

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Burley Parish Council held two meetings on Wednesday 7th December: the Finance Committee analysed the clerk's proposals for the 2023/4 budget and precept, making minor amendments ahead of a recommendation to the full council. Draft minutes are available on the council website:

www.burleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

2023/24 Budget For the past few years the council has spent more than it raised, relying on accumulated reserves. The 2023/4 budget is again unbalanced, with planned receipts of £16,345 and planned payments of £22,809. The council forecasts reserves of £23,000 as of 31st March 2023, so the annual deficit is well covered. However, the use of reserves cannot go on for ever and so the council has decided to increase the precept. This means an increase of £1.71 per year for each band D house (higher and lower bands will pay a proportionate amount). A band D house will now pay £20.28 per year to the parish council.

Included in the budget are: money for the lengthsman (who performs general grounds maintenance services), money for the greening project, grants to voluntary organisations providing services to Burley residents, an allowance for coronation celebrations, as well as the standard administrative expenses. Full details are available on the website or by contacting the clerk.

Bournemouth Airport The council's representative on the Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee gave an update on the airspace consultation. This is a complex project which covers all airports in the south including Heathrow, Gatwick, Southampton and others.

WiFi in Myrtle Hall The council has funded WiFi in The Myrtle Hall. The system uses the cellular network and provides a reasonably fast link which will be useful for council meetings (and is available to other hall users).

Greening The Greening Project, led by Cllrs Hedge and Bramley is pursuing a recycling centre (for items not recycled by NFDC). The project has also been loaned a thermal imaging camera to aid residents in identifying heating loss – details elsewhere in the magazine.

Roads Cllr Cook has discussed verge protection measures with Forestry England, particularly between the car park and Church Lane, and we hope to see action soon.

Planning Planning and housing development continues to occupy much of the council's time as we are assiduous in fulfilling our duties as a statutory consultee.

The council resolved to object to an application that would change the nature of one of the traditional forest cottages. The New Forest National Park Authority planning offer recommended granting permission, meaning the matted will be considered at a NFNPA planning committee meeting in December. Cllr Robert Clarke will appear for the parish council; by the time you read this we should know the committee's decision.

Decisions communicated by NFNPA

NFNPA Ref No. and Address	Proposal	NFNPA Decision (BPC Recommendation)
22/00661 Rye Croft, Forest Road,	Detached outbuilding; single storey extension; existing outbuilding to be demolished	Grant (R1 Grant/Accept NFNPA decision)
22/00475 Long Mead, Shappen Hill Lane	Garage conversion and roof alterations to facilitate hobby/home office (AMENDED)	Grant (R5 Accept NFNPA decision)
21/00787 Manor Farm House, Chapel Lane	Two storey rear extension; single storey extension; access alterations;	Grant (R5 Accept NFNPA decision)

There were five planning applications discussed on 7th December.

Application No. Address	Proposal	BPC Response
22/00863 Manor Farm, Manor Farm House, Chapel Lane	Reinstatement of existing pond	Deferred to January
22/00629 Burley Manor Hotel, Ringwood Road	5no. shepherd huts; 6no. car parking spaces; associated landscaping and works...	Deferred to January
22/00756 Tyrells End Tyrells Lane	Chimney	R1 Grant/Accept NFNPA decision
22/00696 Beechwood Cottage, Church Lane	Single storey extension with open porch canopy; 1no. open porch canopy over an existing door	R5 Accept NFNPA decision
22/00699 Beechwood, Beechwood Lane	Single Storey Extn., Door & Bay Window	R1 Grant/Accept NFNPA decision

For full details of council activities refer to the website:

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