

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Present	Cllr Daubeney, Cllr J Cook, Cllr P Egerton, Cllr R Clarke, Cllr V Johnstone, S Gale (The Clerk), Cllr K Mans (HCC), John Vincent, Kate Copelin and 16 members of the public
Date	Wednesday 10 th November 2021
Opened at	6.30pm Closed at 9.10pm
Subject	Burley Parish Council full monthly meeting

1 Public Participation Planning items: The agent for Tree Trunks spoke in support of the planning application and was present in order to answer any questions raised (application to be discussed under item 20).

Crime: Cllr Egerton noted that local police were invited to attend this BPC meeting, but no reply was received. Cllr Egerton also reported that suspects of recent crimes in the area had been arrested but not charged; police are patrolling the area. CCTV has been investigated as a deterrent – Cllr Egerton will circulate an email with information to interested parties (PE) and will discuss further with relevant electors. An elector reported five attacks with catapult/ball bearings in the last month. A member of the public said he has sent a letter to Sir Desmond Swayne MP outlining the recent crimes. Wathen-Bartlett now has CCTV cameras and signs. Potential CCTV signage in the village was discussed. Members of the public requested a meeting with BPC and the police (PE to contact CI Helen Andrews).

Trees: The Chairman summarised BPC's position on the preservation of healthy trees and the replacement of diseased trees that must be felled. It was confirmed that Forestry England (FE) are responsible for maintaining trees on Crown land. It was noted that BPC has plans to commemorate HM Queen's Platinum jubilee with tree planting.

It was confirmed that a senior FE officer was not able to attend the meeting this evening despite a representative previously planning to attend; the Chairman has written to the Deputy Surveyor of FE to express BPC's disappointment.

A discussion was held with several residents involving the lack of communication from FE and recent tree works in Pound Lane. It was confirmed that some householders who were directly affected were consulted by FE.

Cllr Clarke confirmed that BPC was informed by FE of concerns with the trees in August 2021 and that he met with the responsible FE Beat Manager on site several times, to discuss the trees in question. A Picus Sonic Tomograph tree survey showed that some 5 trees were at an advanced stage of decay. In September, FE wrote & consulted with those neighbours most affected. Ultimately, it was decided that 2 of the very large oak trees surveyed needed to be felled immediately in the interests of public safety.

It was confirmed that FE reports to the Secretary of State for DEFRA and that communications can be channelled through the local MP. BPC is planning to replace felled trees, as has previously been achieved in Pound Lane. BPC will look after saplings for the first 10 years whilst they are surrounded by tree guards; utilising the expertise of the FE. It was said that any healthy timber from felled trees would likely be sold by FE. Some electors confirmed that they had seen copies of the tree scans. Cllr Clarke said that of the 5 trees surveyed, 3 will be left standing at this stage.

It was highlighted that any questions for FE can be submitted to "Southern Enquiries" and FE will answer these questions. Alternatively, anyone can contact FE at Queen's House in Lyndhurst.

Another member of the public asked why a second independent opinion was not sought on the tree works. It was made clear that it is FE's job to look after trees on Crown land and that they and their contractors are qualified to do this; the trees could clearly be seen to be diseased once felled. It was suggested that any member of the public could seek their own professional advice should they wish to.

The replanting of replacement trees and the effect of the fungus present in the ground was discussed.

An elector said that at Holmsley Bridge replacement site, contractors have felled a number of trees. Cllr Keith Mans (HCC) requested that BPC email him with details as the HCC contract with contractors should have a clause to replace any felled trees (JC).

A possible BPC tree replacement meeting was discussed.

Broadband: A member of the public spoke about Openreach visiting his land regarding fibre (JC to follow up). It was also confirmed that Cllr Cook is looking into traffic and speeding issues.

2 Apologies Cllr P Russell, Cllr Martyn Levitt (NFDC)

3 Declarations of Interest Cllr Clarke declared a pecuniary interest in Whitecroft, Clough Lane to be considered under item 20 and will therefore be abstaining from any decision-making process. PE declared a non-pecuniary interest in Tree Trunks, Randalls Lane.

4 Approval of Minutes of the full BPC meeting held on 13th October 2021 Having been previously circulated, the Minutes and Clerk's report for the last meeting were agreed and signed.

5 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report. As shown in the Clerk's report the balance of the current account on 30th October was £13,334.82. The payments detailed in the Clerk's report were approved. Cllr Egerton confirmed that he has reconciled the online statements for September with the Clerk's report.

6 Vacancy for Clerk/RFO Applications have been received following adverts circulated in the Lymington Times, the local Society of Local Council Clerks email circular and on the Hampshire Association of Local Councils website. It was agreed that the deadline be extended as the advert was not run in the village magazine due to the vacancy deadline. Deadline extended to: 1st January (SG)

7 LDDN relocation Cllr Egerton to email to HCC (PE)

8 Cyber Crime and scams Following a circulated email on scams and cyber-crime, the Clerk circulated details of how to access the HCC scams newsletter (SG).

9 Maintenance of village environment Road safety and highways risks will be concentrated on: JC will investigate whether a costly audit would be effective at achieving results.

10 HM Queen Platinum Jubilee 2022 See public participation.

11 Broadband update None

12 Trees for planting projects 8 potential new saplings in Pound Lane are planned. An adopt-a-tree project for local residents to help maintain saplings was mentioned. The lengthsman may also help with maintenance depending on work lists.

13 Correspondence on the following subjects was discussed: trees; bright lights during dark hours at Spencers estate agents; Muddy Lane ditches; Burley Wagon Rides – a meeting with FE will be held on Thursday 25th November to be attended by RC, KC, VJ, (PE). It was agreed that although BPC understands the worries of some villagers with the issues raised regarding Burley Wagon Rides, there is also support for this unique local business and its contributory role within the overall Burley business community.

14 Licensing None

15 Emergency Plan Update PE will contact Burley Good Neighbours to update details (PE). It was confirmed that BPC insurance covers emergency plan volunteers providing that their roles have been included in risk assessments, adequate training has been given and volunteers are aware of safeguarding policies.

16 Burley Watch – Police liaison BPC will request police attendance at the next BPC meeting from CI Helen Andrews. (PE)

17 Roads and Traffic Report Cllr Cook said he had visited Shell Petrol Station at Picket Post to highlight overgrown hedges and vision issues. There is a missing milestone between the roundabout and Shell which a previous Councillor confirmed has been missing for some time. This will be removed from the asset register (SG).

Cllr Cook said one of two damaged manhole covers is due to be repaired next week and the ownership of the second, in Esdaile Road, is being investigated.

Repainting of roundels in Forest Road will be included in a survey being completed by Cllr Cook; this will be sent to Hampshire Highways (HH). (JC)

18 The Lengthsman Two damaged salt bins have been reported on the HCC website. All salt bins should be refilled by HCC by the end of December.

The Lengthsman has been working around the War Memorial in readiness for Armistice Day.

19 Reports Cllr Mans reported on: HCC's 2-year savings programme; that the Police and Crime Commissioner visited Sway PC recently; HCC are carrying out a new survey of 20mph limits. He requested that a list of required jobs that a Lengthsman is not currently allowed to undertake be sent to him directly (JC). Cllrs highlighted issues with a recent "dragon machine" making road repairs and this will be sent in writing to KM (JC). Cllr Mans mentioned the availability of Platinum jubilee funds from his devolved budget. It was noted that more information is being awaited on LDDN relocation. The Chairman requested that Cllr Mans ask Mr Avery (NFNPA) about the required wayleave for the planned

affordable homes in Burley. It was noted that Cllr Mark Steele (NFDC) has resigned.

20 Planning Decisions communicated by NFNPA since last report for BPC Meeting 13th October

Applicati on No.	Address	Proposal	BPC Recom- mendation	NFNPA Decision
21/00577	Shoot Wood, Bisterne Close	Single storey extn. Alterations to fenestration (Amended plans)	R5 – NPOs to decide	Granted
21/00768	Rooks Farm, Pound Lane	Two storey extn; single storey extn; 2no. rooflights; demolition of existing lean-to		Withdrawn
21/00811	Forest House, Bisterne Close	Replacement outbuilding (demolition of existing)	R5 – NPOs to decide	Granted

Applications considered on 10th November 2021

NFNPA Application No. & Date	Address	Proposal	Deadline for BPC Response	BPC Recommendation
21/00749	Whitcroft, 2 Clough Lane,	Two storey extn; porch; altns to doors and windows; 1no. two storey outbuilding. 1no. single storey outbuilding; altns to access inc gates and fencing; removal bay window, porch overhang; demolition of 2no. outbuildings	10.11.21 (ext to 11.11.21)	R5 – NPOs to decide
21/00875	Vale House, Burley Street	Replacement stables	09.11.21 (extn to 11.11.21)	R1 - Approval
21/00873	Tree Trunks, Randalls Lane	Garage; garden room; swimming pool; paving (demolition of existing garage and store)	15.11.21	Decision differred
21/00909	Track To Stables And Field Behind Shoot Wood, Bisterne Close	Renovation and extension of track and hardstanding	24.11.21	R5 – NPOs to decide

Lights at Spencers were discussed: these are very bright, late at night. Cllr Clarke reported that the light timer will be adjusted and Spencers are looking into reducing the brightness of the LED bulbs. The enforcement officer is to be consulted.

21 Urgent Business A Finance Committee meeting was provisionally planned for Wednesday 8th December at 5pm (SG)

Cllr Egerton reported that the Autumn Litter pick was very successful with 21 adults and 12 children attending; 29 sacks of rubbish were collected.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm Next monthly meeting of BPC: Wednesday 1st December at 6.30pm in Myrtle Hall.