

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes for approval at the meeting on 14th October 2015

Present	Cllr P Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr N Martin, Cllr R Clarke, Cllr P Russell, Cllr K Hall
In attendance	the Clerk Mrs S Gale, Cllr R Frampton (NFDC), Tony Bracey (Emergency Plan coordinator), Cllr K Mans (HCC)
Also present	A representative from New Milton Advertiser and 2 members of the public.
Date	Wednesday 9 th September 2015
Opened at	6.30pm Closed at 8.40pm
Subject	Burley Parish Council Monthly meeting

1 Public Participation A member of the public said he wanted to extend his existing agricultural barn for business use and enquired about planning permission. Cllr Clarke said that he had no previous applications to compare to but thought it would be looked upon favourably as it would be an extension of the current use and also encouraging local business. Cllr Frampton (NFDC) advised that a prior notification application should be submitted to the NFNPA and that this would confirm whether a planning application is required.

A member of the public said that an article in the Parish magazine had asked for a sign to Sandy Shoot to be reinstated. As the owner of the property previously known as Sandy Shoot, now 2 dwellings, he said that one of the properties would be renamed Sandy Shoot by the end of 2016.

A member of the public asked whether 6 big poppies could be displayed around Burley during the Poppy appeal. Cllrs did not foresee any problem with this. She also asked whether anyone had experienced door to door canvassing by the RBL; Cllr Hall said that she had. The elector asked whether an event with a Military band and hot air balloons for the Poppy appeal, to be held in either July or August 2016 should be a village initiative or a RBL event. The Chairman said this was a RBL event. Cllrs said research should be done due to the proximity of Burley to Bournemouth airport and local flight paths. It was confirmed that the FC own the land where the cricket pitch is situated. The elector went on to enquire what progress had been made with the Warnes Lane cattle grid and requested a copy of relevant correspondence containing the contact details of the Highways Manager; Cllr Martin provided these details, read out the most recent correspondence (3rd September) and said that he had been in regular contact with Mr Bastow who is chasing the issue. The cattle grid has been cleaned and bolts tightened; however the anchors may also need fixing. Cllr Russell said he had also received a recent noise complaint regarding the cattle grid. The elector asked what the flag policy is for the village. Cllr Clarke confirmed that National flags are permitted to be flown and that he has spoken to the enforcement officer about this previously. The elector asked why the business community does not contribute to the village magazine; the Chairman said that was for the business community to decide.

2 Apologies Cllr J Kendall,

3 Declarations of Interest None

4 Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting Resolved – that the Minutes of the: extraordinary meetings held on 2nd July and 7th July, the planning meeting on 20th August and the meeting held on 8th July together with the Clerk's report for that meeting, having been previously circulated be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report Cllr Martin said he has heard nothing further from the residents of Church Road regarding maintenance of their private road. Richard Frampton said he was not able to help with Garden Road maintenance as it required the digging up of scalplings and re-laying. He suggested that the residents could approach HCC for adoption and that the road would then be maintained; however it would need to be a certain standard before adoption and would require all residents agreement. It was discussed that this may encourage further use of the road. (PR)

Cllr Clarke said that he thought a footpath in Chapel Lane is feasible from a practical point of view by culverting the ditch. (NM to follow up with Hants Highways.)

Cllr Clarke confirmed that Burley Club do not need permission for a beer garden in their car park as this is covered by existing use rights.

Cllr Clarke will write to Sandy Simpson regarding replacement toilets at LDDN. (RC)

Cllr Hall said that a Burley Street notice board could not replace the phone box as an email from BT confirmed that it must remain for emergency calls.

As shown in the clerk's report the balance of the current account on 1st September was £6463.06 confirmed by Cllr Martin who signed the bank statement. The payments detailed in the clerk's report were approved and the cheques signed.

It was agreed that the Clerk check if Came & co remain competitive for Parish Council insurance and whether HALC have any further recommendations of insurance companies. It was agreed that in principle a further LTA should be taken out. (SG)

It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to Village Hall trustees about the electricity used by the defibrillator. Cllr Frampton confirmed that a small heater and one light bulb use electricity but the defibrillator itself is not charged via the mains supply. (PD)

6 Update on Burley Emergency Plan Tony Bracey, emergency plan coordinator gave a summary of what has been achieved so far and circulated a registration form for the Emergency Priority Register. He suggested circulating this via: the village magazine, at village clubs, nursing and residential homes and suggested he gave short talks to explain the Emergency Plan. Cllr Hall suggested circulation via the GP practice. Mr Bracey said he would be asking Mormans and the Post Office if they would collect in completed forms. This was agreed by all Councillors.

7 Approval and acceptance of annual return 2014-15 Resolved: That the Annual Return having been signed by BDO the external auditor be approved and accepted. (Proposed NM, seconded RC)

8 Addition of Cllr Hall as signatory to BPC accounts and removal of Mrs Thorpe

Resolved: That Cllr Kim Hall be added as a signatory to all BPC accounts and Mrs V Thorpe be removed as she is no longer a Councillor.

Resolved: The authorised signatories in the current mandate for all BPC accounts be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 of the Natwest form and the current mandate will continue as amended. (Proposed NM, seconded PR)

9 BPC Objectives 2015-2019 The Chairman said a copy of these had been circulated previous to the meeting and adoption of the objectives should be at the October meeting. He requested any comments or amendments before then. (ALL)

10 Superfast Broadband update Cllr Martin said that Glenn Peacey (HCC) and John Taylor (Openreach) will be attending the November meeting of BPC. It was agreed that Cllr Martin try to bring this forward to October (NM). Cllr Martin said that work had begun in the village centre on the first of the new superfast broadband cabinets; however the location of the Lester Square cabinet is still in dispute. Funding for Phase 1 of the Superfast Broadband project will conclude at the end of September so if the location is not agreed the installation of the second cabinet will be put back. It was agreed that BPC will write to the Verderers to gain support for the proposal. (NM/PD) Cllr Mans (HCC) agreed to meet with Cllr Daubeney and the official Verderer, Dominic May to discuss the issue. (PD) Cllr Russell asked if other villages in the New Forest have experienced the same problems; Cllr Mans confirmed that they have.

11 Feedback on the viability of a footpath – Chapel Lane See Matters Arising

12 Report on HGV parking at Picket Post Cllr Hall reported on behalf of Cllr Kendall that a meeting has been arranged for 6th October at the Picket Post site to discuss what should be done regarding the HGV parking. The meeting will include Mr. Ian Overton a senior member of Hampshire Highways, Mr Jim Stark from Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council and a member of the NFNPA at the request of the Highways Agency. (PD/JK/KH) Cllr Martin reported speaking to Cllr Lane from Sopley PC who would like the site landscaped and HGVs directed away from slipway to other refreshment areas further down the road. Cllr Martin said a common approach was needed. Cllr Clarke said he will speak to Lucie Cooper, enforcement officer regarding an Enforcement action to enforce proper use of the site. (RC) Cllr Frampton (NFDC) suggested raising the issue at a SW quadrant meeting as an agenda item. (RC)

13 Correspondence An elector has reported blue open top buses stopping at the bottom of the hill by the Coven of Witches and commented how dangerous this can be. (NM to follow up)

Cllr Daubeney reported receiving posters to promote the NFNPA Walking festival.

Cllr Hall reported a member of the public had complained about geese in the village car park that have bitten two people. (KH to follow up)

14 Young People in Burley Report Representatives from YoB will be invited make a presentation to BPC in either October or November. (KH)

15 Roads and Traffic Report Cllr Martin reported that:

- The layby in Pound Lane has been resurfaced
- A338 roadworks: regular updates have been received from Dorset Highways which have been circulated.

- There are several upcoming cycle events: 13th Sept Orchid, 19-20th Wiggle, 20th Cycletta, 11th Oct Grid Iron
- New reflective posts opposite Manor Tearooms seem to be controlling passing traffic. A request has been received by a nearby resident for posts to be placed outside of her house.
- The Fairy festival brought additional traffic to the village and subsequent complaints. In future, organisers will be approached to liaise with BPC and provide contingencies.

16 Burley Heritage Report

- A meeting will be held on 14th September.
- Cllr Daubeney and Cllr Russell will meet the solicitor responsible for setting up a local charity foundation.

Agreed: That the balance of the HCC grant only be paid to Secrets in Stone as the necessary receipts have been produced. A cheque for £135.00 was signed.

17 Reports on current projects:

i) Play Area Cllr Martin reported that he and Cllr Daubeney will be attending a meeting with the primary school headmaster and governors on 15 September.

ii) Burley Street noticeboard See Matters Arising

iii) Footpath: Burley to Burley Street Cllr Hall said she had received confirmation that the footpath from Burley to Burley Street will be cleared before winter.

18 Planning The full Council, sitting as the Planning Committee, noted the decisions communicated by NFNPA since the Planning Meeting on 20th August 2015: -

Application No. & Date	Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFNPA Decision
15/00474 01.07.15	Sandford Way, Pound Lane	Demolition of rear conservatory, replacement rear extension & 1 st floor roof amendments	R5 – No objection	Granted 21.08.15
15/00544 17.07.15	Gorselands Nursing Home, Coach Hill Lane	Retention of covered walkways and air conditioning unit	R2 - Refusal	Granted 01.09.15
15/00518 10.07.15	Ashen Wood, Castle Hill Lane	Replacement outbuilding; demolition of existing outbuilding	R5 – No objection	Granted 02.09.15
15/00582 22.07.15	6 Garden Road	Two storey front extension; render; cladding; veranda; shed	R5 – No objection	Granted 03.09.15

The Appeal against Refusal of Planning Application No. **14/01027** for a two storey extension to accommodate 8 additional bedrooms (net increase of 4 bedrooms) at Gorselands Nursing Home has been **refused** by the Planning Inspector after the public hearing on 11th August 2015.

Cllr. Clarke reported that the Forestry Commission's contractors started on the Harvestslade Wetland Restoration works (PA 14/00611) on 5th August (three weeks earlier than expected). The heavy rains delayed work but the project should now be completed around the end of September. However, the sheer scale of these works is extraordinary in terms of large vehicle movements and the introduction of many thousands of tons of clay & stone (in order to infill the artificial straight drain sections, restore the original meanders, raise the stream bed and repair the access tracks).

Applications considered at BPC Meeting on 9th September 2015: -

Application No. & Date	Name of Applicant	Address	Proposal	Deadline for BPC Response	BPC Recommendation
15/00592 06.08.15	Mr P Harrison	Orchard View, Coach Hill Lane	Replacement garage; demolition of existing garage	08.09.15	R5 – No objection

15/00595 12.08.15	Mr J Henney	Beechwood Cottage, Church Lane	One and two storey extensions; porches	16.09.15	R5 – No objection
15/00654 21.08.15	Mr A Gallichan	6 Honey Lane	Single storey extn.; demolition of existing conservatory & porch	25.09.15	R4 - Refusal
15/00667 /PATC 25.08.15	CTIL Ltd & Vodafone Ltd	Communications Site, Rear of Durmast House, Bisterne Close, Burley BH24 4AY	Determination as to whether Prior Approval is required for the siting and appearance of 6No.new antennas; Installation of 2No. cabinets ; etc.	29.09.15	R5 – No objection

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

19 Reports Cllr Frampton (NFDC) offered his congratulations to BPC on the outcome of the Gorselands appeal hearing. Cllr Daubeney thanked Cllr Frampton for his input to the Gorselands planning committee hearing. Cllr Frampton said NFDC are currently updating local plans and asking for views on the next plans. He suggested that if BPC had specific local building needs and identified sites, that these be put forward. (RC)

Cllr Mans reported that a combined bid from Hampshire & the Isle of Wight comprising two cities, police, fire, district council and national parks has been submitted for the chance to become a new combined authority. All current powers will remain but local authorities will have additional powers.

Cllr Mans reported that Childrens and Adults Services are making contingency plans for refugees. Hampshire may take a lot of children and have money available from the overseas aid budget.

Cllr Mans reported meeting with the Chairman of the Environment Agency and Highways Agency representatives to discuss winter flooding; some funding may be available as Hampshire was the 2nd most flooded county in the country in 2013.

Cllr Mans said that his devolved budget is open.

Cllr Russell said that in the Inspector's report for Gorselands appeal hearing it was noted that Highways did not comment. Cllr Clarke said that he raised this with the Planning officer who reported this as not uncommon. Cllr Mans suggested writing to himself, Sean Woodward and Stuart Jarvis as the NFNPA have not contacted HCC regarding this. (RC) Cllr Daubeney raised the issue of the White Buck's contribution to the local transport fund which so far remains untracked.

Cllr Russell reported attending a Bournemouth Airport consultative committee meeting where it was reported that: no fines on airlines have ever taken place; less noise complaints were received this summer and that the airport have been involved in discussions regarding the A338 roadworks.

Cllr Clarke reported on the last meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel he had attended on 3rd September at which Natural England, the Forestry Commission and the NFNPA jointly reported on the current Wetland Restoration Programme. As agreed at the previous meeting, Cllr Clarke lead a response on behalf of those Parish Councils involved, like Burley. He had reiterated the continuing concerns of villagers as expressed at the time of the Harvestslade Planning Application a year ago. The parishes were assisted by Prof. John Shepherd, C.B.E., F.R.S. As an expert commentator on the natural environment from Southampton University, he pointed out that, whilst the principle of Wetland Restoration is generally a good thing in order to regain degraded habitats, there are many important questions that remain unanswered as to the legal and scientific basis (or lack thereof) on which the ongoing works should be approached and evaluated.

Despite the completion of 100 such projects by the Forestry Commission over the past 15 years, only 4 have been the subject of Planning Applications and none has yet been the subject of a pre-start Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA'). However, The Forestry Commission has recently agreed voluntarily that one should be undertaken for the forthcoming Latchmore Brook project. Moreover, the current proposals at Pondhead (near Lyndhurst), are the subject of a 'Screening Direction' requested of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government by local inhabitants with the purpose of securing an EIA (which NFNPA have so far determined should fall outside the scope of the relevant regulations). It remains to be seen whether the authorities concerned will actually now recognise the need to address growing public disquiet on the subject of Wetland Restoration projects

20 Urgent Business The Burley Christmas carols evening was provisionally set as Tuesday 15th December 8-9pm subject to agreement with the Ringwood & Burley Band, the vicar and the venue (SG) and the December meeting of BPC on Wednesday 2nd December.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. Date of next meeting will be Wednesday, 14th October 2014 at 6.30pm in Myrtle Hall.