



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Date Tuesday 22nd November 2016 **Commencing** 7pm **Venue** Clubroom

Present Chairman June James **Vice Chairman** Paul Gaskell

Councillors John Ashworth, Ann Blyth, Gareth Wilson

Nately Scures Committee Nick Walker; **Clerk** Susan Turner; **Guests** PC Reid, Paul Allison

Members of the Public 2

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Richard Wilson, Monica Wardrop, County Cllr Elaine Still

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST NONE

3 PC REID'S REPORT

3.1 Reported incidents in the Parish since last meeting

25.09 Mud on road at Tylney Lane

29.09 Minor injury RTI Newnham Lane – one vehicle in ditch

01.10 Car in ditch A30 Water End

13.10 Injury RTI – car and cyclist Ridge Lane

17.10 Speed enforcement Newnham Road – six warnings, two enforcements 40mph

18.10 Sudden death elderly resident Rowan Lodge

24.10 Deer RTI Newnham Lane

01.11 Reported poaching Newnham – all in order.

3.2 Reported crime in the Parish since last meeting

Newnham 1 x public order – man verbally abused

Nately Scures 1 x theft of watch (hotel) 1 x assault (hotel).

Newnham 6 reported crimes in 2016; 11 in 2015

Nately Scures 11 reported crimes in 2016; 12 in 2015.

3.3 Accident at Water End PC Reid reported that the fatal road incident at Water End on 24th June 2016 is still an ongoing investigation.

3.4 Speed Indicator Devices PC Reid advised that Ellisfield and Preston Candover were considering purchase, and if Newnham was interested there could be advantage in a bulk order. The cost would be in the region of £2,000

4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING of 20th September 2016, agreed and signed.

5 PUBLIC SESSION The Chairman welcomed new Barracks residents to the meeting.

6 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

6.1 Devolution and the future of local government in Basingstoke and Deane

Ward Cllr Paul Gaskell commented on proposals to join BDBC with Hart and Rushmoor.

See Appendix A

6.2 Cllr Elaine Still's report

County Cllr Still was unable to attend the meeting and forwarded her report.

Re the A30 speed limit she suggested a residents' deputation to the HCC Full Council meeting – as she advised when attending the residents' meeting in July 2015.

Regarding the Baredown junction proposal she said that Highway engineers were all trained safety officers. This 'minor works scheme' funding was completely separate to that relating to speed limits. Taking up this scheme would not jeopardise any potential future speed limit initiative.

Cllr Still had chaired a meeting the same day (22nd November) attended by Michael Lane, the Police and Crime Commissioner, who had reaffirmed his commitment to Rural Policing.

- 7 A30 BAREDOWN JUNCTION SCHEME** Residents of the Baredown and A30 directly affected by the HCC 'Minor Works' Proposal for the junction have been consulted by the project manager, Tobias Bauer, (Senior Project Manager, Strategic Transport, HCC).

Concerns were raised by John Ashworth and Nick Walker regarding proposals to extend the single lane on both sides of the carriageway to allow for dedicated right turn lanes into and out of the Baredown. Both cited the increased difficulty and danger of entering and exiting properties on the A30 – also for buses pulling into and out of the bus stops. This issue will be for residents to decide collectively and some consensus will be needed before engaging Cllr Still and the Project Manager. A PC/residents meeting was suggested: Clerk to contact residents' representatives for their views.
See Appendix B

8 FINANCE

8.1 Cheques signed at the meeting

644	Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance (Jason Ebury)	£1,304.40
645	Roy Wood Moles 21st Aug to 20th Sept 2016	£ 40.00
646	Clerk Salary October & November 2016	£563.47

8.2 Bank reconciliation, accounts to date, draft budget

 See Appendix C.

8.3 BDBC Grant cuts 2017/18 The £1,100 Limited General Grant is to be halved for 2017/18, then discontinued. The Council Tax Support Grant (rebate) is also being phased out – down from £45 in 16/17 to £35 for 17/18, then £19 in 18/19, to £0.

The grass cutting grant will be increased by 1% for 2017/18 to £333.00.

8.4 Budget and Precept 2017/18 Councillors provisionally agreed a Precept increase of 10%. The reduction in BDBC grants will increase the budgeted deficit for 2017/18 plus it is looking more likely that Precepts will be capped in the future. BDBC objected to the Government consultation proposing capping town and larger parish councils, proposals which could be extended to smaller councils.

The Newnham tax base for 2016/17 is 246 and Precept £7,409 ie £30.18 per Band D household.

Final Precept decision and signed request forms need to be with BDBC by 31st January 2017.

9 LENGTHSMAN

9.1 Lengthsman tasks to date

9.1.1 Newnham Road ponds

- Clear gully and chamber outside Heathmorr, rod culvert through to Ashmead Pond (blocked)
- Clear grips into Ashmead pond
- Further work recommended (with digger) within Ashmead to further clear channel to pond
- Clear vegetation and overgrowth to uncover the culvert mouth from Ashmead pond.
- Rebuild culvert headwall (concrete bags) replace grid.

Report to Highways: blocked pipe from Heathmorr gully to Ashmead pond – unable to clear with rods. Highways 22-44 day order for jetter. Large culvert between ponds also largely blocked (photos taken and included within report).

Following the works, the culvert headwall has been crushed again – a large vehicle, evidenced by tracks, has pulled into the verge above it. Some means is needed to protect the mouth of the culvert. Clerk to discuss with Highways.

9.1.2 Kingsbridge Clear all soil buildup and vegetation from roadsides over bridge and extending to site-lines. Note: Maintenance item for subsequent years after leaves have fallen.

Old School Road Clear vegetation from '30' Gateways.

9.2 Lengthsman tasks scheduled

A30 – To be continued – strimming / pulling weeds / clearing litter / general tidy-up A30 verge / pavement from Heather Row Lane to beyond the Baredown.

9.3 Future tasks

Blackstocks Lane – Land between 'new' and 'old' road. Clearing vegetation, grips, gullies, ditches. Greater community involvement was suggested by Paul Gaskell and Gareth Wilson with regards to community ownership of the Parish itself, of identified tasks, and of how the Precept is spent. Agenda item for next meeting.

- 10 HIGHWAYS** Highways contractors have dug out the grips to the ditches – where these are evident – along Newnham Road and Newnham Lane.
- 11 BUS SHELTERS.** Lengthsman has inspected the bus shelters and submitted a maintenance report. Funding will be from the Maintenance budget. Clerk to investigate employing the Community Payback team.
- 12 NEWNHAM GREEN**
- 12.1 Ditches and Culverts** The ditch from Church Path to Crown Lane has been cleared by hand, also grips into the ditch, and around and under the Church path crossing onto the main Green. Also culverts under Church Path and Newnham Lane. The work was undertaken by the Lengthsman team but funding is from the Green budget. The Church Path culver couldn't be cleared all through with rods. A report has been submitted to Highways and a jetting order is in place for 22 to 44 days.
- 12.2 Mowing** Thank you to all who contributed to this seasons' mowing – for which the Parish Council mower had a majority role.
- 12.3 Ponds** this winter will be partially cleared by hand.
- 13 BDBC LOCAL PLAN POLICY SS6(e)** The Planning Policy Team has published guidance on SS6(e): 'Policy SS6 – New Housing in the Countryside (e) Guidance note prepared by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – October 2016
See Appendix D.
- 14 PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- 14.1 New Applications**
- 16/03850/FUL (31st October) Land Adjacent To Nately Towers, Scures Hill. Erection of a five-bedroomed dwelling with double garage and creation of a new access. Case officer Rob Sims will extend Standard Consultation date (in line with Neighbour Consultation date) – to 30th November. Action Clerk to draft response.
- 16/03726/HSE (7th October) Oakfield House, Scures Hill. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, internal alterations and changes to fenestration. Parish Council has no objection – in keeping, and no adverse impact on neighbours.
- 16/03603/HSE (28th September) 6 Kingsbridge End, Old School Road. Conversion of loft to living accommodation involving construction of hip to gable. Parish Council has no objection
- 16/03282/RET (15th September) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use of agricultural land to educational farm and leisure use (Class D1 & D2) with ancillary tea rooms and associated car parking (retrospective). Parish Council has no objection and supports this rural business due to – bringing people and employment into the local area; educational and social value including work with the charity Animal Touch; retention of 'farm-related' building use and land use, so protecting the landscape; no adverse effect on (and supporting use of) listed buildings.
- Concerns regarding animal husbandry at Miller's Arch have been raised by several councillors but this issue cannot be addressed via the planning process. Concerns were also raised about safety at the Blackstock's Lane / Crown Lane junction in connection with the added traffic generated by Miller's Ark, particularly turning right from Basingstoke direction in to Blackstock's Lane.
- 16/03302/HSE (reg 5th September 2016) Cromwells, The Barracks, Newnham. Erection of a 2.4 metre high fence along western boundary to replace existing. Amended proposal 2nd November, fence to be within boundary line of property. Parish Council is content with the proposals as a solution has been achieved between neighbours.
- 14.2 Applications pending**
- 16/02187/FUL (16th June) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. Erection of 3 x four bed dwellings plus garages including new access onto the A30. Case officer is minded to refuse. Referred to legal department re developers' claim for approval under SS6(a) – previously developed land.
- 16/01315/FUL (26th April 2016) The Old House At Home. Change of Use A4 Public House to C3 Residential Dwellinghouse. (See 15. Old House at Home.)
- 16/00097/OUT (13th January) Land Adjacent to Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Outline for three detached dwellings, including access. Will be considered in line with new Local Plan Policy.

14.3 Applications granted

16/02480/FUL (10th November, reg 27th July) Oakfield Farm Court, Scures Hill. New detached house and garage (amended design to that approved under 13/01460/FUL).

16/01446/HSE and 16/01447/LBC (4th Nov, reg 23rd May) Newnham Green Farm. Two storey side extension and two storey rear extension, following demolition of parts of existing building.

16/03383/HSE (4th Nov, reg 9th September) Thursley, Scures Hill. *Carport. Parish Council had no objection subject to no impact on sightlines.*

16/02771/HSE (27th Sept, reg 2nd August) 6 Kingsbridge End, Old School Road, Newnham. Erection of lean-to side extension. *Parish Council had no objection.*

14.4 Applications refused

16/02772/LDPO (27th Sept, reg 2nd August) 6 Kingsbridge End. Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operation to change hip roof to gable for loft conversion using materials to match.

15 HART APPLICATIONS

15.1 Beehive Farm, Tylney Lane

16/02681/PREAPP New dwelling and associated works Beehive Farm, Tylney Lane. Pre-application for advice only, documents available on the Hart website.

15.2 Owen's Farm

16/02929/PRIOR (14th November) Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural barn, outbuilding B, into one residential dwelling, in accordance with Class Q, Part 3, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015. This is a Hook application but High Ridge House (Owen's Farm) is accessed from Ridge Lane, Newnham.

15.3 Hop Garden stable application

16/02301/FUL Land off Hop Garden Road, Hook. Erection of a block of three stables to include a feed store and tack room and the change of use of the land to allow the keeping of horses.

This application by Flavia Estates who have an option on the land was granted but without the additional pedestrian access applied for to join the existing footway. The access element of the application caused concern in Hook as perceived be to a means towards extending access rights.

16 HART DRAFT LOCAL PLAN Due to substantial alterations in the housing figures – no requirement for housing from Rushmoor and Surrey Heath – and new sites being put forward – the Draft consultation has been postponed to the New Year.

17 OLD HOUSE AT HOME

17.1 Publicity Bob & Roberta's BBC 4 'Protest' documentary was screened on 17th November.

17.2 Planning application / Working Business Plan Stuart Parsons' (Fleuret's) *Addendum 3 – Response to the Working Business Plan* – is published on the BDBC website. Counter comments have been drafted and circulated by Susan Turner (Clerk). Anthony Miller, and Dale Ingram (Planning for Pubs), will also contribute to the Parish Council response. Councillors unanimously confirmed their support for the Response Document.

18 BARRACKS Highview business part is for sale following approval of the housing application. Continued use of the yard is causing deterioration in the lane surface.

19 WATER END

19.1 Waterend Park boundary Anne Blyth reported no further development since last meeting regarding re-defining the boundary and potentially losing land forming resident's garden.

19.2 Ditches Paul Gaskell reported he had recently inspected ditches at Water End and Blackstocks Lane and all seemed to be in order. He had not inspected the Lyde culvert under the railway and would ask Lord Malmesbury for permission to access his land.

20 FURTHER REPORTS

20.1 Fly-tipping at Ashmoor Lane This is outside the Parish but is on land used for the shoot managed by Bob Blight. Mr Blight found rubbish tipped (mid October) which included BBQ, washing machine, bags including childrens' clothes - also letters with names and addresses. Clerk Susan Turner contacted Alan Tully, B&D Street Cleansing Manager. BDBC will not remove the rubbish on private land, but agreed to investigate. Enforcement officer Jak Rose met Mr Blight on site Monday 14th November and took photographs and the papers. Action Paul Gaskell to follow up.

The House of Commons Briefing Paper May 16 explains that while Local Authorities are not obliged to be helpful they can choose to be so. See Appendix E.

21 MEETING CLOSE 9.30pm NEXT MEETING January 2016 date tbc.

APPENDIX A

Ref 6.1 Devolution and the future of local government in Basingstoke and Deane

A study by Pricewaterhouse Cooper to 'to support the development of local devolution proposals' has been commissioned by BDBC on behalf of the 14 district and unitary authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The study findings support combining districts to create five unitary authorities, two in the north and three in the south of the county. Previous proposals to split Hampshire into two combined authorities, north and south, seem still be under consideration. The aims are to achieve devolution of national powers and 'closer working' with Districts – which could then possibly later develop into combining districts into the unitary authorities. However it seems at the moment HCC is not supportive of this – and full devolution would require an elected mayor.

There is also the suggestion that if these proposals proved unsuccessful, Basingstoke & Deane could bid to go-it-alone as a unitary authority. Proposals will be further discussed at BDBC's Community, Environment and Partnerships meeting Wednesday, 30th November.

APPENDIX B

Ref 7. A30 BAREDOWN JUNCTION

From email report by project manager Tobias Bauer, 14th October 2016

Hampshire County Council has allocated money from its Local Highways and Transport Fund for road safety improvements at the A30/The Baredown junction at Nately Scures.

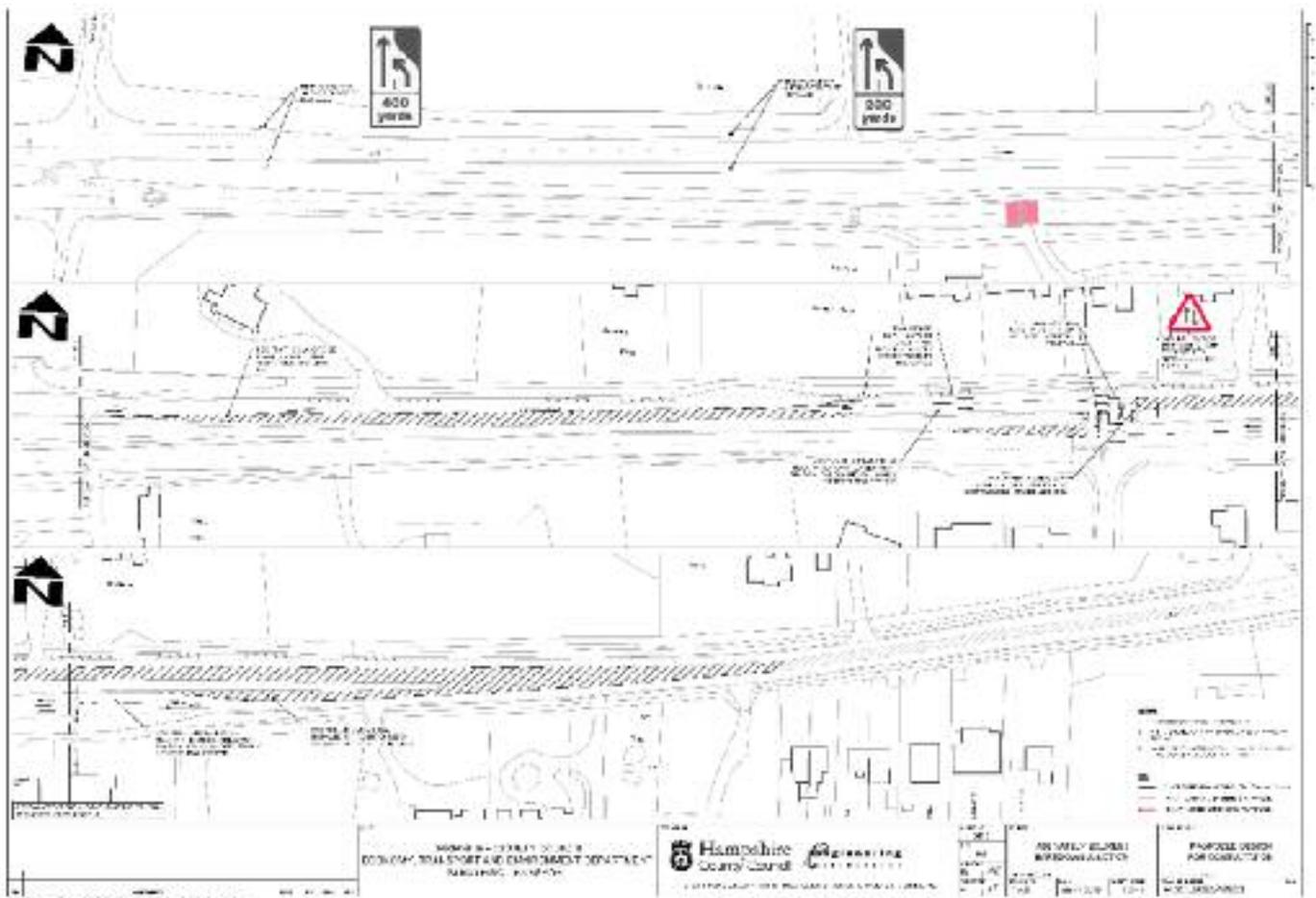
The scheme was requested at the Highways and Transport Members Workshop in November 2015 with a view to addressing the road safety concerns of local residents, in particular with regard to poor visibility at the junction and the lack of facilities that allow traffic to safely turn into and out of The Baredown. The Council has since received a petition from local residents in The Baredown and neighbouring properties asking for the introduction of road safety measures on the A30.

Following discussions with our design and road safety engineers, we have now completed the attached draft design, which would address the above concerns by:

- extending the single-lane arrangement on the eastbound carriageway back by about 300m to allow the provision of a dedicated right-turn lane into The Baredown;
- installing a right-turn lane on the westbound carriageway to provide a safe waiting area for both traffic accessing the properties on the northern side of the A30 from the Hook direction and for cars turning right out of The Baredown; and
- relocating existing road signs to improve junction visibility .

It is likely that for both some residents on the northern side of the A30 and buses serving the route, the reduction from two to one lane will make it more difficult to exit onto/re-join the A30; however, it is expected that this will be partly offset by a slight reduction in traffic speeds outside the properties. The petition also indicates that the reduction to one lane would be supported by a number of residents at the affected properties.

It is important to note that due to the absence of recent accidents in this location, the improvement works cannot be justified on road safety grounds and are therefore progressed as part of the Minor Works programme.



APPENDIX C: *See Accounts*

APPENDIX D

Ref 13. BDBC Local Plan POLICY SS6(e)

Policy SS6 – New Housing in the Countryside (e) Guidance note prepared by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – October 2016

'The applicant should provide evidence to demonstrate that their proposal meets a specific and clearly-identified unmet housing need in the local area in terms of number, size type and tenure.

'Although it may be helpful to provide contextual information about housing need at a national or borough-wide level (which may be informed by the Council's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2015)), a general need for additional housing in the borough would not in itself satisfy the exception of a 'locally agreed need'. Nor would an individual's personal need for housing amount to a 'locally agreed need'.

'Proposals must objectively demonstrate a need existing at a local level. Therefore proposals should be supported by a comprehensive assessment of requirements in the local area. This should demonstrate a particular local need for the scale, size and type of homes proposed within the Parish or that particular village/settlement. It will usually be appropriate to assess need at Parish level, except where a Parish includes more than one settlement or where the proposal is adjacent to a neighbouring parish. In such cases, it will be necessary to show that the need arises in the settlement where the new homes are proposed. Any judgement that the borough council makes on this matter would need to have regard to locally expressed views, but these views could not be regarded as determinative.

'As outlined above, applications must objectively demonstrate a need existing at a local level. They should therefore be accompanied by a local Housing Needs Assessment commissioned by the applicant, or up-to-date evidence published by the Borough Council or the Parish Council which is related to the local area (including evidence prepared in support of neighbourhood planning). This evidence would be expected to identify the need for the proposed homes, including details of their type, size and tenure. This should be based upon surveys of local residents, where relevant, and include:

- A review of the existing housing stock in the village or Parish;
- An assessment of housing demand. This should identify a local need for housing and an indication of the type of housing that would meet the identified needs. This may be housing that would meet a particular employment or community need, or the changing housing needs of the village;
- An assessment of whether there have been any permissions granted (but not implemented) in the area which could help to meet the identified local need, and the churn in the local housing stock that could make suitable properties available.'

APPENDIX E

Ref 20.1 Fly-tipping at Ashmoor Lane

From House of Commons Briefing Paper May 2016

'Fixed penalty notices: From 9th May 2016, local authorities in England can issue fixed penalty notices between £150 to £400 for small-scale fly-tipping offences pursuant to the Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalties) Regulations 2016. This may be served as a criminal penalty in lieu of prosecution for a criminal offence. It is not a civil penalty (see further below).

'4.3 Private landowners responsibility... On private land it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove fly-tipped waste and dispose of it legally. Landowners should ensure that they use an authorised waste carrier to remove the fly-tipped waste. The NFTPFG has published a guide for landowners: Tackling Fly-tipping: A guide for landowners and land managers. If the fly-tipper is caught and prosecuted, it may be possible for a landowner to reclaim the costs involved.

'While private landowners are responsible for dealing with waste dumped on their land, in certain cases the authorities may help landowners deal with a fly-tipping incidents, although they are not required to do so. In relation to the interaction between private landowners and local authorities, the Fly-tipping Partnership Framework highlights that:

'Some local authorities are very helpful in their dealings with private landowners (providing advice and investigation incidents); some remove fly-tipped material for a reasonable charge; other local authorities are less engaged.