

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes to be approved on 11th January 2017

Present Cllr P Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr R Clarke, Cllr N Martin, Cllr V Johnstone, Cllr K Donaldson

In attendance S Gale (the Clerk),

Also present 1 member of the public

Date Wednesday 7th December 2016

Opened at 6.30pm Closed at 8.40pm

Subject Burley Parish Council Monthly meeting

1 Public Participation A member of the public reported that he has been in contact with previous organisers of the Burley-Beurlay Twinning Association and NFDC, through the Clerk, as he is interested in rekindling the relationship. He reported previously being involved with another Twinning Association that followed a model concentrating on business relationships. Cllr Johnstone said that she had previously been involved with the Burley twinning and that Beurlay in France approached Burley initially as there is a historical link; there was also an associated bank account. It was **agreed** to support Mr Little in principle to research the rekindling of the Association from a business perspective; however it was not agreed that a link with towns associated with witches should be pursued. Mr Little agreed to talk to local businesses and report back to BPC; he will also speak with the Mairie in Beurlay.

Cllr Clarke reported that the defibrillator is making a noise and Mike Jukes of Burley First Responders has received a complaint from a nearby resident. The manufacturer will make a site visit on Friday. It is thought that the problem is a cabinet malfunction and not with the defibrillator itself. **Agreed:** not to switch the defibrillator off whilst awaiting repair.

2 Apologies Cllr P Russell

3 Declarations of Interest None

4 Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting Resolved – that the Minutes of the last full Meeting held on 9th November 2016, together with the Clerk's report for that meeting having been previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Cllr Clarke queried whether there was information regarding Wetland Restoration missing from the minutes. The Clerk double checked and confirmed there was no information missing from the minutes but that there had been further information given by Cllr Clarke via the Village magazine following the meetings that took place after the BPC meeting on 9th November and before the magazine's December copy deadline date.

5 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report

As shown in the Clerk's report the balance of the current account on 30th November was £12,420.79. The payments detailed in the Clerk's report were approved and the cheques signed. The bank statements were checked and signed by Cllr Martin.

A member of public contacted Cllr Martin regarding the upcoming Hunt (See November minutes). Cllr Martin contacted the Forestry Commission's recreational permissions officer. He confirmed that the paddock intended for meeting is at the rear of the property with a rear entrance; Clayhill Car Park will be used for parking and participants are aware of this via the Hunt committee. The Forestry Commission have carried out a site visit; all relevant permissions have been obtained, a Risk Assessment completed and appropriate procedures are in place. Cllr Martin has reported this to the complainant.

Cllr Johnstone has contacted SSE regarding trees on overhead cables (see previous minutes); a team from SSE are due to visit the site.

Litter Picks: Keep Britain Tidy weekend is 3-5th March however it was agreed that Burley would carry out the usual Burley Spring litter pick after the clocks go forward. Cllr Donaldson said that she has met with the manager of McDonalds to discuss litter picking.

6 Set date for Finance Committee meeting The Chairman summarised for new Councillors that the Central government grant will be reduced to zero for 2017-18. In Burley there are currently 782 houses currently paying £17.21 per Band D house. The Finance Committee will discuss whether to hold the gross precept at £13649 requiring a small increase to approximately £17.50 to offset the loss of the grant. The precept request must be submitted by 15th January. **Agreed:** Finance Committee date: Wednesday 4th January at 4pm (SG)

7 Legislation, Licensing, Law and Order See Clerk's report. The license application relating to the Fairy Festival 2017 was discussed. Complaints have previously been received by BPC after the Fairy Festival

relating to noise, particularly live music and also in relation to traffic congestion. The current application contains no reference to numbers of visitors. Previous Fairy festivals have continued into the evening, possibly in breach of licence. The size of the Fairy Festival increases year on year. The Clerk will feed this back to the Licensing department, NFDC (SG).

8 Burley Twinning Association See public participation.

9 Correspondence An email was received from HCC Access Team requesting identification of paths that need cutting back; response is required by 1st February 2017. Cllr Donaldson will survey local paths and feedback to HCC as soon as possible. (KD)

The Chairman reported receiving an email from the Chair of Governors to Burley Primary School. There are 2 vacancies, to be co-opted, for Governors of the new federation of Burley and Sopley Primary Schools. **Agreed:** Cllr Donaldson will be nominated as BPC representative for co-option. (PD/KD)

Cllr Donaldson reported receiving complaints about street signage at Burley Club; Councillors agreed this had increased recently. This will be reported to NFDC (SG/KD).

10 Superfast Broadband Update None

11 Report on Annual Assembly actions See Lengsthman

12 Report on HGV parking at Picket Post Nothing further to report; currently awaiting timescales from HH for improvements to HGV parking area.

13 Young People in Burley Report None

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

- he has investigated signage to avoid traffic getting lost in Bisterne Close, while looking for the White Buck. Hampshire Highways would prefer wooden signage and Cllr Martin has put the White Buck's manager in contact with a local Forest sign woodcraft business. The White Buck confirmed that they have already applied for brown signage; Cllr Martin has requested to be kept up to date with the progress of this. There will be no cost to BPC.
- he has investigated the possibility of a by-law for cyclists however the NFNPA have said it would be difficult to single out cyclists as a bye-law would apply to all traffic and therefore it was agreed that this was impractical to pursue.
- there are potential drainage and flooding issues arising from a sink hole in Burley Park. Ownership of a damaged pipe is being investigated. Cllr Martin contacted Richard Bastow, HH and engineers have inspected the site: Cllr Martin is awaiting feedback.
- there is a deep drop from the verge in Chapel Lane which is a problem when cars have to pull off the road for oncoming traffic. HH have allocated a job number to fill the verge edges.
- he is still awaiting a response to his letter to HH of 2nd November regarding the "20 is plenty" scheme.
- HH met Cllr Martin on site at Warnes Lane cattle grid. 1 of the 3 sections of the cattle grid was rattling and was tightened. A metal edge plate is also rattling which will be replaced by HH in January 2017. The member of the public that requested all correspondence relating to this has received copies of all relevant papers.
- Drains in Pound Lane continue to flood a resident's garage during bad weather. HH will clear all surrounding drains.
- Warnes Lane pothole issues are ongoing.
- at the Bournemouth Airport PC meeting on 24th November, it was reported that 2 of 34 complaints regarding aircraft noise were received from Burley, this is a decrease compared to last year.
- on 18th November a Community Resilience event was held. Cllr Martin will meet with Tony Bracey, Emergency Plan co-ordinator to hand over the information given. Burley is one of only 3 Parish Councils in the New Forest to have an emergency plan. It was agreed that an annual update is needed. Copies of the Emergency Plan will be retrieved from retired Councillors and passed to new councillors (SG)

15 Burley Heritage Report and Affordable Housing The Chairman reported that the Vendor is still in negotiation with the NFNPA regarding land for Affordable Housing and a possible heritage centre.

16 Reports on current projects:

i) Lengsthman The Chairman reported that the Lengsthman has not achieved any of his job list and that Sopley PC now manage their own Lengsthman. Cllr Martin agreed to contact Richard Bastow HH to discuss the possibility of Burley managing its own Lengsthman scheme; however it was also agreed that the current scheme with Bransgore may continue if a change of Lengthsman occurred. (SG)

It was agreed that the Noticeboard re-siting be put out to tender, 3 quotes will be obtained by Cllrs Clarke and Johnstone. The noticeboard will be repaired, refurbished and re-sited. The quote should also include a tree guard for the Jubilee tree, as agreed at the Annual Assembly.

17 Planning Decisions The full Council, sitting as the Planning Committee, noted the decisions communicated by NFNPA since the last monthly meeting on 9th November 2016: -

Application No. & Date	Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFNPA Decision
16/00833 05.10.16	Nelrose, Pound Lane	Two storey extension; chimney; 3 no. rooflights	R5 – No objection	Withdrawn 23.11.16

Applications considered at BPC Meeting on 7th December 2016

Application No. & Date	Name of Applicant	Address	Proposal	Deadline for BPC Response	BPC Recommendation
16/00928 17.11.16	Mr Adams	1 Manor Farm Cottage, Forest Road	Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for existing dwelling with basement	22.12.16	Deferred for further information (Site inspection to be arranged)
16/00956 17.11.16	Mr & Mrs Charlesworth	Holm Wood, Bisterne Close	Single storey rear extension; Single storey side extension	22.12.16	R2 - Refusal

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

18 Reports The Chairman reported attending an NFDC briefing for devolution. An HCC survey found that most people do not want change to the current structure.

As noted under Agenda Item 4 above, Cllr. Clarke confirmed that he had added a report to the BPC's last monthly report for the December edition of the Village Magazine of two significant events concerning the **NF Wetland Restoration** programme that had taken place after 9th November and before the end of magazine's copy deadline on 15th November. These concerned: -

Firstly, discussions organised on 11th November about the New Forest W.R. Review (prepared last year by Jonathan Cox Associates & the River Restoration Centre) in order to learn about the degree of success achieved with past WR projects. We were expecting to gain reassurance in this respect. However, that reassurance was not at all comprehensive since the remit of the report turned out to be too limited in terms of the starting data with which the researchers had to work and the scope of their site sampling.

Secondly, consideration of the Latchmore Brook WR planning application at the NPA's Planning Committee meeting on 15th November. At that hearing, Cllr. Clarke represented BPC's concerns in the matter resulting from our experiences of the WR project at Harvestslade Bottom. Three other affected Parish Councils made strong representations against the application, which was also strongly opposed by over 300 local residents. Committee members ultimately voted to Refuse the application.

In respect of our continuing FOI/EIR Harvestslade enquiries of the FC, we have been advised by letter dated 17 November from the Chief Executive of Forest Enterprise (Forestry Commission National Office for England in Bristol) that he "*has upheld the local decision to apply both the 'manifestly unreasonable' exemption to further disclosure of recorded information held and the outcome of public interest test.*"

We are now making our views clear as to this decision, which would seem to rest very largely on their own admission that that they "*hold far fewer records than people generally expect*".

It seems likely at this stage that we should refer our continuing concerns to the office of the Information Commissioner; since the facts need still to be established of what actually took place at Harvestslade compared to what the Forestry Commission undertook to do to meet the terms of their Planning Permission.

19 Urgent Business None

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. Date of next meeting will be Wednesday 11th January at 6.30pm in Myrtle Hall.