

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes to be approved on 8th February 2017

Present Cllr P Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr R Clarke, Cllr N Martin,

In attendance S Gale (the Clerk)

Also present 0 members of the public

Date Wednesday 11th January 2017

Opened at 6.30pm Closed at 8.15pm

Subject Burley Parish Council Monthly meeting

1 Public Participation None

2 Apologies Cllr V Johnstone, Cllr P Russell, Cllr K Donaldson

3 Declarations of Interest None

4 Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting Resolved – that the Minutes of the last full Meeting held on 7th December 2016, together with the Clerk's report for that meeting and the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 4th January 2017, having been previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report

As shown in the Clerk's report the balance of the current account on 30th December was £11,835.95. The payments detailed in the Clerk's report were approved and the cheques signed. The bank statements were checked and signed by Cllr Martin.

The chairman confirmed that Cllr Donaldson's actions of path clearance and school governor application are still pending. (KD)

Cllr Martin confirmed that following the Community resilience event, he has met with Tony Bracey and shared the information. Mr Bracey is proposing to meet BPC in the Spring and complete an annual update of the Emergency Plan. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Johnstone now has a copy of the Emergency Plan.

There was a discussion on s137. The amount for 2016-17 was confirmed by the Clerk to be £7.42 per elector; the amount for 2017-18 is not yet confirmed.

RC agreed to attend the New Forest Association event on 24th January.

The recent War Memorial listing was discussed. It was agreed that the war memorial should be cleaned this year and the listing would be checked for restrictions regarding this. Three quotes will be obtained. (NM)

The Asset Register was reviewed following the recent Finance Committee meeting, including insurance values; this was approved. It was agreed that a building surveyor should be consulted to reassess the reinstatement value of Deer Hall and the Hut before end of this financial year; this has not been done for some time and it was noted that LDDN lease is due for renewal by 1st September 2017. (RC)

6 Approve Precept request for 2017-18 Approved: as recommended by the Finance Committee a precept of £13467 will be requested. (SG)

7 Approve the ordering of replacement defibrillator pads Approved (SG)

8 Agree Spring Litter Pick for Sunday 23rd April Agreed to start at 2.30pm (RC/KD)

9 Legislation, Licensing, Law and Order See Clerk's report.

10 Burley Twinning Association A report was previously circulated to Councillors from Mr Little on local business views of Twinning. It was concluded that there is no longer a connection with Beurley and little in Beurley for people to visit; therefore twinning with another, closer town maybe more appropriate. Mr Little suggested a town in Belgium that is North of Lille that has a Cider producer, a cycle museum and much local history. Mr Little agreed to write an insert for the Magazine to gauge support.

11 Correspondence The Chairman received an email from an elector reporting a resolution to a previous neighbour issue.

The Clerk confirmed that Welcome Packs are available at the village Post Office.

12 Superfast Broadband Update Nothing to report. (NM)

13 Report on Annual Assembly actions The tree guard for the Jubilee tree is outstanding (PD/VJ).

The Annual Assembly date was set as Monday 24th April. Suggested speakers to be invited were: the Forestry Commission and Emergency response contacts from Tony Bracey (NM).

14 Report on HGV parking at Picket Post Foliage obscuring signage at Picket Post was discussed; Cllr Martin reported that Highways England is aware. (NM)

15 Young People in Burley Report None

16 Roads and Traffic Report inc. Cycling Events Cllr Martin reported that:

- The sink hole and collapsed drain in a local landowner's field was inspected by Hampshire Highways at an on-site meeting. Engineers are now due to survey the drain. Communications regarding the ownership of the pipe are ongoing.
- Holmesley Bridge: HCC have been assessing the current condition; replacement work proposals are still being reviewed by the relevant parties.
- "20 is plenty": BPC is awaiting a response from Tim Lawton, Hampshire Highways
- He would like to thank John Topp for facilitating maintenance work on Burley Jubilee clock.

The Chairman reported that an elector has requested the cutting back of gorse between Durmast Corner and Goats Pen to improve visibility (VJ)

17 Burley Heritage Report and Affordable Housing The Chairman has been in contact with Mr Avery, NFNPA: there is nothing further to report at present, although negotiations are ongoing.

18 Reports on current projects:

i) Lengsthman There was a discussion on whether BPC should proceed with its own Lengthsman. It was agreed that a local contractor could be approached to complete outstanding jobs (NM/PD). The Clerk will confirm the hourly rate and number of hours per month available. (SG)

19 Planning Decisions The full Council, sitting as the Planning Committee, noted the decisions communicated by NFNPA since the last monthly meeting on 10th December 2016: -

Application No. & Date	Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFNPA Decision
16/00752 20.10.16	Land with Bridge Cottage, Lyndhurst Road	Barn	R5 – No objection	Granted 15.12.16
16/00956 17.11.16	Holmwood, Bisterne Close	Single storey rear extension; Single storey side extension	R2 - Refusal	Withdrawn 10.01.17

Applications considered at BPC Meeting on 11th January 2017

Application No. & Date	Name of Applicant	Address	Proposal	Deadline for BPC Response	BPC Recommendation
16/00881 08.12.16	Mr A Jupe	Lester Cottage, Mill Lane	Demolition of detached house; one new dwelling & garage	12.01.17	R4 - Refusal
16/01012 08.12.16	Mr J Bishop	Queens Close, The Cross	Replacement outbuilding; demolition of existing garage & car port	12.01.17	R5 – No objection
16/01048 19.12.16	Mr & Mrs Freeman	Forest View, Bisterne Close	Replacement garage	23.01.17	R5 – No objection
16/01051 19.12.16	New Forest Hotels plc	Burley Manor Hotel, Ringwood, Road	Retention of existing marquee for temporary period of 12 months	23.01.17	R5 – No objection

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

It was noted that an apparent Unauthorised Change of Use has been reported in respect of the house known as 'Sunnydell', Church Lane. The NFNPA have consequently made Request to Cease Breach of condition 3 of appeal decision APP/B9506/D/12/1218817 regarding the "Use of outbuilding as self-catering holiday accommodation".

20 Reports The Chairman reported that HCC elections will be held on 4th May; the Brockenhurst division conservative candidate is Cllr Keith Mans (HCC).

Cllr. Clarke confirmed that he has twice now been in contact with the National Audit Office on the subject of the NF Higher Level Stewardship Scheme and their Wetland Restoration Programme. The Forestry

Commission (in conjunction with their scheme partners i.e. The Verderers & NFNPA) undertook the Harvestslade Bottom project with the help of Natural England-administered EU grant funding.

At the request of our local MP, Sir Desmond Swayne, the NAO are continuing to investigate concerns regarding the eligibility of the HLS partners to receive such funding. It is also reviewing whether the work performed under the HLS scheme is appropriately controlled and monitored, issues that are at the heart of BPC's ongoing FoI/EIR enquiries.

In that latter connection, Cllr Clarke also confirmed that further correspondence with the Forestry Commission's Bristol Office has only served to emphasise their obdurate view that BPC's request for further information on the Harvestslade WR project is "manifestly unreasonable". Consequently, it is agreed that we should proceed to seek assistance in this respect by referring the matter to the Information Commissioner's Office. Cllr. Clarke is preparing to write accordingly to the ICO.

21 Urgent Business Cllr Martin agreed to attend the SW Quadrant meeting on 28th February in Cllr Clarke's absence. In Cllr. Clarke's continuing absence at that time, Cllr. Daubeney has similarly agreed to take his place at the NF Consultative Panel meeting on Thursday, 2nd March.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm. Date of next meeting will be Wednesday 8th February at 6.30pm in Myrtle Hall.