said he will sit in at the next meeting of the group.

Action  
OV

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

2017/9386 FINANCIAL STATEMENT RESUME

The Financial Statement for May was noted.

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### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2017/9387    BREACHES OF THE BYELAWS    DISCHARGE

A review of the procedure that is followed prior to the issuing of a Notice of a Breach of the Byelaws is to be undertaken following a complaint from a commoner.    Action OV/RD/Clerk

2017/9388    WHITLEY WOOD UNDERPASS    DISCHARGE

Mr Greenwood expressed frustration at the lack of action as respects the clearing of the underpass at Whitley Wood. Mr Greenwood said he has complained on a number of occasions over the past 12 months but nothing has been done.

Cllr Heron said that it has now been agreed that the underpass is Hampshire County Council's responsibility. The underpass falls within the remit of the Council's Highways Department, however the work is likely to be undertaken on their behalf by the Council's Rights of Way team. Cllr Heron apologised for the delay and said it will be dealt with as a matter of urgency.    Action EH

2017/9389    PURCHASE OF NEW FILE SERVER    DISCHARGE

The purchase of a new file server for the office was approved.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 2.00 p.m.

*J. Mannes*  
*19 July 2017*