

## BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes to be approved on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Present** Cllr P Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr R Clarke, Cllr N Martin, Cllr V Johnstone  
**In attendance** S Gale (the Clerk), PCSO Tracey Cooper, Cllr R Frampton (NFDC), Cllr K Mans (HCC)  
**Also present** 2 members of the public  
**Date** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**Opened at** 6.30pm Closed at 8.45pm  
**Subject** Burley Parish Council Monthly meeting

**1 Public Participation** A member of the public spoke of the 4 Ash trees on the south side of Pound Lane involved in the FC tree works. She said that there is a Beech tree marked with a Plaque 170, not an Ash. RC confirmed that there are 3 Common Ash to be felled and 1 Beech, not 4 Ash. A 4<sup>th</sup> Ash will have dead wood removed. The Chairman said that there is currently an ongoing discussion on the replacement of the trees. RC has spoken to the Deputy Surveyor of the FC who will be taking this up with Natural England as Natural England say the Pound Lane area is SSSI and therefore has to naturally regenerate and not be replanted. NM also pointed out that Councillors from BPC have walked round with the FC to look at the involved trees.

A member of the public reported that: i) she met Shaun Miller of the FC to discuss dragon's teeth that have been broken in the village. These dragon's teeth will be replaced. ii) Leaflets from the FC were passed to BPC Councillors. ii) A resident in Meadow Close has said that there are very tall Leylandii trees near his property; there has also been fly tipping nearby. RC will visit the site. (RC) iv) A galvanised gate has been placed along a track to Shappen Cottages; it is believed these cottages may be intended to be let out and there were already narrow access issues here. RC will ask NFNPA if the barn at the rear of Shappen Cottages can be listed as iconic structure of the Forest. (RC) v) At Picket Post there is over grown shrubbery interfering with traffic sight lines: NM said that the Lengthsman has this on his job list to attend to.

**2 PCSO Tracey Cooper – local update** The Chairman congratulated Tracey on the second Christmas Day dinner for those alone: Tracey reported that there were 35 for the 2016 Christmas dinner at the Village Hall.

In Burley there have been 2 shed break-ins; a slight increase in car park crime early in the season and 2 incidences of fly tipping.

**3 Apologies** Cllr P Russell

**4 Declarations of Interest** None

**5 Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting Resolved** – that the Minutes of the last full Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017, together with the Clerk's report for that meeting, having been previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**6 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report**

**As shown in the Clerk's report the balance of the current account on 28<sup>th</sup> February was £10,333.76. The payments detailed in the Clerk's report were approved and the cheques signed. The bank statements were checked and signed by Cllr Martin.**

RC reported that the HCC path clearance deadline has passed but the grants available under that scheme had little relevance to Burley since they applied only to initiatives that would improve path surfaces. RC has spoken to HCC; the main concern is the footpath from Ringwood Road to Castle Hill Lane This has projecting foliage from the land of adjoining owner(s). He stated that it is owner's responsibility to maintain adjoining land and foliage to prevent interference with pedestrians using Public Rights of Way.

Cutting back gorse from Durmast corner to Goatspen – VJ message left for Paul Grudgeon at the FC and is awaiting a reply.

A cheque for the locksmith was agreed and signed. A cheque for the printing cost of an insert to the village magazine was agreed and signed.

Nationally the Great British Spring Clean (GBSC) took place on 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March; Burley's Spring Litter Pick is 23<sup>rd</sup> April and the Burley Spring Clean notice will state its association with the GBSC. (SG)

**7 Clerk's Annual Pay review Agreed:** to increase the Clerk's salary to SPC 23 of NALC/SLCC National Salary pay scale (NM/VJ).

**8 Update on Councillor vacancy** The Clerk reported that an email has been received from one interested party to apply for the vacancy of Councillor and a second enquiry has been made.

**9 Legislation, licensing and law** None

**10 Update on War Memorial cleaning** 3 quotes have been requested by NM and 2 have been received: £1500+VAT from a local company and £1625+ VAT from a non-local company. **Agreed:** that the local company will be instructed.

**11 Burley Twinning Association** A local resident has shown support to Malcolm Little's idea to reinvigorate the Twinning Association via an email. Clerk to follow up with Mr Little (SG).

**12 Correspondence** The Chairman has spoken to Catherine Kirkham from HARAH for information on affordable housing rent levels.

**13 Superfast Broadband Update** NM reported that the bench at Lester Square has been removed in preparation for the installation of the new SFBB cabinet. Planning consent is still awaited from NFNPA.

**14 Report on Annual Assembly actions and confirm invitations for speakers 2017** Confirmed speakers are: Bruce Rothnie (FC), Steve Avery (NFNPA), Cllr Mans (HCC), Cllr Frampton (NFDC), Tony Bracey (Emergency Plan co-ordinator).

**15 Report on HGV parking at Picket Post** NM reported that work is underway at Picket Post to seal off the layby.

**16 Young People in Burley Report** RC reported on the forthcoming Deer Hall lease, ending 31<sup>st</sup> August. The Chairman of LDDN had written to him on 17<sup>th</sup> February asking BPC to consider renewing the lease for a further five years with the same terms and conditions. Copies of recent accounts were enclosed for BPC councillors to see, indicating an improved financial position for LDDN as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. RC proposed a new 5 year lease to LDDN with break clause effective after 2 years in line with BPC Electoral Term of Office (subject to contract).

A building surveyor has been asked to prepare a building cost re-instatement valuation of Deer Hall for insurance purposes on the terms previously advised.

**17 Roads and Traffic Report inc. Cycling Events** NM reported that work to repair the drain and sink hole in Burley Park was completed today. Following heavy rain there has not been any further flooding in the village following the previous drain clearance.

NM reported on the cycling event to be run by UK Cycling Events on 7/8<sup>th</sup> April; this will pass through Burley between 8.40am and 11.25am. However this is Palm Sunday and there will be a procession from the Church. NM agreed to highlight this to UK Cycling Events (cc. Safety Advisory Group and NFNPA) (NM).

VJ reported that in Forest Road near to Burley Street, gravel on the side of road has washed away leaving large pot holes (NM).

RC reported that outside Mormons there is a broken hydrant cover; RC queried whose responsibility it is to repair this. (NM)

**18 Burley Heritage Report and Affordable Housing** Nothing to report.

**19 Lengthsman** NM reported that Burley's new Lengthsman has painted the bus shelters and removed the bench at Lester Square (see Item 13). He has a job list for the rest of March and a job list is being put together for April, including painting the Red Cross Hut, the BPC noticeboard in the centre of the village, cleaning Picket Post signage and cutting back foliage/brambles.

**20 Planning Decisions** The full Council, sitting as the Planning Committee, noted the decisions communicated by NFNPA since the last monthly meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017: -

Application No. & Date	Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFNPA Decision
16/01051 19.12.16	Burley Manor Hotel, Ringwood, Road	Retention of existing marquee for temporary period of 12 months	R5 – No objection	Granted 10.02.17
16/00928 17.11.16	1 Manor Farm Cottage, Forest Road	Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for existing dwelling with basement	R5 – No objection	Application Lawful

Applications considered at BPC Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017: -

Application No. & Date	Name of Applicant	Address	Proposal	Deadline for BPC Response	BPC Recommendation
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17/00022 30.01.17	Mr & Mrs Prior	The Paddocks, Castle Hill Lane	First floor extension; roof alterations; bay window; render	17.03.17	R5 – No objection
17/00076 02.02.17	Mr & Mrs Tovey	Vale House, Burley Street	Outbuilding	09.03.17	R5 – No objection

Cllr. Clarke would forward the agreed planning responses to NFNPA by email in the usual way. (RC)

**21 Reports** The Chairman said BPC was very happy to hear that NFDC had fined fly tippers who dumped rubbish at Vereley. Cllr Frampton (NFDC) said that the new local plan and core strategy does not affect Burley. Cllr Mans (HCC) said that the Council tax increase has been set at 4.99%. There was a discussion on the effect of today's budget on local issues.

NM attended the SW Quadrant meeting and passed leaflets to Cllrs intended for new residents; these will be passed on to go in Welcome Packs (NM). Further items discussed at the SW Quadrant meeting included Astroturf in gardens, New England style wood-look cladding, animal accidents, reduction in road signs and a discussion on the Forest Design Plan.

NM also attended Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee.

Cllr Clarke said that it had not been possible for any BPC representative to attend the New Forest Consultative Panel meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. However, after discussion with BPC Chairman, he had sent an email to the Panel Chairman on 20<sup>th</sup> February with apologies for absence at that Panel meeting adding comment upon the misleading way the minutes of the last Panel meeting had summarised what had emerged from the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November (attended by Cllrs Daubeney & Clarke) about Jonathan Cox Associates' report on their NF Wetland Restoration Review i.e. that this was clearly not *"a scientifically robust study identifying very positive outcomes to the HLS Scheme of Wetland Restoration"* as claimed publicly by the HLS partners and Natural England. Consequently, Cllr. Clarke had requested reassurance from Mr Clive Chatters (the Panel Chairman) that active steps would now be taken for the public to be shown WR work to be appropriate in ecological & scientific terms and thence tangibly assured that the work is properly executed and the results accurately monitored. Mr Chatters subsequently responded that the FC is taking steps to ensure effective community consultations in future and he acknowledged that there is a need to ensure that the evidence supporting decisions in the NF is appropriate and proportionate. Cllr Clarke noted that the FC has now appointed a Monitoring Officer to follow the progress of Wetland Restoration projects, like Harvestslade Bottom, with funding provided by the HLS Scheme.

Cllr Clarke noted that still nothing more has been heard further from either the NAO or ICO regarding BPC's continuing WR concerns.

**22 Urgent Business** None

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm. Date of next meeting will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in Myrtle Hall.**