

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Burley Parish Council met on Wednesday 8th March. Draft minutes are available on the council website: www.burleyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Elections The whole council is up for election on the 4th May. There are 6 seats available. Any resident wishing to stand can contact the clerk for more information, or go to the NFDC or Electoral Commission websites. The election will be called on March 20th and signed nomination papers must be delivered to NFDC in Lyndhurst by 4.00 on April 4th. If there are more than six candidates, a vote will be held on 4th May. Elections will also be held for the district council and this year Burley will be in a single two-member ward covering Burley, Bransgore, Sopley and Ringwood East.

For both elections, voting in person will require photo id. Alternatively you can arrange a postal vote.

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Vacancy

I have been offered, and have accepted, a post in a larger authority and will leave the council this year. Anyone who would like to apply for the role of clerk and RFO, or just know more about the role, should contact me - clerk@burleyparishcouncil.gov.uk, or the chairman Philip.daubeney@burleyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Coronation Celebrations The council is supporting local organisations. Projects requesting funding should use the Grants Application form on the parish council website. **Grants MUST be applied for before the event.**

Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 17th April 2023. The council has confirmed attendance from Forestry England, New Forest National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council. All residents are encouraged to attend. If you have any issues affecting the parish you would like discussed or any questions, you can table them in advance (email or call me), or you can raise them on the night.

Strategic Plan In 2019 the council prepared a four-year plan. Members reviewed the plan and noted that, despite some significant successes, two projects were delayed due to delays from higher authorities: a new building for Little Deers Day Nursery (Hampshire County Council) and affordable homes (New Forest National Parks Authority). The council will issue a new plan following the May elections.

Roads and Ditches

Cllr Cook has been working with County Cllr Keith Mans and the highways authority to address road issues, specifically the pinch point near the Old Farmhouse Tea Rooms. The council is also seeking definitive advice on the legal responsibilities on maintaining ditches fronting private land.

Planning The council continues to consider each planning application and make recommendations to the planning authority.

Decisions communicated by NFNPA since last report for BPC Meeting on 8th February 2023

Application No. Address	Proposal	Decision (BPC Recommendation)
22/00917 FULL Hampshire Fire and Rescue, Burley Fire Station	Replacement front and rear timber side hung bi folding appliance bay doors	Grant (R5 Accept NFNPA decision)
22/00870TEL Communication site at Vereley Farm	Installation of antennas an ancillary development on existing mast	Grant (R5 Accept NFNPA decision)

Planning applications considered at the meeting.

Application No. Address	Proposal	BPC Response
22/01027 FULL Honey Cottage, Pound Lane	Proposed double garage/office/gym/greenhouse	Deferred to April due to revised drawings
22/01043CAC Whitecroft, 2 Clough Lane	1 no. Outbuilding, demolition 1 no. outbuilding	R5 Accept NFNPA decision
23LDCE2023/00086 Land adjacent to Forest Holme, Beechwood Lane,	Application for certificate of lawful development for existing use of land as garden in association with the residential use of Forest Holme	No comment

For full details of council activities refer to the website: www.burleyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The next council meeting is on Wednesday 11th April, 18:30 in the Myrtle Hall, Copse Road.

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 17th April 18:30 in the Village Hall

Tom Brindley, Clerk and RFO, Burley Parish Council
14/03/2023