

Boldre Parish Council (BPC) - Meeting held on 9th April 2018

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

Some 26 Parishioners attended this meeting, most of whom wanted to hear what was discussed about the current New Forest National Park Authority Planning Application 18/00146. This is for a new glasshouse, extension to existing greenhouses and a replacement site/welfare office at Shallowmead Nurseries. An application for a liquor licence to the New Forest District Council at the same site had been withdrawn a day or so before this meeting. Two Parishioners spoke against this Planning Application.

Mr Richard Walters stated that he supported the nursery but did not agree with overdevelopment. He felt the new glasshouse, site offices, teaching area and propagation house amounted to creeping development which would result in an increase in site lighting, site noise, and a large increase in traffic along Boldre Lane.

Ms Holly Holman told the meeting that she was aware of 20 objections to the proposals for the nursery, with no one in favour. Boldre Lane is a narrow highway, not suitable for large lorries. Traffic regularly uses the verges and driveways as passing places. The lane also has almost no lighting. If the business expands increased traffic is bound to result in increased dangers.

Boldre Parish Council's discussion of this planning application is minuted in section 5.1 below.

The recommendation for this, and two other applications to the New Forest National Park Authority, are shown at the bottom of these minutes.

Mr Richard Head then spoke about unsuitable large vehicles using New Town Lane, South Baddesley. He explained that he had written to Hampshire Highways asking for restriction signs to be placed at the start of the lane to prevent access by vehicles exceeding 2 metres in length.

Meeting minutes

			ACTION
1	Apologies for Absence	Cllr White and Cllr Eden	
2	Declarations of Interest	None	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 12 th March 2018 were approved by Council and signed by Cllr Moore.	
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. Note that Boldre WI have also written to Royal Mail.	Clerk to monitor
	10 July 2017 Item 11.10	<i>Access to FP 33 from Church lane</i> Steps now in place to a good standard.	Close
	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. • BPC shower head cleaning is now taking place. 	Solwat (Clerk)

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	13 Nov 2017 Item 9.2	Birds Nest Swing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Last Post are awaiting a replacement beam from the swing suppliers 	Clerk
	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 – Papers available to complete	Cllr Bell & Clerk
	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> Cllr Moore to confirm that cuts to be continue as normal for the time being. Quotes for reduced cutting (12 cuts per year) to be obtained .	Cllr Moore Clerk
	11 Dec 2017 Item 8.2f	<i>Gravel area opposite William Gilpin School</i> Chase improvement by Hampshire Highways.	H.Highways (Clerk)
	11 Dec 2017 Item 13.3	<i>South Baddesley War Memorial</i> Replacement costs (£30,000) to be updated on the Insurance Asset Register. Insurers to be informed.	Clerk
	12 Feb 2018 Item 6.2	Parish & Town Council meeting This meeting will now be on 16 th May, 6 to 8pm, Ashburton Hall, Winchester.	Close
	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>Possible new Access to the Recreation Ground</i> New Forest NPA has raised some questions with the access owner. Cllr Moore to speak to the NPA.	Cllr Moore
	12 Feb 2018 Item 14.4	<i>St Johns – roadside parking</i> No response received from the vicar. Clerk to request a reply.	Clerk
	12 Mar 2018 Item 8.5	<i>Lengthsman funding</i> Funding direct from HampshireCC has been approved.	Close
	12 Mar 2018 Item 9.1	<i>S.Baddesley School – Pupil Numbers and Traffic concerns</i> Meetings arranged by Cllrs Keen and England. It was noted that Pennington School had written to Hampshire County Council with concerns about pupil numbers.	Cllr England Cllr Keen
5	Planning		
5.1	BPC Planning recommendations	<u>18/00146 – Shallowmead Nurseries, Boldre Lane, Boldre</u> Cllr Wise noted the strength of feeling against increased activity at the nursery.	

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		<p>Cllr Bolton stated that the normal opening times of the nursery were between 09:00 and 16:00 hrs. She had spoken to staff at the nursery who told her only one resident had spoken to them direct about the current application. Also, that Boldre Lane had always been a busy road during her 50 years as a resident at the end of the lane, and never very safe to walk along.</p> <p>Cllr Mortimer expressed doubts about the access to the nursery which he felt was too narrow with restricted vision lines.</p> <p>Cllr Bell thought the proposals amounted to change of use to an industrial concern rather than a horticultural business.</p> <p>Following lengthy discussion Cllr Moore proposed that BPC recommend Comment 5, seconded by Cllr England (BPC are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers). With the added statement:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Provided the overall horticultural usage is maintained and that Hampshire Highways evaluate that the supporting infrastructure and entrance are suitable for any increased traffic that may result from this planning application.</p> <p>This proposal was agreed but the decision was not unanimous. Six Councillors voted to accept the proposal, two voted against.</p> <p><u>18/00167 – Keepings, Norley Wood Road, Norley Wood</u> Comment 4 (We recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed) Boldre Parish has a policy of trying to maintain the rural scale of its' historic dwellings and preventing considerable further enlargement. The previous history of enlargement to this originally tiny thatched cottage was not known when the Planning Sub-group discussed this application as the Parish Briefing Notes had not been received. Proposed by Cllr Wise, seconded by Cllr Mortimer, agreed unanimously</p> <p><u>18/00184 – Walhampton School, Main Road, Walhampton</u> Comment 5 – Proposed by Cllr Mortimer, seconded by Cllr England, and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>The 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	Cllr White was not at this meeting	
7	Finance		
7.1	Payments	Payments of £ 1352.01 for April 2018 were approved.	

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		<p>The HMRC system was not available to enter salary and wages information on 7th April. Clerk and groundsman have been given partial payment for April.</p> <p>Discussion of the HALC payment resulted in a decision to continue the BPC subscription.</p>	
7.2	Bank Reconciliation	The reconciliation for March 2018 was confirmed.	
7.3	Internal Audit	It was noted that the Internal Audit was due on 13 th April 2018	
8	Highways		
8.1	England Coast Path	<p>Cllr Bolton summarised the consultation document, produced by Natural England, about the proposed pathway. Some of the path uses existing routes a mile or so north of the shorelines. Details can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-highcliffe-to-calshot.</p> <p>The chosen route has been very challenging in our Parish. There are particular worries about additional traffic and the absence of parking or other facilities which would not be appropriate, particularly in Tanners lane and Shotts Lane. One Pitts Deep resident is due to send her thoughts to BPC via Cllr Keen.</p> <p>Council asked Cllr Bolton and the Clerk to respond accordingly to the Natural England consultation document on its' behalf.</p>	Cllr Bolton Clerk
8.2	Burnt House Lane parking	Investigations have shown that little can be done about people parking on the verges along Burnt House Lane.	
8.3	Footpath 764	One parishioner has raised concerns about the state of this footpath alongside the Ampress industrial site. Inspection of the path showed that the path itself was in reasonable condition. The waste materials seen were on the far side of fencing and outside the BPC boundary.	
8.4	Ditches & Roads	a) Clerk to contact Cllr Keen and her neighbours about ditches and lying water near her property.	Clerk
8.5	Rope Hill and Hill House School	<p>Awaiting Hampshire Highways ditch and culvert clearance on the hill.</p> <p>Discussion due with Hill House School about spring water reaching the highway from the school site.</p>	H.Highways Clerk
8.6	Shallows Lane Project	<p><u>Funding</u> Further details sent to Ms Fiona Wynne to seek help from the New Forest Park's Sustainable Communities Fund</p>	Response is awaited
8.7	Heavy Goods Vehicles	Discussion carried forward to May meeting	
9	Amenities		
9.1	Amenity Assets	This item was carried forward as Cllr Eden was not able to attend this meeting.	

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9.2	Parish Guide	Work will continue on a welcoming leaflet for new residents. The format of the guide itself is still under discussion.	Cllr Keen Cllr Bolton
9.3	The Wheelbed	BPC will take ownership, becoming responsible for insurance and maintenance. Cllr Moore to request a letter from Boldre Parish Historical Society.	Cllr Moore
9.4	Police & The Community	Cllr Bell to organise a public meeting inviting a speaker from the Hampshire Police.	Cllr Bell
10	Recreation sub-group	This group met again on 6 th April 2018. Consultation to be widened via information requests from about 12 locations. Suggestions so far include adult exercise equipment, outdoor table tennis, tennis court, a dog exercise area, a community orchard and waste bins for recycling etc. Clerk to liaise with BWMH to check for any conflict of interest.	
11	Clerk's Report	(and information received)	
11.1	Internet banking	Facility withdrawn by Lloyds due to alleged lack of use. Clerk raised a complaint in Lymington. Advised to phone 0345 300 2348	
11.2	Pavilion	The internal walls and shower areas have been painted by the Groundsman to a good standard.	
11.3	Fete	Grounds requested by Graham Edmiston for Saturday 7 th July 2018. Reply sent seeking assurance about 3 rd party insurance. No response as yet.	
11.4	Memorial Service	in Honour of Honorary Alderman and former Leader of Hampshire County Council, Ken Thornber has been rearranged: Winchester Cathedral on Thursday 26 April 2018 at 2pm	
12	IT Summary	Cllr Moore reported that fibre installation continues in the parish.	
13	External Meetings	None attended during the past month	
14	Other Business		
14.1	Council Vacancy	The interested parishioners were not present when this item was due to be discussed.	
14.2	Personal Statements	Cllr Moore emphasised that Councillors attending other events must be clear that they are stating personal opinions rather than voicing the views of BPC unless these views have been sanctioned.	All
14.3	HMS Hood	Cllrs Moore and Keen will be attending the Memorial Service.	
14.4	Herbicide	Clerk to contact the NFDC and Hampshire Highways noting that the use of herbicide has been observed around telegraph poles and Dragon's Teeth recently.	Clerk

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15	Next Meeting	The next BPC meeting is on Monday 14th May 2018 , in Boldre War Memorial Hall at 6.30pm	
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The meeting closed at 21:25 hrs

Log of Parish Recommendations to the **New Forest NPA** in April 2018

Application	Site Address	Description and Recommendation	
18/00146	Shallowmead Nurseries Boldre Lane, Boldre, Lymington SO41 8PA	New glasshouse; extension to existing greenhouses; replacement site/welfare office	Comment 5 Provided the overall horticultural usage is maintained and that Hampshire Highways evaluate that the supporting infrastructure and entrance are suitable for any increased traffic that may result from this planning application.
18/00167	Keepings Norley Wood Road, Norley Wood, Lymington SO41 5RS	Single storey linked extension; orangery	Comment 4 Boldre Parish has a policy of trying to maintain the rural scale of its' historic dwellings and preventing considerable further enlargement. The previous history of enlargement to this originally tiny thatched cottage was not known when the Planning Sub-group discussed this application as the Parish Briefing Notes had not been received.
18/00184	Walhampton School, Main Road, Walhampton, Lymington SO41 5ZG	2 no. single storey classrooms; covered verandahs (removal of existing pitched roof)	Comment 5

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.