

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes to be approved at meeting on 9th April 2014

Present Cllr Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Russell, Cllr Martin,
In attendance Mrs Gale (Clerk),
Also present 4 members of public, 2 representatives from Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) Power Distribution and a representative from the New Milton Advertiser
Date Wednesday 12th March 2014
Place Myrtle Hall, Copse Road, Burley
Opened at 6.30pm **Closed at** 9.20pm
Subject Burley Parish Council Monthly meeting

1 Public Participation Alex Howison, Stakeholder Engagement Manager and Darren Hall, Operations Manager from SSE Power Distribution attended the meeting at the request of the Chairman to discuss the power cuts in Burley during the winter. Cllr Daubeney said poor communication and the length of the power cuts were major concerns, especially taking into account the large elderly population in Burley. Mr Howison said that during the December to February period, 41 significant events had been experienced and SSE had provided 420% more staff over the Christmas period than is usual, including contractors brought in from other areas. Cllr Daubeney asked if Health and Safety issues and light levels had slowed repairs. Mr Hall replied that there had been some Health and Safety issues due to extreme weather and darkness but that engineers had worked extremely hard. Mr Howison acknowledged that SSE had not been pro-active in advising the public of the amount of time that the power would continue to be off. He said that the emergency service centre had been overwhelmed with calls and that communications between that centre and local depots had also been poor. Mr Howison said a "Priority Service Leaflet" is now available, giving information on how to register elderly and vulnerable people for pro-active contact from SSE emergency contact centre. Cllr Russell asked if the age of equipment in Burley substations was responsible for the number of power cuts. Mr Howison said that this was not the case and that the equipment in substations has a lifespan of 60-70 years and is inspected annually. Cllr Daubeney stated that there had been an underground cable problem before Christmas and that although a temporary generator was provided it ran out of fuel. Mr Hall added that copper wire had also been stolen. Mr Howison said that he would feedback the comments from BPC to customer services at SSE regarding the experienced poor communication issues. He also went onto say that he could provide help with local resilience plans for the future and that SSE have a fleet of generators which are rolled out in emergencies. He added that food vans were a new idea that may be available during future significant events and that hot pack food could also be provided – these are self-heating and do not require electricity or gas. Cllr Daubeney asked that Mr Howison provide information in writing of all the available help that had been mentioned.

A member of the public clarified a point she made at the meeting of BPC on 12th February when she asked if there was a high risk of contamination resulting from a lack of air ventilation. Members of the council confirmed that when Mr Mike Cash (NFDC) had attended a meeting of BPC he stated that there had not been problems of any kind experienced at other renovated public conveniences in the area that had been built to the same specification.

Cllr Kendall confirmed to a member of the public that the branches and debris in Ringwood Road, that she reported at the meeting in February, have been cleared and that this work would continue towards Burley Street.

A member of the public re-iterated that she would like to see a social website for Burley, separate from the Burley Parish Council website.

3 members of the public spoke regarding the planning application at Pipers. Presentations were given on the reasons for the proposed design of the development by the applicant and his surveyor. A neighbour spoke of his opinion on the design of the proposed development. He also thanked Cllr Clarke for his communications regarding the application. (Considered under Item 17.)

2 Apologies Cllr Thorpe, Cllr Penwarden (NFDC), Cllr Mans (HCC)

3 Declarations of Interest None

4 Minutes of previous Meeting Resolved – that the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 12th February 2014 and the Clerk's report for that meeting, having been previously circulated, can be signed and dated by the Chairman as a correct record. **The cleared current a/c balance on 6th March was £14313.78.**

5 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report Cllr Clarke reported that he had met with Catherine Kirkham of HARAH and Nick Evans of NFNPA Planning Dept. to identify possible sites for affordable housing. No new sites were identified, however Ms Kirkham is reviewing again the earlier sites suggested.

Cllr Clarke confirmed that he would soon be carrying out further calculations to ascertain a suitable height for the Leylandii tree hedge on the boundary between Deer Hall and Camden House. He also stated that there are now increased danger issues with the high hedge in addition to the anti-social aspects. (RC)

Cllr Kendall reported that doctors at the Burley surgery thought the idea of siting a de-fibrillator in Burley village to be very good. Cllr Kendall agreed to investigate cost, possible sites and possible key holders. (JK)

Cllr Daubeney & Cllr Kendall reported receiving invitations to the opening of McDonalds at Picket Post in April.

Cllr Daubeney reported receiving an email from the Twinning Association in Beurlay, France, to which he has replied. Cllr Russell reported being unable to get hold of the possible co-ordinators of the Twinning Association in Burley.

Cllr Russell said that Cllr Daubeney had agreed to speak at the inaugural meeting of the Burley Historical Society on 15th April, on the history of Durmast House garden.

Cllr Martin said that the brass plaque for the Jubilee clock was now ready and would be fitted by John Topp next week.

The clerk confirmed that the Jubilee clock had been added to the Fixed Asset register. Cllr Martin asked that the clock post and cycle racks also be added. It was agreed that the clock, post and fittings be added to the insurance policy. (SG)

Cllrs Daubeney and Kendall will attend the Little Deers Day Nursery AGM on 1st April 2014. (PD/JK)

6 Cycling – Wiggle Spring Sportive Cllr Daubeney said that he had received a reply from James Knight, Safety Advisory Group (SAG) at NFDC, to his letter regarding the Wiggle Spring Sportive. Cllr Daubeney said that he felt very strongly that the route had the potential to be very dangerous as it passes through the centre of Burley at a point where 3 roads meet, especially as the second day of the Sportive is on Palm Sunday when a procession of people and animals will walk from the Cross to the Church. Cllr Daubeney said that it was clear that the SAG only advised the organisers of the Sportive and did not have authority to enforce recommendations or permissions. Cllr Kendall said that at a meeting of the Burley Business Association similar views were expressed. Cllr Russell suggested closing the road to cars, as is done on Armistice Day, so that cyclists could go round the memorial cross on the wrong side of the road. Cllr Martin agreed with Cllr Daubeney's comments and confirmed that it is too late to close the road for the Spring Sportive. Cllr Martin stated that the Highways Agency were considering placing "Obstruction Ahead" signs in Pound Lane and that marshals provided by the organisers, UK cycling events, and a patrol car with flashing lights would be in place in Pound Lane. Cllr Martin said that he had received a response from UK cycling events saying that they would not be able to re-route the sportive to avoid the centre of Burley as this would require cyclists to use the A35 and that this would be too dangerous. Cllr Daubeney agreed to contact Police Commissioner Simon Hayes to discuss this issue and also Brockenhurst Parish Council for their support. (PD)

7 Forestry Commission Policy on Felled Trees, replanting programme Cllr Martin said a local resident had raised the issue of the amount of debris from fallen trees that had remained after roads and paths had been cleared following recent weather events. Cllr Martin confirmed that he is waiting for a response from an advisor to the NFNPA to discuss the clearing of debris and regeneration planting. Cllr Clarke said that although it was accepted that some wood debris could be left as habitats for wildlife this should be in proportion. (NM)

8 Emergency Plan Update Cllr Daubeney said that he was in contact with Cllr Thorpe who is updating the Emergency Plan lists of helpers and vulnerable and that he would follow up on this. (PD)

9 Annual Assembly Cllr Daubeney said that he would like more time for questions and answers at this year's Annual Assembly on 28th April. Cllr Clarke suggested requesting written reports from contributors that could be summarised to save time. Cllr Daubeney said that he would look into this further (PD)

10 Burley Litter Pick Cllr Kendall confirmed that a litter pick had been organised by Mike Cash (NFDC) along the A31 to Burley and took place on 12th March. Sunday 27th April, 2.30pm was agreed as the time & date for the next BPC Litter Pick. (RC/SG)

11 Correspondence Cllr Daubeney reported receiving a copy of a response from NFDC Environmental Health Officer to an elector who had complained regarding noise from the extractor fans at the White Buck Inn. A technical solution is being sought and NFDC are keeping the situation under review.

Cllr Martin reported receiving a letter from an elector regarding cycling and potholes.

Cllr Kendall reported receiving an email from the Forestry Commission who stated that business signs on FC land in Burley will be removed unless a licence is held. It was requested by the FC that Cllr Kendall over-see this. It was agreed by BPC that while non-profit making local organisations may place short term adverts in Burley for local events, out of place advertising by profit making businesses or events would not be tolerated. However, it is the responsibility of the FC to fully enforce this.

12 BPC Website The proposed rate for extra hours worked on updating the BPC website and the initial ideas for modification, previously circulated, were agreed. (SG) Cllr Martin suggested links with the Burley Business Association (BBA) website.

13 Young People in Burley Cllr Kendall expressed concern that the 60's night being organised by YOBS was not being well supported.

14 Roads and Traffic Report Cllr Martin said potholes are initially repaired temporarily by Hampshire Highways (HH), in one of two ways. These temporary repairs cannot be carried out if water is present in the hole and when completed should last up to 20 days; permanent repairs are then carried out. However due to extreme weather HH are unable to say when permanent repairs will be done. HH are aware of the issues in Burley and have been very supportive previously.

Cllr Martin confirmed that he will be writing to the Highways Agency regarding the fencing along the A31, as mentioned at the meeting of BPC in February. (NM)

Cllr Daubeney queried whether Holmsley Passage remains closed. Cllr Martin confirmed this to be so but agreed to follow this up and to report back at the next meeting. (NM)

15 Burley Living History Project Cllr Russell asked the clerk to provide bank details to Philip Buckley so that a small grant can be received from HCC. (SG) Cllr Russell confirmed that a heritage lottery fund application for the Burley War Heroes project is now largely complete and that some money would need to be raised locally. Cllr Martin said that he would rather money be raised for projects within the village that focus on the future. Cllr Kendall concurred. Cllr Russell confirmed that the grant being applied for is for the specific purpose of history projects and that other grants are available for other purposes.

Cllr Russell confirmed that he had visited Romsey Heritage Centre and is waiting to hear from Fordingbridge Heritage Centre to get an idea of how heritage centres are managed.

Cllr Clarke confirmed that he had viewed a property to assess its suitability as a home for BLH and that although the location was good, the prospective buildings were in a poor state of repair.

16 Reports on Current Projects

- i) **Lengthsman** Cllr Kendall reported that the Lengthsman is doing an excellent job, that he has cleared leaves from outside the Burley Inn curtilage and will clear brambles along Chapel Lane.

- ii) **Cycle Racks** Cllr Martin confirmed that the cycle racks have now been installed and expressed his thanks to NFNPA Sustainable Transport Solutions Fund for providing funding and to NFDC for installing the racks. Cllr Martin said that the supplier of the racks had also made a sign for the cycle racks which will be placed at the entrance to the car park when the public convenience renovations are complete and the area has been tidied up.

17 Planning

The full Council, sitting as the Planning Committee, noted the decisions communicated since the last BPC meeting on 12th February 2014:-

Application No. & Date	Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFNPA Decision
99153 30 12 13	Gorselands Nursing Home, Coach Hill Lane	Enlargement of Existing Nursing Home to give 10 additional bedrooms & ancillary accommodation	R4 - Refusal	Withdrawn 19 02 14

Applications considered at the BPC Meeting on 12th March 2014:-

Application No. & Date	Name of Applicant	Address	Proposal	Deadline for BPC Response	BPC Recommendation
00053 07 02 14	Mr Jordan	Forest Garden, Beechwood Lane	Roof alterations to single storey element; replacement conservatory; demolition of existing conservatory	14 03 14	R5 – No Objection
00058 04 02 14	Mr & Mrs Galek	Pipers, Bisterne Close	Two storey rear extension; single storey extension; balcony	13 03 14	R2 - Refusal
00110 17 02 14	Mr & Mrs Salmon	Little Pond Cottage, Bisterne Close	Manege; fencing	24 03 14	R5 – No Objection
00124 19 02 14	Mrs Young	Trokes Mead, Pound Lane	Outbuilding	26 03 14	R5 – No Objection
00128 18 02 14	Mr A Barbieri	Gorselands Cottage, Coach Hill Lane	Two storey extension; Floor Extension; roof alterations including replacement chimney	25 03 14	R5 – No Objection

18 Reports None

19 Any Other Business Cllr Kendall reported that:

- Now the weather is improving, work on the Parish Notice Board can commence.
- BBA are investigating the cost of hanging baskets for the village.
- A fallen branch on the Burley to Burley Street footpath resulted in broken fencing at Sandy Shoot. This is being dealt with by the FC.
- A fallen tree behind Myrtle Hall had resulted in the public footpath from Warnes Lane to Campden Park being blocked and 2 adjoining properties being damaged. This is being dealt with by Hampshire Rights of Way team and the property owner's insurance company.
- Cllr Clarke reported that the local Moviola organisers are running at a potential loss and that he had received an enquiry regarding possible support from BPC.

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20p.m.

Date of next meeting will be Wednesday, 9th April 2014 at 6.30p.m. in Myrtle Hall