

Boldre Parish Council (BPC) - Meeting held on 12th March 2018

Present: Alison Bolton Pamela Keen Michael White
 Roger Bell Colin Wise Peter Lock
 Lester Mortimer Jacqui England Patrick Kempe

Before items on the meeting agenda were discussed Mrs Gina Cavanagh detailed the proposed changes to be made to Acorn Cottage – New Forest National Park Planning Application 18/00104

The full recommendations of BPC for this, and four other applications to the New Forest National Park Authority, are shown at the bottom of these minutes.

Mrs Anne Moir (Head Teacher, South Baddesley CE Primary School) outlined the proposed increase in the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) each year for the school – from 16 to 22. Because this increase is in excess of 25% Hampshire County Council (HCC) have been obliged to consult with the community.

- HCC have apparently been amending the allowed figures year by year.
- Some 140 pupils currently attend school rather than the approved overall PAN of 112.
- Eventually some 154 pupils may attend.

The prime concern of BPC is the further impact on traffic and parking which is already considered a significant health and safety issue with yet more risk to children and parents. Some dangerous driving behaviour has recently been observed by Councillors on site. Council offered to work with Mrs Moir on a new Traffic Plan for the school. New measures could include

- the use of more mini-buses
- Staggered starting times
- The further use of the ‘staff’ car park with new in & out gates to a drop-off area

Further details are included in section 9.1 below.

Meeting minutes

			ACTION
1	Apologies for Absence	Cllr Moore and Cllr Eden	
2	Declarations of Interest	Cllrs Keen and Mortimer declared an interest in Planning Application 18/00119 – Hawthorns, Lymington Road, East End.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 12 th February 2018 were approved by Council and signed by Cllr Wise.	
4	Matters Arising		
	10 Apr 2017 Item 15.7	<i>Missing Post Box</i> - reference 171106-001792 Chase sent 24/1/18. No further response	Clerk to monitor
	10 July 2017 Item 11.10	<i>Access to FP 33 from Church lane</i> Work still due in March 2018	Hants CC
	9 Oct 2107 Item 9.3b	<i>Legionella risk minimisation in the pavilion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting Log book and updated risk assessment from Solwat 	Clerk
	13 Nov 2017 Item 9.2	Birds Nest Swing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting quote for repairs from The Last Post 	Clerk

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	13 Nov 2017 Item 10.2	<i>Books of Condolence</i> • BPC will purchase, ready for future use	Clerk
	13 Nov 2017 Item 13.2	<i>Fleur-de-Lys car park area</i> • Land ownership – Investigation continues	Cllr Bell
	13 Nov 2017 Item 13.3	<i>Recreation Ground - Encroachment from mobile home(s)</i> • Awaiting promised action from owner/tenant	Clerk
	11 Dec 2017 Item 7.1	<i>Perkins Piece</i> • Cuts to be restricted to 12 per year	Cllr Moore
	11 Dec 2017 Item 8.2f	<i>Gravel area opposite William Gilpin School</i> • Awaiting improvement by Hampshire Highways.	H.Highways
	11 Dec 2017 Item 10.3	<i>Review of Play Equipment – long term</i> • Amenities sub-group are reviewing all assets owned by BPC	Cllr Eden
	11 Dec 2017 Item 13.2	<i>Council Vacancy</i> • Applicants will be invited to the next meeting.	Clerk
	11 Dec 2017 Item 13.3	<i>Costs – South Baddesley War Memorial</i> • Awaiting Hoare Banks reply	Cllr Bell
	12 Feb 2018 Item 5.1	<i>Jordans Cottage - Planning Application 17/00847</i> Cllrs England & Bell attended the recent New Forest NPA Committee and spoke against this application. Despite this the NPA approved the submission unanimously.	Close
	12 Feb 2018 Item 6.2	Parish & Town Council meeting This meeting was postponed due to bad weather	
	12 Feb 2018 Item 9.4	<i>Insurance for 3rd Parties</i> Mr Paul Chapman to be invited to a future BPC meeting.	Cllr Moore
	12 Feb 2018 Item 9.5	<i>Access to the Recreation Ground</i> Cllr Moore reported that the owners of The Bungalow have submitted some plans for a pre-planning review. A new access to the Recreation Ground remains a possibility.	
	12 Feb 2018 Item 14.4	<i>St Johns – roadside parking</i> No response received from the vicar.	
5	Planning		
5.1	BPC Planning recommendations	18/00104 – Acorn Cottage 18/00117 - The Stables, Boldre Grange 18/00119 - Hawthorns 17/01096 - Latisana	

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		<p>18/00145 - Formosa</p> <p>18/00151 – 1 Pitts Deep</p> <p>All these Planning Applications were agreed as Comment 5 (We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers) – Proposed by Cllr England, Seconded by Cllr Bell on block.</p> <p>The full agreed recommendations to the NFNPA are attached at the bottom of these minutes, to be sent to Development Control.</p>	Clerk
6	County Council		
6.1	Councillor's Report	<p>Cllr White reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant impact on highways work following the recent bad weather. Some temporary repairs have been essential with prioritisation of main routes. • Hampshire has applied for extra road repair grants from central government. • Waste recycling rates in Hampshire have been assessed as poor. 	
7	Finance		
7.1	Payments	Payments of £ 1471.94 for March 2018 were approved, including one item paid by Charge Card.	
7.2	Bank Reconciliation	The reconciliation for February 2018 was confirmed. However, it was noted that the items paid for by Charge Card in February did not appear on the Bank Statement.	
7.3	Policies Review	The BPC Internal Auditor had asked that the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders were reviewed before his audit. The Financial Regulations were changed and reviewed when Council approved the use of the Clerk's Charge Card in 2017. A minor change (BPC postal address) has been made to the Financial Regulations. This change was approved by BPC.	
8	Highways		
8.1	Bull Hill Cross-Roads	<p>The Parish Council have discussed the crossroads on many occasions over the past two years, and have pressed for changes by Hampshire County Council – the Highways Authority.</p> <p>There have been calls for several possible safety measures including a roundabout, offset cross roads, further signage and cattle grids, at various times.</p> <p>Between them, HampshireCC, the Verderers and The Forestry Commission will not act for a variety of reasons including land usage, costs and excessive street furniture. The Council believes there is no more that they can do at this time.</p>	

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8.2	Hedge & Tree Encroachment 8.2a 8.2b 8.2c 8.2d	Some progress made: Dead tree, School Lane – To be checked Heywood Mill House – hedge work completed Forest Barn – no response to initial letter Utopia – hedge work has been completed.	
8.3	Ditches & Roads	<p>a) <u>Rope Hill. Royden Lane and Red Lion</u> Awaiting Hampshire Highways</p> <p>b) <u>Gravel area opposite William Gilpin School</u> Work on the gravel area still to be done.</p> <p>c) <u>Lying water and ice problems at Boldre Bridge</u> Cllr Bell has successfully created a channel ('grip') at the gateway into Longdown land in conjunction with the owners</p> <p>Clerk, Cllr Mortimer and Cllr Bell have checked and partially cleared some drains ditches this month. More work is required.</p>	H.Highways H.Highways
8.4	Shallows Lane Project	<p><u>Funding</u> Several Councillors met Ms Fiona Wynne to seek help from the New Forest Park's Sustainable Communities Fund</p> <p><u>Main ditch work and lane clearance</u> The Hampshire and IOW Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) will be clearing and re-ditching the lane. Mr Stephen Grove will to speak at the forthcoming Annual Assembly on Monday 19th March 2018. Initial work is planned for week commencing 19/3/18. The riparian landowners will be informed of our intention to start clearance.</p>	Response is awaited
8.5	Lengthsman	<p>Cllr England seeking alternative sources of these funds from Hampshire County Council.</p> <p>The ditch on Shallows Lane (Western side adjacent to Shallowmead Nurseries) has been cleared by the Lengthsman with two of his colleagues. Further clearance on this side is planned by Cllr Bell.</p>	Cllr England
9	Amenities		
9.1	South Baddesley Primary School	<p>BPC decided to write to Hampshire County Council following the recent consultation about pupil admission numbers (PAN), as follows:</p> <p>Boldre Parish Council has serious concern that the raising of the Pupil Admission Number by 37% from 16 to 22 will greatly exacerbate the traffic/parking problem in the narrow country roads surrounding the school and wish to have this addressed before the number of pupils are fully and finally increased.</p> <p>Over the last 12 years the school role has risen steadily from</p>	Clerk

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		<p>103* in 2005 to the proposed level of 154 with very little regard to the safety of children being picked up and dropped off by parents to such an extent that children are having to thread their way on the highway amongst cars both parked and moving.</p> <p>In the initial consultation notice only four lines referred to the impact the expansion would have on traffic and made no suggestion other than there would be an opportunity to discuss this at the initial consultation meeting. Four parish councillors, the district councillor and the county councillor attended this meeting. No realistic and positive solution was put forward and it is suspected that the safety of the children on the road had not been given a thought.</p> <p>Boldre Parish Council wishes it to be known that it supports all the schools in the Parish but considers that danger to children should always be paramount. *Offstead report</p> <p>A recent photograph was included which clearly illustrates our concern.</p>	
9.2	Amenity Assets	This item was carried forward as Cllr Eden was not able to attend this meeting.	
9.3	Parish Guide	Limited progress on this item.	
10	Recreation sub-group	<p>This new group met on 9th March 2018.</p> <p>The main activity during the next month will be a wide consultation process to establish the wishes of the whole community. All age ranges will be targeted using local centres including Schools, Boldre Club, Churches, the Community Shop, The Den, BWMH (Bees knees, W.I., Dance Club...), Public Houses, Mabel's, Facebook and The Bridge.</p>	
11	Clerk's Report	(and information received)	
11.1	Cycling event (sent to BPC)	<p>cycling sportive taking place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th April 2018</p> <p>Rope Hill, Pilley Hill, School Lane, Hundred Lane, Portmore</p>	
11.2	Rustic Stomp - Folk festival	<p>BPC have been notified about this event, as follows:</p> <p>Field Number 5569, Undershore, Lymington</p> <p>Friday 27/07/2018 - 15:00hrs to 00:00hrs</p> <p>Saturday 28/07/2018 - 00:00hrs to 02:00hrs</p> <p>Saturday 28/07/2018 - 12:00hrs to 00:00hrs</p> <p>Sunday 29/07/2018 - 00:00hrs to 02:00hrs</p> <p>Sale of alcohol, regulated entertainment & late night refreshment</p> <p>499 people</p>	
11.3	Hants road dressing	Surface Dressing works on various minor roads within the parishes has been received by BPC. The works are currently	

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	(sent to BPC)	programmed to commence from Monday 19 th March 2018 and are expected to last for 4 months.	
12	IT Summary	Cllr Moore reported that OpenReach have started adding fibre distribution boxes to telegraph poles. Apparently, the existing copper line from pole to household will be replaced by a cable containing copper and fibre.	
13	External Meetings	None attended during the past month	
14	Other Business		
14.1	Annual Assembly	The Assembly is due on Monday 19 th March 2018 in Boldre War memorial Hall at 19:00 hrs. A representative of the Community Rehabilitation Company will outline their proposed ditch and clearance work for Shallows Lane as guest speaker.	
14.2	Council Vacancy	Two parishioners have expressed an interest in joining the Council. They will both be invited to attend the next meeting and speak to Council at the end of the meeting.	
15	Next Meeting	The next BPC meeting is on Monday 9th April 2018 , in Boldre War Memorial Hall at 6.30pm	

The meeting closed at 20:40 hrs

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Log of Parish Recommendations to the New Forest NPA in March 2018

Application	Site Address	Description and Recommendation	
18/00104	Acorn Cottage Bull Hill, Pilley, Lymington SO41 5RA	Single storey rear extension	Comment 5
18/00117	The Stables Boldre Grange, Southampton Road, Boldre, Lymington, SO41 8PT	Single storey rear extension; demolition of existing conservatory	Comment 5
18/00119	Hawthorns, Lymington Road, East End, Lymington, SO41 5SY	Garage (demolition of existing)	Comment 5
18/00145	Formosa Bywater Place, Undershore Road, Lymington SO41 5SB	Single storey extension with terrace over; first floor conservatory; demolition of existing conservatory	Comment 5 With no Parish Guidance Notes and in spite of copious paperwork, without simple existing and proposed plans, it was impossible to assess the proposed additions with regard to permitted percentage.
18/00151	1 Pitts Deep Cottages, Sowley Lane, East End, Lymington SO41 5SQ	Single storey extension; demolition of flat roof extension	Comment 5 However, there is concern that the new south facing fenestration so close to the Solent shore may be a navigation hazard.

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.