

Boldre Parish Council - Meeting held on 12th October 2015

Present: Colin Wise Alison Bolton Alan Wooldridge
 Paul Tanner Oliver Moore Tony Broomfield
 Peter Lock Ken Thornber

Guest Speakers

Bernard Atkinson & Neil Eccles gave an overview of the Pilley Community Shop Ltd (PCSL). This organisation was formed following a public village meeting earlier this year. An acceptable lease has been agreed with the Freeholder owners, Ray and Annette Baker. A PCSL management committee has been formed – the Postmistress/ Shop Manager, plus a team of volunteers. The shop is now making a modest regular profit. Repairs and improvements have been made to meet required standards. A second public meeting is now planned for Thursday 12th November 2015 (18:30 at the William Gilpin School), partly to encourage more members of the Parish to become shareholders and strengthen this venture for the whole community it serves. Noted that the Post Office counter is the property of the Parish Council.

Cllr Thornber mentioned that Hampshire grant monies may be available for appropriate equipment needs.

Rob Wiles, Rob Thornley and Max Holmes attended the meeting to promote their two Planning Applications at the Yew Tree Bungalow site. A declaration of interest was stated by Cllrs Broomfield and Moore, and on behalf of Cllr Grainger (in her absence). An explanation was given that the outbuilding on the site was only to be used as a temporary dwelling while the main bungalow is replaced by the owner.

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence | Cllrs Channell, Grainger, Puttick | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest | A declaration of interest was stated by Cllrs Broomfield and Moore, and on behalf of Cllr Grainger (in her absence), for the Planning Applications for Yew Tree bungalow. | |
| 3 | Minutes of last meeting | Minutes of the meeting held on 14 th September 2015 were approved and signed by Cllr Wise | |
| 4 | Matters Arising | <p><u>NF Consultative Panel</u> – Cllrs Bolton or Cllr Tanner may be attending rather than Cllr Channell. If so, the Panel need to be informed of the replacement name for the table so that everyone knows who is who.</p> <p><u>Norley Wood to East End road</u> (Sheepwash) – An email has been sent to HantsCC for the attention of Richard Bastow, but no reply to date.</p> <p><u>Norley Wood village sign</u> – Cllr Wise has had a reply stating that the issue of the over large sign is being addressed.</p> | Clerk |
| 5 | Planning | Current Planning Application comments as proposed by the Planning Working Group were reviewed and agreed. See Planning Decisions Log below. | |
| 6 | County Councillor's Report | <u>Road Resurfacing at Pilley Hill</u> – Cllr Thornber has advised Mrs Fiona Green that he will be asking the Hampshire Highways Manager when or whether this will happen (see also item 10 below). | |

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| | | <u>Bull Hill Cross Roads</u> – A staggered junction has been discounted by the authorities due to the costs (£300K) involved. The pattern of accidents has apparently altered since visibility has changed. One current proposal is to reduce visibility, by planting gorse, in an attempt to help force motorists from Bull Hill and Norley Wood to slow down when checking before crossing the busier road. Cllr Wooldridge stated that this was not an effective strategy in his view. | |
| 7.0 | Parish Council Policies Review | <p><u>Policy reviews</u> - Some policies still need reviewing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Opportunities • Risk Management • Health & Safety, and Use of Council facilities by 3rd Parties • Standing Orders – corrections to be written up, but a Grievance procedure may be required | <p>Cllr Tanner</p> <p>Cllr Broomfield</p> <p>Cllr Moore</p> |
| 8 | Clerk's Report | | |
| 8.1 | <i>Grants</i> | Receipts and letters of thanks received from St John's and St Mary's churches | |
| 8.2 | <i>Village Speeds</i> | The Speedwatch Group has requested the deployment of a monitoring device separate to their own equipment. Another device may be available from the NFDC. Clerk has asked NFDC for information about this alternative. A reply is awaited. | |
| 8.3 | <i>The Shallows</i> | Richard Bastow (HantsCC) is due to respond to the BPC request to restrict vehicle access. | |
| 8.4 | <i>Pensions</i> | Clerk will be attending a HALC briefing on 21 st October | |
| 8.5 | <i>Unvented Pavilion Cylinder</i> | <p>Inspection/Service due at 8am, Tuesday 20 October.</p> <p>Groundsman will unlock the Pavilion, early morning.</p> <p>Pavilion to be locked and keys taken to Cllr Moore by the contractors if the inspection is completed before 8:30am.</p> <p>Cllr Moore will check progress, if necessary, after 8:30 am.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Moore</p> |
| 8.6 | <i>Folk Festival</i> | Scheduled for 20 - 22 May 2016 (16:00-03:00hrs) in fields near Undershore, Lymington. Up to 499 Persons plus the sale of alcohol & late night refreshments. Cllr Wise has been informed that an Environmental Health officer will be on site to check noise levels. | |
| 8.7 | <i>Cllr Vacancy</i> | Advertisement has been placed in the Lymington Times, costing £46.80 plus VAT. | |

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| | | A revised contract between the Royals and the Parish Council has been prepared. Cllr Broomfield will contact the Royals for further discussions. | Cllr Broomfield |
| 11.3 | <i>Lengthsman Scheme</i> | Clerk has signed the agreement with Brockenhurst Parish Council. They must countersign and return. Several suitable jobs have been identified. Clerk to chase contract with Brockenhurst PC. Footpath 33 which needs attention was mentioned again | Clerk |
| 11.4 | <i>Fireworks</i> | The meeting confirmed approval for the bonfire on the Recreation Ground, on Saturday 7 th November 2015. This will be free of charge to the organisers. After the event, should a loss be incurred, the Council will assist with funding up to a maximum of £200. | |
| 12 | Broadband | No change reported to existing coverage information | |
| 13 | Website | Statistics are available showing significant use of the website by interested parties. In addition, the site has been awarded the "Best Local Council Website Award 2015" by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC). The award was collected by Cllr Moore, on behalf of BPC, at the recent HALC annual meeting. | |
| 14 | External Meetings | Cllr Moore reported that the HALC AGM guest speakers expects to see the devolution of more powers to Parishes and a potential for reduction in services provided by higher level authorities. This may necessitate further funding by the council if services deemed critical to the Parish were reduced/removed. | |
| 15 | Parish Councillors | | |
| 15.1 | <i>Vacancy</i> | The Bridge advertisement for a Councillor has been repeated, plus an advertisement in the Lymington Times. Cllr Bolton may know of a suitable candidate. | |
| 15.2 | <i>Vice Chairman</i> | Cllr Moore accepted an invitation to become vice-chairman, at least on a temporary basis. Proposed by Cllr Bolton, seconded by Cllr Wise. | |
| 15.3 | <i>Chair of Amenities Group</i> | Cllr Broomfield accepted an invitation to become chair of the Amenities Group, at least on a temporary basis. Proposed by Cllr Bolton, seconded by Cllr Wise. | |

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| 16 | Any Other Business | <p>The <u>Finance Group</u> will meet on Friday 30th October at 10:00hrs at Cllr Wise's house to discuss budget proposals for 2016-17.</p> <p>Cllr Bolton asked how suitable <u>public access to the internet</u> could be offered in the Parish. A possible terminal in the Hall or the Pilley shop was mentioned.</p> <p>The Clerk requested <u>authority to sign cheques</u>. Two signatures would still be required. The meeting approved this request.</p> | Cllr Moore Cllr Puttick Clerk |
| 17 | Next Meeting | The next BPC meeting is on 9 th November 2015, in Boldre War Memorial Hall | |
| | | The meeting closed at 21:30 hrs | |

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Planning Log of Parish decisions at the October 2015 Council meeting

| Appl.N | Site Address | Description of Works | Comment | Adopted date |
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| 15/00684 | Yew Tree Bungalow, Pilley Street, Pilley, Lymington, SO41 5QG | Retention of building as dwelling for 18 month period | <i>Comment 4</i> As is so ably demonstrated by Appl. No. 00684 this building, with its integrated domestic plumbing, is readily available as a separate dwelling. BPC therefore objects to the proposal. We also have concerns as to whether the building work has been properly inspected as no previous planning approval has been given and it therefore could potentially be unsafe. | |
| 15/00687 | Yew Tree Bungalow, Pilley Street, Pilley, Lymington, SO41 5QG | Retention of building | <i>Comment 4</i> BPC supports the policy of the NPA that there shall be no new dwellings built in the Parish. We feel it is important that the policy be upheld in accordance with the ethos of the National Park and the integrity of the Parish Council and the NPA. | |
| 15/00721 | The Warrens, Undershore Road, Lymington SO41 5SA | 4No. replacement outbuildings | <i>Comment 5</i> | |

Comments

1. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.
2. We recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.
3. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed.
4. We recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed.
5. We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.