



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date Monday 12th March 2018 **Commencing** 7.45pm **Venue** Clubroom

Present: Councillors June James (Chairman) John Ashworth, Paul Gaskell, Gareth Wilson, Richard Wilson. New Parish Councillor to be co-opted Pauline Hedges; Clerk Susan Turner;

Guests: Nately Scures advisor Nick Walker; County Cllr Elaine Still
Members of the public 3

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE PC Reid

2 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

2.1 Highways County Councillor Elaine Still said the recent snow and ice had caused significant damage to Hampshire’s roads such that it would take 12 months to repair the damage just to get back to prior situation.

2.2 M3 J6 Moto services Maria Miller MP is to launch a petition on Thursday 15th March against proposals for Motorway Service Areas in Basingstoke & Deane. Elaine said the consensus is against the proposals.

2.3 Baredown junction John Ashworth described problems created by the new junction layout on the A30 (south-side westbound) which he said had always been predicted. Where the road remains single lane for longer – up to and past the junction – drivers are aggressively attempting to under or overtake. This is particularly dangerous when residents are slowing to access driveways.

A general cause of dissatisfaction is the changes to the junction layout. Proposals were put to consultation, agreed, and then later changed – apparently on instruction by the safety engineer – but without informing anyone. Expressed opinions are that this departure from the original design reduces rather than improves safety.

However Baredown residents have reported to the Parish Council that safety is much improved turning into and in particular pulling out of the Baredown.

AGREED A poll should be conducted of all residents immediately affected by the junction changes; a report collated and, if necessary, a safety audit requested from HCC Highways.

2.4 A30 speed limit Elaine reiterated her previous advice to take a deputation to HCC full council. Cabinet plus 78 Councillors will be required to listed to the views put forward. They will only listen on the day, but they have to later investigate and respond.

2.5 HCC Chairman As from 18th May, Elaine will take on the role of HCC Chairman.

Cllr Still left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 29th January agreed and signed.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

5 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

AGREED To co-opt Pauline Hedges of Water End as new Parish Councillor following the resignation of Ann Blyth. Proposed Richard Wilson, seconded Paul Gaskell. Agreed unanimously.

Declaration of office signed by Pauline Hedges and witnessed by Clerk. The Chairman welcomed Pauline to the Parish Council. Register of Members interest to be completed and returned to BDBC within 28 days.

AGREED To purchase a gift for Ann in recongnition of her contribution.

For signature

6 PARISH ASSEMBLY

AGREED To hold the Parish Assembly on Tuesday 14th May and hold a short AGM afterwards. June James to consider inviting speaker – Archeology (portable antiquities scheme) – or Hants Wildlife Trust.

7 OLD HOUSE AT HOME

AGREED: To request that GVA submit a further offer for the OHAH on behalf of the Parish Council, the offer figure as their desk top valuation. Again to request access for a full survey. The Parish Council is supportive of a suitable third party purchasing the pub and also supportive of investigating options of part ownership. Councillor Godesen is making enquiries regarding BDBC’s position on compulsory purchase.

8 PLANNING

8.1 Hart Local Plan – Proposed Submission Version

Regulation 19 public consultation to 26th March.

AGREED To submit comment in support of a strong Gap Policy. Clerk to draft for circulation.

8.2 Owens Farm

17/02317/OUT Land at Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook.

Hart Landscape manager’s response recently posted on website, recommending refusal.

Further documents so far submitted by Armstrong Rigg: Revised SANG proposal and Winter Landscape appraisal Armstrong Rigg claims overcomes Natural England’s objections.

With regards to the additional information requested by HCC Highways and Highways England, the only document submitted so far is a revised ‘trip rates’ assessment – based on a traffic count at Sheldons Lane and Gt Sheldons Coppice.

HCC Highways continuing to recommend refusal based on the information received so far.

8.3 Parish Planning Applications

i. Applications for consideration

18/00446/FUL (22 Feb 2018) Unit B Fosters Business Park, Old School Road. Change of use from B8 storage and distribution, to B2 Motor Vehicle Repairs and MOT.

The applicant Maxprime Autocentres Ltd is from Lodge Fm. Car Techniks are Unit C. Concerns raised regarding another vehicle-related business at Fosters Business Park regarding environmental issues and overspill parking.

ACTION Clerk to draft response for comment.

ii. See **APPENDIX I** for full list of applications relating to the Parish.

8.4 Housing needs survey

A short ‘housing needs survey’ has been hand delivered in the Parish. The survey is apparently to support a proposed development of up to three houses within the Parish but residents at the meeting were wary of its intentions and concerned about replying not knowing how the information will then be used. It was commented that if few people reply, the results are unlikely to be representative. The Parish Council is also concerned that the survey won’t be fully representative as for eg it seems households around the Green and some in Newnham Road have not received it. How many households throughout the Parish received a copy is not known.

For signature

9 BROADBAND

AGREED The Parish council supports with thanks the efforts and investigations being made by residents to improve Broadband speeds around and beyond the Green.

There is fibre cable to the Cabinet opposite the Hogget (A30 / Old School Rd junction). One strand of copper wire feeds the Barracks and Newnham Village via Old School Rd, a separate strand feeds A30 (including lower Crown Lane) as far as Water End, then doubles back. BB speeds diminish with distance from the Cabinet.

It was noted that fibre cable now runs the length of A30 from Hook to Basingstoke – Virgin down one side and SSE the other.

ACTION Investigate Openreach and Hants Superfast BB schemes.

10 HIGHWAYS**10.1 A30****i Carriageway resurfacing**

Letter received by some Nately Scures and Water End Park re surface dressing on A30.

ii Litter reported to be particularly bad along the A30. This used to be covered by the BDBC street cleaning team.

ACTION Clerk to contact BDBC.

10.2 Waterend bus shelters

ACTION Pauline Hedges to make enquiries regarding community enterprise schemes to rebuild or repair the Waterend bus shelter. Clerk to advise insurers.

10.3 Lengthsman

Lengthsman reported culverts blocked again under Church Path and Newnham Lane at the Green, and Newnham Road at the ponds. Further works are proposed for Blackstocks Lane. It has been confirmed that the Lengthman scheme will continue next year with continuing financial contribution from HCCCS.

10.4 Newnham Footpath 3 – bridge over Strings

Contact has been made with Landowner. Parish Footpath Warden Nigel Downes has been in touch with HCCCS who have replaced the broken board. They have indicated they will replace the whole boardwalk (supports are failing) but no dates given.

11 BARRACKS**11.1 Track**

Developer of Highview Business Park has done some maintenance to the track and says he will fix the potholes, but the surface continues to deteriorate and potholes open up again.

11.2 Common

Suggestion to use the Parish Council mower.

11.3 Fosters business park

ACTION Clerk to contact business park manager with thanks for measures to prevent overspill parking along the Common verges.

11.4 Parking Old School Road

ACTION Clerk to contact CarTechniks and PC Reid regarding the Audi parked in the pumping station layby now without wheels (stolen?).

For signature

12 FINANCE**12.1 Cheques – Signed in between meetings**

08/03/2018	702	PGGM – L/M Feb 2018	£1,399.99
Signed at the March meeting			
12/03/2018	703	Roy Wood – Moles 21 Jan-20 March 2018	£80.00
12/03/2018	704	Clerk – Salary Feb-Mar 2018	587.70
12/03/2018	705	Clerk allowable expenses 17/18	£216.00
12/03/2018	706	ABS – Clubroom Chairs	£1,133.64

12.2 Audit

Peter Brown agreed to continue as Internal Auditor. External Auditors are PKK Littlejohn.

13 DATA PROTECTION – GDPR

Pauline Hedges is already Data Controller for other organisations. Her offer of help and advice gratefully accepted. Relevant considerations are holding and using private emails only with consent and for specified purpose, and drafting Privacy Policy.

14 FURTHER REPORTS**14.1 Sewage treatment plant – new lighting**

Paul Gaskell will raise with County Cllr Still.

Paul is also a member of the Incinerator Panel as a Newnham Parish Councillor, but a new manager is in post and no meetings scheduled.

14.2 Sewage treatment plant – phosphate trials

Paul reported that trials to (descriptively speaking) congeal and removes the phosphate from the outflow, have been successful. Loddon phosphate levels remain too high but it's not coming from the treatment plant. Agriculture is another potential source.

14.3 Litter Pick

John Broughton is committed to reducing litter in the Village and has organised the Newnham Litter Pick for many years. He is due grateful thanks from the whole community. John would now like to relinquish the role and suggests the Parish Council takes over.

AGREED John Broughton and his team of litter pickers do a tremendous job.
Also that greater surveillance is needed to combat fly tipping.

15 NEXT MEETINGS

9th July, 10th September, 12th November.

Meeting closed 9.45pm with thanks to all present.

For signature Date *12th March 2018*

APPENDIX I – PLANNING APPLICATIONS RELATING TO THE PARISH

New applications

18/00446/FUL (22 Feb 2018) Unit B Fosters Business Park, Old School Road. Change of use from B8 storage and distribution, to B2 Motor Vehicle Repairs and MOT. *Parish Council Response – to be drafted*

T/00091/18/TCA (16 Feb) Newnham House, Ridge Lane, Newnham.

A: Horse chestnut, fell. B: Ash, fell.

Application pending

18/00087/HSE (10th Jan 2018) Nately Place, Scures Hill. Various extensions and creation of first floor to provide additional living space. Extension to detached garage to form 3-bay garage with workshop and gym below the garage. *Parish Council Response – No objection*

Application pending

16/03282/RET (amended 20th Jan, reg 15th Sept 2016) 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). Amended description – Continued use as a working farm with visitors for educational, leisure and therapeutic use.

Application granted

18/00126/FUL (Granted 9th March, reg 12th Jan 2018) Highview Business Park, The Barracks. Erection of a single and double garage (amended siting to that approved at 17/00224/FUL).

17/03924/HSE (Granted 12 Feb) New House Church Path, Newnham. First floor extension above existing garage and link building, erection of detached carport/ store and replacement windows to house.

17/04080/HSE (Granted 31 Jan) Railway Cottage, Newnham Road, Newnham. Single storey side extension and installation of 1 no. roof window and 2 no. dormer windows following demolition of detached garage.

Appeal Dismissed

16/03850/FUL appeal ref APP/H1705/W/17/3181309 Land Adjacent To Nately Towers, Scures Hill. One 5-bedroomed dwelling with double garage and new access. Dismissed 28th February 2018.