

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Present	Cllr Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Russell, Cllr Martin, Cllr Thorpe		
In attendance	Cllr Penwarden (NFDC), Mrs Gale (Clerk),		
Also present	15 members of public. And a representative from the New Milton Advertiser		
Date	Wednesday 12 th February 2014		
Place	Myrtle Hall, Copse Road, Burley		
Opened at	6.30pm	Closed at	9.15pm
Subject	Burley Parish Council Monthly meeting		

1 Public Participation Several members of the public spoke regarding the planning application to extend Gorselands Nursing Home, Coach Hill Lane and the following points were made:

- Gorselands is currently the 16th largest care home provider within a 10 mile radius and would be the 6th largest in the area if the planning application is approved.
- Access to Gorselands is via Coach Hill Lane - a single lane, part metalled forest track, currently used by service vehicles, cars, pedestrians and forest animals. There are no passing places and traffic is consistently busy at various times of the day.
- The design and access statement accompanying the Gorselands application states that Coach Hill Lane is a "little used cul-de-sac".
- An extension would potentially increase the traffic and affect access for emergency vehicles.
- Gorselands has previously been extended and altered.
- Other care homes are available in the area (although not within Burley) and have vacant beds.
- Gorselands is adjacent to a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- One resident of Coach Hill Lane spoke of noise and light issues.
- Collectively it was agreed that the level of care at Gorselands is not being disputed. The main concern over the application is access via Coach Hill Lane.
- Statistics quote that to be viable a nursing home needs more than 40 residents.
- Gorselands is the only nursing home remaining within Burley, following the closure of 2 other homes in previous years.

One member of the public asked whether the children's play area project had not progressed due to funding issues. Cllr Daubeney said that various sites had been considered for the play area but as yet a suitable site had not been found and that he did not believe that funding would be an issue. He continued to say that providing a play area is one of BPC's objectives and efforts would continue to be made to find a suitable site.

A member of the public commented that the public conveniences in Ringwood and Lyndhurst, which are of the same design as the refurbished public conveniences in Burley, have an extractor fan but no air ventilation. She asked if this could result in unpleasant odours. Cllr Daubeney agreed to follow this up with NFDC. (PD)

A member of the public queried how potholes are being repaired as some re-appear after repair. Cllr Martin agreed to follow this up with HCC (NM)

A member of the public commented that branches and debris are a hazard on Ringwood Road. Cllr Kendall said that the matter is in hand and that she will follow up on this (JK)

A member of the public asked if the village of Burley could have an interactive website. Cllr Kendall commented that Burley Parish Council has its own website containing general information regarding the village.

2 Apologies None

3 Declarations of Interest Cllr Clarke declare a non-pecuniary interest in Gorselands Nursing home, to be considered under Item 15.

4 Minutes of previous Meeting Resolved – that the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 8th January 2014 and the Clerk's report for that meeting, having been previously circulated, be signed and dated by the Chairman as a correct record. **The cleared current a/c balance on 31st January 2013 was £16758.67.**

5 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report Cllr Daubeney reported that the Forestry Commission had responded to a letter from BPC requesting available land for affordable housing. The FC had said that no land was available. **Agreed:** Cllr Daubeney and Cllr Clarke to meet with Catherine Kirkham of HARA in Burley, to assist in identifying possible sites for development. (PD/RC)

Cllr Russell said that he will raise the query of nuisance complaints to Bournemouth Airport at the next Airport Consultative Committee meeting.(PR)

Cllr Clarke reported that a letter had been sent by tenant neighbours to the owner of Camden House regarding high hedges but that no response has been received to date.

The Emergency Plan is to be updated in the light of recent bad weather and power cuts. The system of Helpers in areas of the village is a good one but needs to be allocated to postcodes to help the Emergency Services who rely on postcode identification. Cllr Thorpe reported that she is updating lists of helpers and vulnerable residents for the Burley Emergency Plan. A copy of the current lists were passed to Cllrs Kendall, Russell and Clarke for their assistance. (JK/PR/RC)

Cllr Russell queried whether BPC had previously agreed that the Jubilee film production and extra film interviews for BLH could go ahead. This was **agreed** subject to checks that the funding was in place. (SG)

Cllr Martin agreed to attend the Broadband workshop on 1st April and the New Forest Transport Forum on 19th March. (NM)

Cllr Kendall agreed to speak to local GPs regarding the possibility of a publically available defibrillator. (See Clerk's report) (JK)

6 Correspondence An email was received from a local resident querying whether advertisement boards outside the Burley Inn were allowed.

Agreed: Cllr Kendall to contact NFNPA planning enforcement. (JK)

7 Discussion of WWI Commemorations. Cllr Daubeney read out an email detailing ideas that had been discussed, along with the Royal British Legion, for WWI commemorations. Councillors agreed that the idea of a Peace Vigil at the war memorial was a good idea.

Agreed: Cllr Daubeney to communicate with RBL to suggest that the vigil could be less than 12 hours in length.

8 Cycling Cllr Martin outlined the route of the Wiggle event on 12th/13th April 2014, which passes through Burley village centre. Cllr Daubeney asked whether any over-seeing body had to agree to the route. Cllr Martin said that the event organisers would have had to submit a plan to the Safety Advisory Group for comment. Cllr Daubeney highlighted that the proposed weekend was in the school holidays and that on Palm Sunday (13th April) the church holds a procession through the village including animals. A detailed discussion was had about the event.

Agreed: Letters should be written to the Safety Advisory Group and ukcycling events outlining the issues raised and stating that BPC had not been consulted in the decision making process. (PD/SG) **Agreed:** The photographs would be taken to record the event. (NM/VT/PD)

Cllr Martin reported that minor changes have been made to the Cycling Code of Conduct which is displayed on the NFNPA website. Cllr Martin reported that an approach has been made to the Burley Business community to assist in promoting this and a positive response has been received.

9 Burley Twinning Association Cllr Russell reported the representatives from Bransgore Twinning Association are keen to support the Twinning Association in Burley and that he has provided them with a contact name for Burley Twinning. Cllr Russell is awaiting feedback.

10 BPC Website A short discussion was held regarding the current BPC website. It was agreed that a significant amount of updating is required. The clerk outlined two available options i) remain hosting the site through NFDC at no cost but update the content and organisation of the site and ii) Pay for a professional re-design which incurs an initial cost and maintenance costs.

Agreed: Clerk to update the current website in time over and above normal working hours (details to be agreed) and to remain with NFDC hosting the website.

11 Young People in Burley None

12 Roads and Traffic Cllr Martin reported:

- A damaged pinch point on Ringwood Road has been repaired and new reflectors fitted. Cat's eyes and improved road markings are still needed.
- Localised flooding outside the furniture shop was the result of a faulty pipe which has now been repaired.
- Adverse weather has resulted in considerable road damage and a program of repair continues by HCC.
- Homeowners must continue to keep boundary ditches clear, especially in adverse weather.
- HCC are putting together proposals to repair a bridge on Forest Road.

13 Burley Living History Project Cllr Russell reported that a Lottery application was currently being worked on for the Burley War Heroes project but had not yet been submitted.

14 Current Projects

i) Jubilee Clock Cllr Martin reported that the Jubilee Clock was installed on 4th February and a press statement has appeared in the New Milton Advertiser. The total cost of the project was £3547.88 including VAT and provision of a brass plaque which will be attached to the oak post.

Agreed: To send letters to Suzan Houching for the clock design; Barry Topp, John Topp and Ray Stride, thanking them for their contributions of the oak post and their time and hard work. (SG/PD/NM)

Agreed: To order brass plaque with the agreed wording.

ii) Play area Cllr Martin reported that this project will be put on hold until a suitable site is found.

iii) Lengthsman Scheme Cllr Kendall reported that the Lengthsman has cleared the footpath from Burley to Burley Street and that he will shortly be clearing brambles along Chapel Lane.

Agreed: Cllr Kendall will agree and write down a work schedule with the Lengthsman and report this back to the council. (JK)

iv) Cycle Racks Cllr Martin reported that the cycle racks are made and that HCC will install them when the ground is not so wet.

15 Planning

The full Council, sitting as the Planning Committee, noted the decisions communicated since the last BPC Planning Committee meeting on 8th January 2014:-

Application No. & Date	Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFPA Decision
99035 19 11 13	Kingswood, Bisterne Close	Re-roofing Existing Conservatory	R5 – No Objection	Granted 13 01 14
99093 10 12 13	Stablecroft Cottage, Pound Lane	Single Storey Side Extensions	R2 - Refusal	Granted 27 01 14

99088 06 12 13	8 Honey Lane	Single Storey Extension	R5 – No Objection	Granted 29 01 14
99075 16 12 13	Blackhill Cottage, Forest Road	Detached Garage with Dormers; External Staircase to 1 st Floor	R4 - Refusal	Refused 05 02 14

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

Application No. & Date	Name of Applicant	Address	Proposal	Deadline for BPC Response	BPC Recommendation
99153 30 12 13	Mr K Gibbs	Gorselands Nursing Home, Coach Hill Lane	Enlargement of Existing Nursing Home to give 10 additional bedrooms & ancillary accommodation	13 02 14	R4 – Refusal
00025 15 01 14	Mr & Mrs Nystrom	Bisterne Lodge, Bisterne Close	2 storey rear & side extension; creation of pitched roofs over existing flat roofs; rendering of whole house	19 02 14	R2 - Refusal

16 Reports Cllr Penwarden reported that: NFDC will no longer be banking with the Cooperative bank, the expected rise in planning applications has been evident indicating an upturn in the economy and that the voting station at Thorny Hill will be closed due to under use and to reduce costs.

Cllr Russell reported the Burley Historical Society will hold its inaugural meeting on 15th April.

17 Any Other Business Cllr Kendall reported:

- It has been proposed by the Library Service that the mobile library stop in Randall's Lane will be withdrawn by the end of 2014. A consultation period of 3 months ends on 2nd May 2014.
- McDonalds acquisitions team are speaking to Hampshire Highways regarding the layby at Picket Post.
- Mr Mike Cash (NFDC) has organised a contractor to clear litter on land outside of the Shell filling station, Picket Post on a monthly basis.
- Mr Mark Street, Forestry Commission is in communication with a resident of Burley regarding his requested dragon's teeth.
- Welcome Packs are now being distributed to new residents of Burley.
- Cllr Penwarden (NFDC) has donated £200 to LDDN for a viewing mirror.

Cllr Martin reported that a resident has requested that BPC write to the Highways Agency to ask that fences adjacent to A31 be checked as he has observed a break in one area.

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

Date of next meeting will be Wednesday, 12th March 2014 at 6.30p.m. in Myrtle Hall