



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date Monday 10th September 2018 **Commencing** 7.40pm **Venue** Clubroom

Present: Councillors June James (Chairman) John Ashworth, Paul Gaskell, Pauline Hedges, Gareth Wilson; Clerk Susan Turner; Guest PC Reid.

1 WELCOME

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

3 PC REID REPORT

3.1 Crime Prevention Evening

Organised by PC Reid at Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall – including Trading Standards – a very good evening. Attended by Pauline Hedges. To consider a similar evening for the residents of WaterEnd Park hosted in the Y-Knot. Visits from Trading Standards to WaterEnd Park residents suggested, also involve Blue Lamp Trust.

3.2 Items since last meeting

Newnham

- 12.07 Three people seen with balaclavas – AIO
- 13.07 Theft of caravan
- 19.07 Suspected theft of plant machinery
- 03.08 Damage road traffic incident – mirrors
- 03.08 Sudden death at Rowan Lodge.

Nately Scures

- 13.07 Cyclist A30 hit by car wing mirror
- 27.07 Abandoned 999 call – children playing
- 31.07 Cows loose on the Baredown
- 09.08 Traffic cones moved during roadworks
- 12.08 Traffic lights out A30
- 10.09 Damage road accident Blackstocks Lane – car in ditch.

3.3 Crime

Newnham

- Non-dwelling burglary II.
- Criminal Damage III
- Theft I

Nately Scures

- Vehicle crime I Hotel V
- Assault III
- Theft from Motor Vehicle I
- Theft I
- Drugs I.

PC Reid noted the caravan was found at Gerards Cross. Not passed any cameras so locations of these are know. Tracking devises are excellent. Show time, route, location.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of Monday 9th July agreed and signed.

For signature

5 PLANNING

5.1 Owens Farm

17/02317/OUT Land at Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Outline permission for the development of up to 700 dwellings etc

APPEAL start date 1st July. Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/N1730/W/18/3206951

Appeal is to be determined by Inquiry which is open to the public and scheduled for March 2019. All submissions to Hart – comprising the 1,769 documents on the website – have been forwarded to the Inspector. Hart Councillors suggesting to not respond to the Inspector unless providing new information.

Newnham Action Group (with thanks to Harry Hayden) attended Rotherwick and Old Basing Parish Council meetings. Also meeting with Newnham PC 21st August (June James, Paul Gaskell, Clerk). Discussed information sharing, footpath survey, traffic surveys.

Hook Parish Council is instructing a Transport Planning Consultant Peter Brett Assoc to:

1. Audit the proposed 'trip generation' and provide a forecast for traffic, cycle and pedestrian flows (bearing in mind now no primary school on site).
2. Provide an independent capacity assessment of proposals for Newnham Road and Old School Road including the A30 Memorial junction and Kingsbridge.

An extension of the consultation period from ending 11th September (tomorrow) to ending 28th September has been agreed by the Inspectorate Case Officer.

Meeting of Interested parties hosted by Hook on 4th September attended by Harry Hayden and Clerk. See **APPENDIX I** for notes of the meeting.

Kingsbridge Junction traffic survey organised by Harry Hayden according to specification provided by Peter Brett Associates. Grateful thanks to Harry and to all Newnham Volunteers who manned the survey from 7-10am and 4-7pm Thursday 6th September.

The survey had to be conducted Tues to Thursday and results were required by Tues 11th. Confirmation that the third party deadline could be extended to 28th September was only received on 6th. It was noted that colleges and private schools still not returned from summer break.

ACTION: Clerk to draft further brief response to the Appeal Inspector, also supporting the submissions by Hook Parish Council and Hook Neighbourhood Planning Group.

ACTION: To consider a Newnham S106 request for mitigation should the Appeal be allowed.

5.2 Hart Local Plan

The Local Plan Examination in Public is scheduled for last week in Nov and into December. If all goes to plan, the Inspectors' Report will be published before March. Unlikely the Plan will be formally adopted by Hart before the Inquiry. But the publication of the Inspectors' Report will be a significant milestone to increasing the weight it will carry at the Inquiry.

5.3 BDBC Local Plan

BDBC has circulated an assessment of the new (July 2018) NPPF in which it confirms its 5-year land supply despite under-delivery 2015-2017. It still seems new Government figures for housing calculation (when agreed) will be introduced at the Five-year Review in 2021.

5.4 CountryWatch

Special General Meeting to be held in the upper room of the Pavilion on the Old Basing Recreation Ground on 22nd October 2018 at 7.30pm.

Agenda

1. Chairmans Address
2. Consideration of the future of CW
3. Resolution – ‘Country Watch shall be dissolved’.
4. Election of officers if required OR Approval of the distribution of funds
5. Any other business.

Discussion CountryWatch executive members are due to retire, and rightly citing their and SOLVE’s contribution to protecting the Loddon Valley during the site selection process for the current Local Plan. But given that Local Plans are now subject to constant review (and see 5.3 above) there continues an important role for CountryWatch.

John Ashworth expressed interest in representing Newnham on the Executive Committee.

ACTION: John Ashworth and Paul Gaskell will represent Newnham at the SGM.

5.5 Parish Planning Applications See **APPENDIX II**

6 A30 MEETING

Meeting held on 9th August (Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall) with Cabinet member for Environment and Transport Rob Humby. Also attended by County Cllr Elaine Still, Jo Wright, June James, Pauline Hedges, Nick Walker, Clerk. Jo Wright presented residents’ case for speed limit reduction, citing the Hatch to Hogget stretch of road at 70mph as an anomaly for a road (from Basingstoke to Hartley Wintney) predominantly 50 or 40mph.

Cllr Humby thanked Jo Wright for an intelligent well-informed presentation, and the research and detail provided. Thanks also to be extended on behalf of the Parish Council.

Discussion Officers will evaluate the proposals – need to consider implications on the wider traffic network. Cllr Humby was clear it would take some time to gather all information needed, also citing August holidays. Reasonable to expect some feedback / mapping results mid-September onwards. So September deputation won’t be appropriate – this action may remove need for deputation. If needed, next Full Council meeting is December. Cllr Humby has access to all parties’ up-to-date traffic statistics and if this is to progress, HCC will undertake its own traffic surveys.

Rob Humby concluded his visit with site visits along the A30 including the Water End (Y-Knot) junction.

7. NEWNHAM GREEN

7.1 BBQ

St Nicholas’ Vilagge BBQ held on the Green Saturday 8th September.

7.2 Trees

Lord Malmsbury raised no objection to New House’s request to fell the Silver Birch growing adjacent to their garden wall, but requested they provide a replacement tree for the Green in consultation with the Parish Council.

Possibly a replacement for the Lime tree *Tilia x euchlora* (Caucasian Lime) planted on the Green by Lord Malsmbury Friday 11th March 2011, then to replace the Horse Chestnut felled due to dropping branches / honey fungus (the last of a line of four old Horse Chestnuts pictured 1900).

7.3 Bench

The original seat has been restored, and a new back in English Oak fitted (20th July), to the Bench (in memory of Bert Gary). See 9.1 and **APPENDIX III**. Thanks to County Cllr Elaine Still for a £500 donation from her devolved budget. Residents’ comments received how good the bench looked – forwarded to PGGM. Also to arrange for a new plaque.

8. WATEREND PARK**8.1 Willow trees**

Howard Homes arranged for a tree surgeon, morning of 29th August, to cut back overhanging branches from the Willow tree to allow the bus to pull in. This is not an acceptance of ownership. Ongoing dispute between Park owner Howard Homes and HCC re ownership of the trees. Further meeting scheduled with HCC Highways – situation ongoing.

9 FINANCE**9.1 Payments**

Standing orders

28th August	Lengthsman August	£1,300.00
28th August	Clerk Salary August	£309.25

Cheques signed between meetings

728	PGGM	Green Bench	£682.80
729	JJ for Portable Antiquities Scheme (talk) Assembly Expenses		£150.00

Cheques signed at meeting

730	Roy Wood	Moles 21st July - 20 Sept 2018	80.00
731	Harry Hayden	Traffic survey data backup	£92.91

9.2 Accounts to date See **APPENDIX IV****10 FURTHER REPORTS****10.1 Newnham Clubroom**1. Open Garden proceeds

June James reported that following meeting on 17th July, the Clubroom Committee voted to apportion the proceeds of the 2018 Gardens (net total £1,503.56):

£500 St Nicholas' towards church windows
 £500 Parish Council towards village defibrillator,
 £500 Clubroom – storage extension.

2. Clubroom extension

The Clubroom Committee is drawing up plans for an application to be submitted to BDBC.

10.2 Local Government Boundary Commission for England**Review of BDBC Ward boundaries – draft recommendations**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is continuing with consultation on revised ward boundary proposals. This, according to the consultation, is in line with effective governance. For Basingstoke and Deane, the proposals are for the 60 ward councillors to be reduced to 54, and for all wards to have three ward councillors representing approximately the same number of electors.

Basing Ward already has three ward councillors; Upton Grey and Candovers Ward has one ward councillor. The proposal is to split Upton Grey and Candovers and merge half of it with Basing – ie the parishes of Cliddesden, Herriard, Winslade, Tunworth, Weston Corbett, Weston Patrick, Upton Grey.

The proposed new 'Basing & Upton Grey' Ward crosses county and parliamentary boundaries and so will be served by two County Councillors and two MPs. All borough Councillors will be required to stand for re-election in May 2019.

The consultation on the proposed boundaries – and the proposed new Ward name Basing and Upton Grey – is open until 15th October.

Basing & Lychpit Conservatives are seeking support for the Ward name to remain 'Basing'.

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10.3 Harvest supper

The Harvest Supper will be the usual format of food, hot & cold, savoury & sweet, contributed by all who can come in the Clubroom Friday 12th October, 7pm.

10.4 Hook Common SSSI – Woodland Management Plan

Paul Gaskell circulated copy of Hampshire Wildlife Trust's *Woodland Management Plan*.

'In conclusion plan seeks to set out how the Hampshire and Isle of Wight's Hook Reserves can be enhanced, by restoring and maintaining heath, fen and grasslands, ensuring that pulses of scrub are tolerated and that the woodlands are managed to ensure income from timber and maximise their biodiversity value, whilst also seeking to install management practices that enhance biodiversity and make management more sustainable.' See

APPENDIX IV.

AGREED Unanimously in support

11 NEXT MEETING Monday 12th November.

Meeting dates 2019

Second Mondays 14th Jan, 11th March, 13th May Parish Assembly / AGM
8th July, 9th Sept, 11th November.

Meeting closed 9.40pm with thanks to all present.

For signature Date

APPENDIX I NOTES OF MEETING HOSTED BY HOOK PARISH COUNCIL 4TH SEPTEMBER

17/02317/OUT Land at Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Outline permission for the development of up to 700 dwellings etc...

- 1 Meeting hosted by Hook for interested parties including Hook Parish Council, HAAO, Newnham Parish Council and Newnham Action Group. County Councillor Jonathan Glen represented HCC and is pressing HCC officers for greater engagement.
- 2 HCC's Education Dept has confirmed there will not be a Primary School at the site.
3. The date agreed between the main parties – the applicant, Hart and PINS – for the Inquiry is presently March 2018. As the final decision will be referred to the Secretary of State, this extends the usual time frame from 12-16 weeks after validation to 20-14 weeks. Referral to the Secretary of State will take a further few weeks.
- 4 Hart is reportedly confident of its deliverable land supply – whichever figures are used for assessment. Using the new method of Government Calculation – or this calculation plus contingency – gives in excess of nine years. Both Rushmoor and Surrey Heath can fulfill their housing needs. A five-year land supply can still be shown based on the previous higher figures used in consultation.
- 5 Hart has appointed the same barrister as for Pale Lane Inquiry scheduled for January.
6. Regarding the weight-bearing capacity of Kingsbridge and the structural integrity of the railway cutting, this is a matter for the appellant to resolve with Network Rail.
- 7 Hook's Neighbourhood Plan should go to Reg 14 consultation before the New Year and to Referendum before March.
8. The Local Plan examination in public is now scheduled for last week of November and two weeks in December. If all goes to plan, the Inspectors' report is expected before March though it is unlikely the Plan will be formally adopted by Hart before the Inquiry.
- 9 Hook PC has engaged Transport Planning Consultant Peter Brett Associates (PBA)
 - a To audit the Trip generation and Trip distribution in regard to the proposed 700 dwelling development and provide an independent assessment of the forecast traffic, cycle and pedestrian flows.
 - b To review the capacity of Newnham Road and Old School Road and their ability to be 'improved' to accommodate the forecast traffic, cycle and pedestrian flows up to the point where they join with the A30 to both the east and west junctions. A scheduled bus service is intended along this road and it is essential to provide adequate safe pedestrian facilities along the road between the site and Hook Village Centre. The proposed footpath across the field (Hook FP 25b) is not a satisfactory route for all times of day and night, or all times of year.
 - c To provide an independent capacity assessment of the proposed improvements at Newnham Road/A30 Junction, having regard to the geometry and parked vehicles in proximity to this junction (parking survey and traffic counts to be carried out by residents in accord with a specification provided by PBA).
 - d To provide an independent assessment of the proposed new layout for the Newnham Road /Old School Lane Junction and the impact of the one-way working over Kingsbridge.
 - e PBA has provided methodology for volunteer traffic surveys undertaken on Thursday 6th September with thanks to Harry Hayden for organising and all volunteers for the Kingsbridge junction survey.
 - f Reference the applicants' claims regarding road width, Cllr Glen has requested HCC provide the existing highway boundaries on Newnham Road and Old School Road so this can be accurately measured.
- 10 Request has been submitted to the PINS case officer by Hook PC to extend the consultation deadline to 28th September.

APPENDIX II**Parish Planning Applications**

T/00284/18/TCA (validated 2nd August) Rose Farm Cottage, The Barracks, Newnham. Willow trees – excessively large and require repollarding to previous pollard points.

18/00943/FUL (validated 10 July (**refused** 4th Sept)) Unit 2 Hackwood Business Park, Water End. Erection of a two storey side extension.

18/01925/HSE (validated 9th July, **withdrawn** 10th August)) The Cottage, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of two storey rear extension.

T/00273/18/TCA (validated 2th July, **granted** 3rd Sept) Oak Cottage, Newnham Road. T1 Horse chestnut removal of overhanging branches; T5 Crab apple John Downie fell; T6 Apple Bramley seedling reduce crown; T7 Apple Egremont Russet fell. T8 Oak fell; T9 Bullace Fell; T10 Bullace fell.

18/01693/HSE (validated 15 June, **granted** 2nd August) Lyde Mill, Newnham Lane. Erection of first floor extension to existing house and detached double garage.

T/00221/18/TPO (11 June 2018, **granted** 17th August)) The Coppice, Newnham Road, Newnham. Ash tree: crown reduce by approx 2m to suitable 2nd growth points.

16/04600/HSE (validated 12th December 2016, **refused** 6th Sept) Well Cottage, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Erection of a single storey side extension and infill front extension, front and rear dormer windows and installation of rooflights.

16/03282/RET (**pending** reg 15th Sept 2016, amended 20th Jan 2017) 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).

Hook Planning Applications

18/01181/FUL (**pending** validated 12 June) Providence House, Bartley Way. New 85 bedroom hotel including bar and restaurant.

18/01071/FUL (**pending**, validated 7 June) High Ridge House, Owens Farm. Erection of a new building for 11 stables and tack room for applicants' personal use and erection of an agricultural / equestrian hay barn plus new storage building following demolition of existing storage building.

APPENDIX III BENCH RESTORED 20TH JULY, STILL TO BE SANDED AND OILED

Original timber re-fitted for the seat, new English Oak for the back.





2. Vision and Objectives

To develop your long term vision, you need to express as clearly as possible the overall direction of management for the woodland(s) and how you envisage it will be in the future. This covers the duration of the plan and beyond.

2.1 Vision

Describe your long term vision for the woodland(s).

The SSSIs and SINCs of Bartley Heath, Hook Common and North Warnborough Greens form a relict wood pasture/wooded heath system that would once have formed a vital part of local life, providing grazing, panage, wood fuel and other resources to be gathered by local commoners. This historic landscape further extends off of the gravels of the Heaths through the greens proper of North Warnborough Green onto Greywell Moors, where grazing of the fen would have sat side by side the industrial mills of the river Whitewater. College Copse Farm and Bassets Mead SANG further extend this extensively managed landscape to create a significant area of land managed for the benefit of wildlife. Together these sites form a large wildlife corridor within the Lodden catchment. Future acquisitions will also be managed in a holistic manner to further extend and enhance this diverse living landscape.

The plan looks to take a holistic approach to the management of these sites and aims to improve both undermanaged woodlands and open habitats within the context of a wood pasture system. Focused around the Commons of Hook, Bartley Heath and North Warnborough, this plan also includes both Greywell Moors SSSI, the woodlands of College Copse Farm and all of Bassets Mead (Site of Accessible Natural Greenspace, SANG) within its scope. Possible acquisitions are also considered where material. Over the last 25 years works have been undertaken to restore areas to heathland, open up some of the canopy to wood pasture, and restore Greywell Moors to open fen habitats. Grazing has been reintroduced too much of the area where suitable. Using a 1940s aerial photo (Map5a) as the basis of decision making, this plan looks to further enhance these sites' conservation value. Looking to manage their open, wooded and wood pasture habitats to create a dynamic matrix across the area.

The plan also looks to afforest a small area of the semi improved grassland at Greywell Moors (GWM). This will act to mitigate against tree removal. Though not covered by this plan per-se, a meadow at Bassets Mead is to be left to develop into a wood meadow. Trees in these areas would be managed as pollards to further the reach of the wood pasture/wood meadow system and create wildlife corridors for a diverse range of species.

Due to the SSSI status of GWM any planting here would be subject to NE consent. However initial consultation with David Le'Grice of NE has highlighted no reason this can not be undertaken. This semi improved grassland is of low conservation value and the benefit of wood pasture creation within the wider context of this plan should be taken into consideration.

By the end of the plan Greywell Moors, North Warnborough Greens, Bartley Heath, Hook Common, College Copse farm and Bassets Mead will provide a matrix of fen, springs, ponds, streams, grasslands, scrub, woodland, glades, coppice and pollards which span a graduated change in geology from the chalk influenced habitats of the Hampshire Downs National Character Area (NCA), across the London Clay, and up onto

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the superficial gravel deposits that dominate the geology of Bartley Heath and Hook Common which lie within the NCA of Thames Basin Heath and the underlying London Clay on which College Copse Farm and Bassets Mead sit.

Ongoing management of the habitats will include coppicing, creation/management of pollards, rotational scrub management, canopy thinning, pond creation/restoration and river corridor management. A holistic approach to the management of these sites aims to create a dynamic matrix of micro and macro habitats across the whole area, enabling a great diversity of wildlife to flourish whilst ensuring that value in timber resource is recognised.

In the woodlands of College Copse Farm the emphasis is to restore, hazel, sycamore and mixed coppice coups in College Copse and create chestnut and hazel coppice in North Runtens Copse. The aim of the management will be to provide fencing and hedging materials for the local estate as well as manage some coppice purely for wildlife, including doormouse. In some areas of College Copse a scruffy approach with simulated wind blows and collapsed willows will be undertaken to produce thick scrubby areas within the woodland. The alders of the pond edge will be rotationally coppiced to enhance the pond by enabling more light to its surface and provide flushes of floristic diversity on the banks. The sites streams and satellite ponds will be managed similarly. Non natives will slowly be removed from the woods with the exception of an Araucaria araucana tree which will be given room to thrive and become a curiosity.

In North Runtens Copse, the less diverse and poorer woodland dominated by birch, will slowly be managed to create a Hazel and Chestnut Coppice. The majority of the birch and the non natives will be removed and the area slowly replanted with +- 4 coupes of hazel and 4 of sweet chestnut. Where oak trees are found these will be retained so produce standards and a small grove of beech in the centre of the site will be retained as will old ash stools, monitored for ash die back, willows will also be coppiced and or pollarded where appropriate.

In conclusion plan seeks to set out how the Hampshire and Isle of Wight's Hook Reserves can be enhanced, by restoring and maintaining heath, fen and grasslands, ensuring that pulses of scrub are tolerated and that the woodlands are managed to ensure income from timber and maximise their biodiversity value, whilst also seeking to install management practices that enhance biodiversity and make management more sustainable.

Taking advantage of the intimate mix and gradient of habitats that can exist due to the sites' geological transitional location. These will include: heath, fen, chalk and acid grasslands, wooded heath, wood pasture, wood meadow, mature woodland, coppice, pollards, glades, rides, scrub, ponds, streams and the river Whitewater. This will provide the opportunity for a diverse selection of wildlife to thrive. From invertebrates to reptiles and mammals this plan will allow for Meta populations to develop and flourish across the wider area and providing a link from the Hampshire downs to the habitats of the Thames Basin Heaths.

2.2 Management Objectives

State the objectives of management demonstrating how sustainable forest management is to be achieved. Objectives are a set of specific, quantifiable statements that represent what needs to happen to achieve the long term vision.

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No.	Objectives (include environmental, economic and social considerations)
1	Improve older woodlands by selective thinning
2	Expand wood pasture habitats by heavy thinning of selected woodland areas
3	Expand heathland habitats by clear felling of suitable recent growth secondary woodland
4	Expand open fen by clear felling of woodland (with retention of old coppice stools and pollards)
5	Crete dynamic martix of habitats by means of mixed grazing, coppicing, pollarding, bare ground creation and pond creation/restoration.

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No.	Objectives (including environmental, economic and social considerations)
6	Raise income through forestry operations
7	Manage woodlands of College Copse Farm for conservation and fencing/hedging products to increase sustainability of local operations.
8	Create a significant corridor of accesible land for suitable recreation and access to high quality countryside and wildlife reserves.
9	Enhance wood pasture extent by thinning and pollard creation and management
10	Enhance wood pasture extent by planting and pollard creation GWM
11	Investigate and trial use of tree hay as winter fodder by means of pollard creation and coppice!Making the Hook reserves management more sustainable in the long term.
12	Use forestry contractors to maximise efficiency of works and feed into firewood and timber marketsaise income for the trust.
13	Improve access route from Odhiam to Hook to provide safe cycle route to Hook railway station.
14	Use possible new SANG area shown in Map1 to create new woodland & wood pasture areas to reconnect woodlands and further enhance wood pasture/meadows at a landscape scale.
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3. Plan Review - Achievements

Use this section to identify achievements made against previous plan objectives. This section should be completed at the 5 year review and could be informed through monitoring activities undertaken.

Objectives	Achievement

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Map5a: 1940s aerial photo of Hook Common, Bartley Heath and the North of North Warborough Greens

