

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

Present: Alison Bolton Roger Bell James Eden Oliver Moore
 Colin Wise Jo Humphreys Peter Lock Michael White
 Lester Mortimer Jacqui England Patrick Kempe Pamela Keen

Before the main meeting, thoughts on traffic and speeding issues across the parish were offered, plus a brief presentation about an appeal against a National Park Authority (NPA) planning decision. BPC views on these topics are shown in sections 5 and 7 below respectively.

In addition, a revised Planning Application was briefly discussed for (18/00679 - The Red Cottage, Southampton Road) but as BPC had not received the amended plan from the NPA detailed discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

Mr Richard Waters suggested that increased traffic was now using parish roads mainly as a result of, primarily, delays at the new traffic lights at Lymington Shores and the adjacent level crossing. The roads effected being Boldre Lane, Pilley Hill, Pilley Street and Jordans Lane. Possible traffic calming measures to combat excessive speeds were outlined, including indicative costs.

Mr Teddy Powell then outlined the reasons for his appeal against the NPA refusal to allow a barn conversion at Battramsley farm (Application 17/00784)

Meeting minutes

				ACTION
1	Apologies for Absence		Cllr Moore was delayed in London. Cllr England chaired the meeting until he arrived.	
2	Declarations of Interest		None	
3	Minutes of the last meeting		The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th October 2018 were approved by Council and signed by Cllr England.	
4	Matters Arising			
13 Nov 2017	13.2	Fleur-de-Lys	<i>Car park area</i> Land ownership – Still awaiting information from Land Registry.	Clerk Cllr Bell
12 Feb 2018	9.5	Recreation Ground	<i>Potential New Access</i> – No further news. Carried forward	Monitor
9 Apr 2018	8.5	Hill House School	Clerk has raised an incident on Hampshire flooding/drainage section re: surface water reaching the Rope Hill highway. Closed by HantsCC without feedback to BPC, and still no response from Cambian. BPC to write again to both parties when surface water reappears on the highway.	Highways Group
9 Apr 2018	9.2	Parish Guide	Progress meeting due in late November	Cllrs Keen & Bolton
11 June 2018	8.1	St Johns parking	Noted that parking is well controlled when stewards are available. Letter to be sent encouraging the use of stewards, and reminding of the need for more signs.	Highways Group
11 June 2018	8.3.1	Rope Hill	Grid in ditch removed/stolen. Temporary inspection cover laid across dangerous hole by H.Highways.	H.Highways

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	8.3.2	Norley Wood Road	<p>Further request for culvert and gully clearance logged H.Highways website which states (Ref:21396189):</p> <p><i>The enquiry you raised has been inspected and does require action. Defects of this nature are added to our contractor's work programme and are normally processed within two months.</i></p> <p>Ditches need clearing on either side of road below Thatchers Lane. This was raised on the Hampshire Flooding website but the incident has been closed with no feedback. BPC to write again when surface water reappears on the highway and asking why the BPC enquiry was closed without any feedback.</p>	Highways Group
13 Aug 2018	8.5	Bull Hill X-roads	Still awaiting proposals and action by Hampshire County Council. Understood that Ipley X-roads will be considered for changes first.	H.Highways
10 Sep 2018	9.2	Amenities	Budget has been explained as part of the proposals for 2019-20	Close
10 Sep 2018	9.3	Highways	Budget has been explained as part of the proposals for 2019-20	Close
8 Oct 2018	8.1	South Baddesley School	Awaiting Traffic Plan from the school which was due by October 2018 – nothing received to date. Dragon's Teeth have been added to a nearby traffic island.	Monitor
8 Oct 2018	13.1	Silent Soldier	Silhouette purchased for the Parish has been received and will be moved around to various appropriate locations over the next few weeks. The Silent Soldier will be stored in St John's Church, Boldre when not on duty.	Close
8 Oct 2018	13.4	Give Way sign	Boldre Lane junction at Red Lion. Reported to H.Highways by Cllr Bell – no action to date	Monitor
5	Planning			
5.1		BPC Planning	<p><u>NPA 17/00784 - Battramsley Farm, Barn Conversion</u> BPC had been advised of Mr Powell's Planning Appeal. Council decided to support this by writing to the Planning Inspectorate who will determine this request. The BPC Planning sub-group will formulate a letter to be received at the Planning Inspectorate by 10 Dec 2018. Seven Councillors were in favour of this action, two against.</p> <p><u>NFDC 18/10541 Haven Marine Park</u> Cllr England is due to attend and speak at the NFDC Planning Committee, but this item has been deferred until the following meeting in December 2018.</p> <p>The full agreed Planning recommendations to the New Forest NPA for recent applications are attached at the bottom of these minutes, to be sent to the Development Control section.</p> <p>These recommendations, agreed unanimously except where indicated, were (in summary) as follows:</p>	<p>Cllrs Bolton Keen and Humphreys</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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		<p><u>NPA 18/00679 – Red Cottage, Southampton Road, Boldre</u> Deferred until the December BPC meeting</p> <p><u>NPA 18/00740 – 2 Pitts Deep Cottages, Sowley Lane, East End</u> Comment 4 Proposed by Cllr Wise, seconded by Cllr Bell</p> <p><u>NPA 18/00746 – 1 Trowbridge Cottages, Pilley Street, Pilley</u> Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Mortimer.</p> <p><u>NPA 18/00748 – Oakfield Lodge, School Lane, Pilley</u> Comment 3 proposed by Cllr Mortimer and, seconded by Cllr Eden</p> <p><u>NPA 18/00749 – Starlings, Private Road, East End</u> Comment 5 proposed by Cllr Eden and, seconded by Cllr Mortimer</p> <p><u>NPA 18/00777 – Shallowmead Nurseries, Boldre Lane, Boldre</u> Comment 3 proposed by Cllr Mortimer and, seconded by Cllr Eden</p> <p><u>NPA 18/00797 – Brickfield Cottage, Brickfield Lane, Walhampton</u> Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Kempe, seconded by Cllr Wise</p> <p><u>NPA 18/00808 – Towles House, Walhampton Arms, Walhampton</u> Application not received in time by BPC Deferred until December meeting</p> <p><u>NPA 18/00834 – Communications site, Jan Ruis Nurseries</u> Shirley Holms Road, Boldre Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Mortimer.</p> <p><u>NPA 18/00659 – Mundens, 7 Tanners Lane, East End</u> Comment 4 This application was discussed again, further to the meeting in October, at the request of the NPA, but BPC would consider it a serious breach of NPA planning policy if this application were to be granted. Proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Mortimer</p>	
6	County Council		
6.1	Councillor's Report	<p>Cllr White reported on Transport and Highways issues. Budget cuts in this area from £4M to £3M will result in::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Saturday 112 service being withdrawn – Monday to Friday remains in place. • Bus passes no longer being accepted on the CANGO service. • Street lighting being switched off in Lymington between 01:00 and 04:00, but lighting in the parish will remain as now. 	

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			<p>The 'toll bridge' traffic lights were adjusted some while ago, but this had made little difference to traffic flows. Cllr White was asked to request again that the Lymington Shores element of these lights is turned off completely.</p> <p>Cllr White agreed that the management of the cattle grid closure in October in Pilley was very badly handled.</p>	Cllr White
7	Highways			
7.1	7.1.1	Shallows Ditch Clearance	The Lengthsman's ditch work is due week commencing 19 November along with appropriate liaison with Longdown Management on behalf of the Barker Mill landowners.	Cllr Bell
	7.1.2	Community Payback	The 'Community Payback' team carried out further excellent work on Sunday 4 th November. The highway was swept, and ditches/grips were dug on both sides of the bridge.	
7.2		Speeding and traffic issues	<p>Issues exist across the parish, as highlighted by Mr Richard Waters at the start of the meeting. A recent local Speedwatch survey had recorded 130 vehicles travelling along Boldre Lane in a 30 minute period. One vehicle was recorded travelling at 44mph. All those recorded at 35mph or more will receive a police letter.</p> <p>Cllr England will check and advise how a parish wide investigation can be requested by Hampshire County Council.</p>	Cllr England
8	Amenities			
8.1	8.1.1	Manhole covers	<p><u>Recreation Ground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One frame is broken – repair work was authorised at the September meeting. A quote for this and barriers for the septic tank cover are awaited from The Lengthsman • Mowing took place to a low level but unfortunately the football match has been cancelled. • The costs of providing a level, weed free, track are high. This possible provision will be reviewed at a later date. 	Clerk
	8.1.2	Charity Football		
	8.1.3	100 metre running track		
8.2	8.2.1	Birds Nest beam	<p><u>Play Area</u></p> <p>Cllr England has had no response from The Last Post. Carried forward</p> <p>Astroturf has been installed on the fence. Clerk to inform the Play Area inspector that this safety work has been done. Invoice awaited from the fencing contractor. BWMH will be then be asked for their agreed contribution.</p> <p>A new deck is required. A supply quote has been obtained. BPC agreed to purchase the new deck – proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Bell. Contractors will be asked for a quote for installation</p>	Cllr England
	8.2.2	New fence		Clerk
	8.2.3	Roundabout		Clerk

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	8.2.4	Matting	The rubber impact matting is generally uneven and dirty. Contractors to be invited to quote for cleaning and re-installing several areas of matting.	Amenities Group
8.3	8.3.1	Water analysis	Microbiological tests have been completed in the pavilion confirming very satisfactory levels	
	8.3.2	First Aid	First Aid box replaced. Eye bath to be purchased.	Cllr Mortimer
8.4		Pavilion	<u>Renovation and improvements</u> Advice is expected and will be reported to a future meeting.	Cllr Kempe
8.5		Boldre Green	<u>Portmore (Snooks Lane)</u> A working group is invited to meet at 10:30 on Saturday 24 November 2018.	All welcome
8.6		Animal silhouettes	Decision made not to display a silhouette due to uncertainty of a suitable location, plus insurance and other issues.	
8.7		Lengthsman	Cllr Mortimer and Clerk met Lengthsman last week. Go ahead given to repair three benches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church lane • Perkins Piece (x2) 	
9	Finance			
9.1		Payments	Payments of £4004.12 for November 2018 were approved.	
9.2		Bank Reconciliation	The reconciliation for October 2018 was confirmed.	
9.3		Budget 2018-19	The proposed BPC budget was circulated, for confirmation in December	
9.4		BPC Insurance	A three year reduced cost arrangement has been agreed for insurance to continue with Hiscox Ltd. The first year price paid is £1751.97, but a small refund of about £30 is due following a revision made to the BPC Asset List.	Close
9.5		Clerk's Hours	Contract hours will remain at 12 per week, but payment for increased hours worked will be paid as from 1 November 2018	
10	Clerk's Report (and information received)			
10.1		Hampshire ALC 71st AGM	Saturday 10th November 2018 - Holiday Inn Winchester Includes: Launch of the £500,000 Parish and Town Council Investment Fund. (Cllr Humphreys could not attend due to illness)	
10.2		'Toll' Bridge (sent to BPC)	Wednesday 14 th November 2018, between 0001 hrs and 0500 hrs only, in order to carry out tidal gate maintenance work.	
10.3		Animal silhouettes (sent to BPC)	Animal Casualties Near-life-size silhouettes of Forest animals in towns and villages around the New Forest. See BPC decision above (8.6).	

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10.4		Planning	<u>Green Ash – Lower Sandy Down</u> The preservation of the outbuildings, which was to be a condition of the Planning Permission, have been allowed to disintegrate. Enforcement could be requested, but the recommendations of the appeal inspector and the NPA Archaeologist were apparently not included in the permission granted at the time (in 2012).	
10.6		New Forest Local Plan (Sent to BPC)	NFDC (OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL PARK) LOCAL PLAN 2016-2036 Copies will be available at the local libraries	
11	IT Summary		As reported earlier, the Website hosting arrangements will be changing. A 3 year deal at £78 per annum was approved – proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Kempe. Cllr Moore will action the changes.	Cllr Moore
12	External Meetings		Remembrance Services were attended by Councillors at St Johns and St Nicholas. Wreaths were laid at these events. At the next NFALC meeting it is suggested that the issue of NFDC not sending planning paperwork to BPC be raised. This is likely to be a common problem for some other Parish Councils	Cllr Moore
13	Other Business			
13.1		Trees	Cllr Bell has become the BPC Tree Officer, with help from Cllr Mortimer. New Forest NPA will be asked to direct tree notifications to Cllr Bell, copy to the Clerk.	Clerk
13.2		Forest gate	This gate is adjacent to Southampton Road, opposite the Sandy Down turning. No remedial action has been taken by HantsCC – the gate opens dangerously the wrong way. Cllr Humphreys monitoring	Cllr Humphreys
13.3		Lucky Lane	Cones and chains have been placed on the highway. Cllr Bell to advise. H.Highways to be contacted.	Cllr Bell Clerk
14	Next Meeting		The next BPC meeting is on Monday 10^h December 2018 , in Boldre War Memorial Hall at 6.30pm	

The meeting closed at 21:50 hrs

New Forest National Park Planning Applications:

18/00679	Red Cottage, Southampton Road, Boldre, Lymington, SO41 8ND	Two storey and single storey extensions; replacement outbuilding with workshop above (AMENDED PLAN)	Copies of the amended plans have not been received by BPC. Copies are due to be delivered by the applicant following discussion at the BPC meeting on 12 November 2018. The BPC recommendation will be made by 12 December after the Council's next meeting.
18/00740	2 Pitts Deep Cottages, Sowley Lane, East End, Lymington SO41 5SQ	Infill single storey extension to create garage and covered way	<u>Comment 4</u> BPC feels this application does not respect the existing historic landscape.
18/00746	1 Trowbridge Cottages Pilley Street, Pilley, Lymington SO41 5QP	1.85 metre high close boarded boundary fence	<u>Comment 5</u> BPC agrees that the legal boundary should be properly established before work begins
18/00748	Oakfield Lodge, School Lane, Pilley, Lymington SO41 5QE	Single storey extension; 2No. lantern roof lights	<u>Comment 3</u>
18/00749	Starlings, Private Road, East End, Lymington SO41 5SN	Carport linking to existing garage; outbuilding	<u>Comment 5</u>
18/00777	Shallowmead Nurseries, Boldre Lane, Boldre, Lymington SO41 8PA	Siting of a temporary Staff Welfare Portacabin	<u>Comment 3</u> BPC supports the siting of this temporary facility
18/00797	Brickfield Cottage, Brickfield Lane, Walhampton, Lymington SO41 5RD	Two storey rear extension; single storey rear extension (demolition of existing single storey rear extension)	<u>Comment 5</u>
18/00808	Towles House at The Walhampton Arms, Main Road, Walhampton, Lymington SO41 5RE	Internal alterations (Application for Listed Building consent)	The plans for this application have not been received by BPC, who will make a recommendation by 12 December 2018 following their next meeting
18/00834	Communications Site at Jan Ruis Nurseries Shirley Holms Road, Boldre, SO41 8NG	Application under Part 16 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2016 for GPS fixed headframe; 2No. 300mm dishes; 3No. replacement RRUs; associated works	<u>Comment 5</u>

18/00659	Mundens 7 Tanners Lane	Completion of single storey extension; first	<u>Comment 4 (October BPC meeting)</u> While supporting the restoration of this
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	East End, Lymington SO41 5SP	floor extension; re-roofing; juliette balcony; Internal and external alterations and repairs	heritage asset, Boldre Parish Council is very concerned by the proposed raising of the roof height and some of the other changes. The use of traditional materials is to be welcomed but the original proportions of roof and windows should be retained.
<p>This Planning Application was discussed again at the November BPC meeting. The following detail is offered to reinforce the recommendation made in October:</p> <p>Boldre Parish Council would consider it a serious breach of NPA planning policy if this application were to be granted.</p> <p>To quote the Parish Guidance Notes sent by the NPA “Mundens is situated within the Forest South East Conservation Area and has been identified within the Conservation Area Character Appraisal as being of local vernacular interest and as such is a non-designated heritage asset”. The Conservation Officer has raised an objection to the proposal on the basis that the proposed reconstruction is not like for like and the works to this point, without planning permission, have resulted in loss of historic fabric and features of the original building as the first floor has already been demolished.</p> <p>The Planning Officer claims that as the original height and proportions of the cottage can no longer be ascertained due to this damage the owner should be allowed to continue to alter this dwelling. However, photographs of the front and rear of the cottage exist and further images are available from the Boldre Historical Society archive which should be adequate to restore the original shape and proportions.</p> <p>The National Park planning officers surely have a duty to protect this dwelling and to say the damage already done, gives the owner carte blanche to do whatever he/she wishes is not acceptable.</p>			

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.