

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Present Cllr Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr J Cook, Cllr P Egerton, Cllr R Clarke, Cllr V Johnstone, C/Cllr K Mans (HCC), D/Cllr R Frampton (NFDC), PC K Hanley, PCSO J Sparshott, E Manship (Locum Clerk), John Vincent, Kate Hedge and 12 members of the public.

Date Wednesday 10th January 2022

Opened at 6.30pm Closed at 8.30pm

Subject Burley Parish Council full monthly meeting

1 Public Participation - Crime:

Cllr Daubeney thanked residents, PC Hanley and PCSO Sparshott for attending the meeting, arranged in consideration of the Council and residents' concerns as to the level of crime in the area, the lack of attendance of Hampshire Constabulary at all reported incidents and poor follow up. The Police Officers thanked the Council and residents for their welcome. They acknowledged the level of crime and the difficulties experienced.

PC Hanley advised that the local team had recently been extended with a number of new officers and she was hopeful that this would allow better communication in the future, particularly with the allocated local officers. PC Hanley will not be one of these local officers, but was pleased to stand in for the evening.

Knowing that one of the concerns of residents was attendance at incidents, PC Hanley had checked the December & January data before the meeting and was able to advise that the records indicated that every crime through this period, if not attended, had been followed up. However, this did not match all residents experience, and importantly a number of residents present had been the victim of crime over a much longer period than the last two months. Extensive discussion followed. Key concerns shared by residents included:

- The waiting time for 101
- Concern that incidents recorded via the website appear to get lost in the system, rather than detailed to local Officers.
- The apparent confusion of Hampshire Constabulary telephone operators as to whether a resident should be reporting an incident via 999 or 101.
- The lack of attendance at the scene by Hampshire Constabulary, further to an incident being reported.
- The lack of communication following a reported incident.
- The number of cases that appear not to be taken forward for further investigation or prosecution, through lack of evidence; particularly when residents held evidence they believed could assist, such as footprints, DNA, CCTV etc.

PC Hanley acknowledged the concerns raised and where concerns were specific to an individual, suggested next steps. Of importance to PC Hanley was the partnership between Hampshire Constabulary (in particular, the local team) and residents moving forward. In support of this, whilst recognising the difficulties raised, she stressed the importance of continual reporting to assist with crime reduction:

- Recording intelligence: Due to criminals knowing how to present themselves to avoid identification, distinctive intelligence is required e.g., colour and make of trainers, the logo on a hoodie, a car registration. Something that will stand out as being unique to an individual.
- Recording suspicious activity: Suspicious activity in the carpark or a person hanging around. This can add to the wider picture.
- Continuous reporting: Police patrols are directed to where the highest number of incidents are reported. Active crime should be reported via 999. Suspicious behaviour via 101.

PC Hanley also suggested a Crime Prevention Evening in the village, with Officers and suppliers of crime prevention equipment present to provide advice about crime prevention and crime prevention equipment such

as doorbell cameras, cameras with flashing lights etc.

Councillor Clarke asked PC Hanley whether she could provide specific data to demonstrate the relationship between reported incidents, investigations and arrests.

A resident suggested communicating with every household in the village to provide key information and contact details e.g., for the Police, the local Crime Prevention WhatsApp Group etc.

Cllr Daubeney thanked the Police and residents for their attendance. All members of public left the meeting, bar 2 who remained to explain their planning application.

2 Apologies Cllr P Russell.

3 Declarations of Interest Cllr Clarke expressed a Declaration of Interest regard the planning application submitted for Whitecroft, 2 Clough Lane.

4 County Councillor Report

C/Cllr Mans congratulated D/Cllr Frampton on his appointment as District Councillor (Independent) for Bransgore & Burley.

C/Cllr Mans advised that HCC's annual budget setting meeting is to be held next month. HCC will be raising its part of the Council tax, and it is anticipated that this will include an increase of around 1% to fund Social Care. The maximum increase allowed for a County Council without a referendum is 3%. This will leave a potential increase of approximately 2% to fund all other services.

C/Cllr Mans, as Leader of HCC, advised that he had written to the Secretary of State outlining his concerns regarding the cap. The County Council has already made significant cost cutting savings, but with inflation currently at 5.1%, before the effect of increasing fuel costs, a 2% increase is unsustainable.

In addition, the Council does not have the funds required to meet the increasing costs of its responsibilities to refugees and economic migrants. C/Cllr Mans has written to the Home Office reassuring them of the Council's willingness to offer support and services, but that additional funds are required.

Fortunately, Council reserves will allow the Council some stability, but to breakeven the Council has to save £80 million a year. For context, 1% of the Council's expenditure is £7.5 million. C/Cllr Mans has asked the Secretary of State to introduce discretion, as given to the Police, to enable an increase up to 10%.

C/Cllr Mans updated the Council as to the Lengthsman's Scheme. He confirmed this will not disappear until 2023/04, but with the cap on the County Council and Local Councils having greater flexibility to increase their precept, the County Council needs to look to the Local Councils to take over this service.

Cllr Daubeney asked C/Cllr Mans the position regarding the £500k required to replace Deer Hall. C/Cllr Mans confirmed that the money is earmarked awaiting a decision.

C/Cllr Mans advised that in consideration of climate change, he is hoping £500k will be put aside to plant trees across the County, working in partnership with the Woodland Trust. From his Councillor budget, C/Cllr Mans offered BPC £1000 towards the further replacement of trees in Pound Lane and the planting of 12 new trees in commemoration of HM Queen's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee.

5 District Councillor Report

D/Cllr Frampton advised that he had asked NFDC for a full report as to how we have arrived at the current position regarding Holmsley Bridge, for the purposes of learning and ensuring similar scenarios did not re-occur. He confirmed the length of time the bridge is now to be shut is extraordinary. D/Cllr Frampton confirmed his awareness of the severe degradation that has occurred to the neighbouring roads and verges and is seeking a commitment from the Chief Executive that when the bridge works are complete, the roads and verges will be restored.

Finally, in regard to District Councillor's Discretionary Funding, D/Cllr Frampton advised he was unfortunately unable to support BPC, having just given £600 to Bransgore. But he strongly suggested BPC contact D/Cllr Levitt, who he believed still held £600 for local parish councils to use at his discretion.

Cllr Daubeney thanked both County Councillor Mans and District Councillor Frampton for their attendance and

support. They left the meeting.

7 Approval of Minutes of the full BPC meeting held 1st December 2021 Having been previously circulated, the Minutes for the last meeting were agreed and signed.

8 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held 1st December 2021.

Cllr Daubeney welcomed Liz Manship, Locum Clerk, to the meeting and thanked her for her support.

Cllr Clarke confirmed that the HCC engineers had visited Deer Hall to make their assessment for repair.

Cllr Clarke confirmed that the plans for further tree planting in replacement of those lost in Pound Lane and in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee appear to be progressing well and FE are now putting our proposals to Natural England (NE) and the Verderers. Cllr Daubeney offered the Council's thanks to Cllr Clarke for his work.

Cllr Daubeney will write to C/Cllr Mans and D/Cllr Levitt in regard to the prospective funding mentioned above. (PD)

Cllr Cook to write to Cllr Daubeney to request funding support for the Burley Charities. (JC)

9 Accounts – To approve payment of the Accounts.

The Locum Clerk confirmed that the estimated balance of accounts, as of 31st December 2021, based on known expenditure, is £28,102.39. There may be a small variation depending on any interest gained and cleared cheques. The accounts will be reconciled on receipt of the statements.

Council agreed the following payments: P Egerton - £18.99 – CCTV Cameras; E Manship - £191.70 – Locum support 15th to 31st December 2021; Greening Campaign - £50 – membership & materials; J Narey - £260 – Lengthsman; P Daubeney – £24 – printer ink; and Burley WI – hall hire costs.

10 Budget & Precept for 2022/23.

Cllr Daubeney confirmed that the Finance Committee had met 8th December 2021. The 2021/22 accounts were reviewed and from these balances, the 2022/23 budget proposed:

2021/22 Financial Year		
	Budget	Forecast
Expenditure	21,226	17,470
Financed by Precept	13,467	13,467
Reduction in Reserves	7,759	4,003
Total Finance	21,226	17,470
2022/23 Financial Year		
	Budget	
Expenditure	21,430	
Financed by Precept	14,814	
Reduction in Reserves	6,616	
Total Finance	21,430	

Note: Budgets in both years include a contingency of £3000.

2022/23 includes budget planning for the phasing out of Lengthsman's grant by HCC by 2023.

The proposed 2022/23 precept of £14,814 (an increase of £1,347 i.e., 10%), equates to approx. £18.57 per annum per band D property (approx. £1.86 a month over the 10-month charging period).

The Council agreed the proposed 2022/23 budget and precept. The Locum Clerk to advise NFDC. (EM)

11 Vacancy for Clerk/RFO

Two applicants are to be interviewed over this next week.

12 Roads and Traffic Update

Cllr Daubeney offered the Council's thanks to Cllr Cook for his liaison with HCC, tirelessly seeking to improve the situation regarding Holmsley Bridge, the road closures and diversion signs which have caused considerable frustration to residents as well as the degradation to the roads and verges.

13 Planning

Decisions communicated by NFNPA since last report for BPC Meeting on 1st December 2021

NFNPA Application No.	Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFNPA Decision
21/00976	Vereley House, Vereley,	0.4m High boundary wall, 1.6m high fencing and 2.4m high gates to estate entrance (removal of existing fencing)	R1 – recommend permission	Withdrawn
21/00909	Track to stables and field behind Shoot Wood, Bisterne Close,	Renovation and extension of track and hardstanding	R5 – NPOs to decide	Granted
21/00896	Kiowa, Castle Hill Lane	Replacement dwelling and 1no. outbuilding; demolish existing dwelling and 1no. outbuilding	R5 – NPOs to decide	Granted

Applications considered on 12th January 2022

NFNPA Application No.	Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation
21/01026	Foxgloves, Garden Road	Single & two storey extension; 1no. single storey ground floor extension; 2no. single storey first floor extensions; infill opening to create additional habitable ground floorspace; alterations to doors & windows; alterations to roof; cladding; render	R1 – Recommend Permission
21/00989	Millbrook, Forest Road	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for completion of single storey extension	R5 – NOP's decide
21/00873	Tree Trunks, Randalls Lane	Garage; garden room; swimming pool; paving (demolition of existing garage and store)	R5 – NPO's decide
21/01085	Whitcroft, 2 Clough Lane	2no. outbuildings; wall; repositioning of greenhouse; demolition 2no. outbuildings	R5 – NPO's decide
21/01062	Yew Tree Cottage, Pound Lane	Application for Certificate Lawful Development for Proposed single storey rear extension	R5 – NPO's decide
21/01010	Donkey Cottage, Mill Lane	Single storey extension	R2 - Refusal
21/00999	Tanglewood, Beechwood Lane	One & two storey extensions; porch; extension to outbuilding; creation of covered areas; extension and alterations to existing boundary wall (partial demolition of dwelling)	R1 – Recommend Permission

14 Urgent Business None.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next monthly meeting of BPC: Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 6.30pm in Myrtle Hall.