

# Boldre Parish Council (BPC) - Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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Invitees present:      Alison Bolton                      Pamela Keen                      Patrick Kempe  
                                  Jan Duke (NFDC)                  Caroline Trotter                  Tina Carroll                      Peter Lock  
                                  Lester Mortimer                      Jacqui England                  Jo Humphreys

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**Meeting minutes**

			Actions	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>		Cllrs Moore and White	
<b>2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>		Cllr Kempe declared an interest in Planning Application 19/00903 for Greenacre.  Cllr Trotter declared interest in the Enforcement discussion due for 2 Tanners Lane.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>		The minutes of the meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 were approved by Council and signed by Cllr England	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>			
13 Aug 2018	9.1	S.Baddesley school	The HCC school Travel Planning Team have confirmed that the school has not produced a traffic plan. The School Travel Planner has offered the appropriate support to the school and will update Cllr White with the response (email dated 12 December 2019).	HCC Cllr White
11 Mar 2019	15.4	Repairs by Groundsman	The BWMH Notice Board still needs attention. Corkboard has been purchased for the Groundsman.	Groundsman
8 Apr 2019	8.1	Bridleway B6	Path added to HCC cutting list. Project planning underway to drain and surface. Grant application from HantsCC & NPA to be prepared.	Clerk Cllr Bolton Residents
8 July 2019	5.2 (2)	Passford Farm	Enforcement Notices served by the NPA for stationing of a static caravan, The Barn, The Lodge, and a fence.	Monitor
8 July 2019	7.2.8	Parish Guide	Cllrs Keen & Humphreys will continue to develop with help from the Clerk.	Meeting due
8 July 2019	13.4	Footpaths F17&18	Foliage work and mowing required. Cllr Keen has contacted Pylewell Park.	Monitor
9 Sept 2019	7.1.1	Traffic & Speeding	End-to-end investigation, to establish volumes and proportion of through traffic (using the villages as a short cut) may be possible working with a local university department. Cllr Moore will investigate.	Monitor
14 Oct 2019	13.4	Bees Knees replacement organisation	Cllr Humphreys confirmed that 'Bees Knees' want to continue to store items further into 2020. BPC agreed not to impose the agreed fee for further storage but insisted that an inventory of stored equipment was provided. Insurance of 'Bees Knees' equipment remains their responsibility.	Cllr Humphreys

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11 Nov 2019	8.1.3	Polo Shirts	Polo shirts with BPC logo purchased for the Groundsman and Clerk. More are available.	Close
11 Nov 2019	8.2.1	Pavilion	The electrical cupboard has been locked to prevent the use of hot showers until the TMV faults are fixed.	Solwat
11 Nov 2019	10.2	HMRC	Clerk has contacted HMRC for more information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-return of VAT from HMRC. No response via their email system. £980 due to BPC.</li> <li>• Alleged National Insurance under-payment for Groundsman (£60). Cannot connect on phone. Not resolved.</li> </ul>	HMRC
11 Nov 2019	14.1	Assembly speaker 2020	Decision to invite NFDC to talk about household recycling	Clerk
9 Dec 2019	6	Parish Land	Cllr Moore has communicated BPC's wish to use this opportunity to resolve Recreation parking issues. Pilley Shop Ltd is checking possible lease extension. BWMH is checking business rate situation for any new shop premises. Plans to follow when appropriate.	Close
9 Dec 2019	8.2.2	112 Bus on Saturdays	The results of the BPC survey were recorded last month. Further contact with E.Boldre and Hythe/Dibden parishes is to be made.	Clerk
9 Dec 2019	8.2.4	Vegetation Cutting	Footpath 2 and Bridleway 6 have been added to the HantsCC cutting request list for 2020.	Monitor
9 Dec 2019	10.5	Lengthsman	The agreed work is underway.	Close
9 Dec 2019	11.2	HantsCC Vision for 2050	Cllr Moore attended this briefing which centred on climate change issues. Communication to residents about such things as electricity usage and improved recycling, plus direct action by BPC for ideas such as pavilion solar panels may be possible. We await more guidance from HCC and the NPA.	Close
9 Dec 2019	11.5	Field above the Red Lion Public House	NPA Enforcement team are investigating	Monitor
9 Dec 2019		BWMH Rep	Cllr Moore has confirmed he will attend this meeting until further notice.	Close
<b>5</b>	<b>Planning</b>			
5.1		BPC Planning	The full agreed Planning recommendations to the NFNPA are attached at the bottom of these minutes, to be sent to their Development Control section. <b><i>In summary, the following comments were approved:</i></b>	Clerk

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	NPA	19/00786	9 Gilpin Close, Pilley - Comment 4 Proposed by Cllr Kempe, seconded by Cllr Trotter	
	NPA	19/00800	The Sawmill, Boldre Grange, Boldre – Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Trotter, seconded by Cllr Mortimer	
	NPA	19/00903	Greenacre, Woodenhouse Lane, Pilley – Comment 4 Proposed by Cllr Mortimer, seconded by Cllr Carroll (Cllr Kempe declared an interest in this application)	
	NPA	19/00944 and 19/00945	Land opposite the Brambles and The Barn, Hundred lane, Portmore – Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Trotter, seconded by Cllr Mortimer	
	NFDC	Whitelink Ferries	Cllr Duke reported that a retrospective planning application has now been lodged for an information and advertising electronic display at the ferry terminal.	
5.2		Enforcement decision	<u>2 Tanners Lane, East End</u>  (Cllr Trotter declared an interest in this topic)  BPC approved Cllr Bolton’s request to further question NFNPA about the decision to rescind most of their own Enforcement Notice(s) issues. Their own strongly worded notes were overturned.  This lack of consistency will impact other cases which do not meet agreed policy standards.  Clerk and Cllr Bolton will send a letter to the NFNPA. Proposed by Cllr Mortimer, seconded by Cllr Carroll.	Clerk Cllr Bolton
6	<b>County Council</b>		Cllr White was not at this meeting. However, Detailed cost saving and service reduction information is still due to be sent to BPC.	Cllr White
7	<b>Parish Maintenance</b>			
7.1	7.1.1	<b>Highways</b> Safety Mirrors – Boldre Lane	Prices for the supply and installation of a convex mirror on BPC land at the Rope Hill junction obtained. A mirror (40mm diameter) plus a painted galvanized post would cost about £250. Installation by Lengthsman is possible. Some Councillors are opposed to such a mirror.	Carried forward
	7.1.2	HGVs using small roads	The possibility of HGV restriction signs will be discussed with HantsCC staff on 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.  Councillors were asked to submit other topics that could be discussed with suitable HCC staff.	Cllrs Moore, England, Mortimer and Clerk  All

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			Clerk was also asked to write to Cllr White and the Assistant Highways Manager about the lack of response to questions that have been raised, particularly those about various highways issues during the past few months, including a tour that was made.	Clerk
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Amenities</b>			
	7.2.1	H&S Policy	The updated Health & Safety policy has been reviewed by Cllr Kempe, Mortimer and Clerk. The policy was approved by BPC – proposed by Cllr Mortimer, seconded by Cllr Bolton. This version has been signed by our Groundsman and Clerk, and will be uploaded to the website.	Clerk
	7.2.2	Waste Disposal Facilities	BPC noted that Hampshire residents need to register up to 3 cars for visits to waste facilities. Charges are to be made for unregistered vehicle visits. Residents should telephone 0300 555 1389 for more information.	All
	7.2.3	Wreaths 2020	Wreaths will be bought by BPC for the remembrance services held at St Johns and St Marys in 2020.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Rec. Development</b>			
	8.1	Burnt House Lane entrance	Purchase and installation of Grasscrete (or similar) to be investigated for the entrance area.	Cllr Kempe
	8.2	BBQ	Cllr Kempe has information for a permanent BBQ structure. A temporary portable BBQ may be obtained for use until any possible building works are completed.	
	8.3	Football	No further sessions are scheduled. Awaiting contact from Lymington Sprites.  Pitch has been damaged through public use when too wet. Repairs to the surface planned in the next two weeks.	Cllr Kempe Clerk Groundsman
	8.4	Saplings	Cllr Kempe has saplings available for use when required, perhaps for a Wild Play area.	
	8.5	Play Area	Equipment will be kept up to standard pending any change to location.	Clerk Groundsman
<b>9</b>	<b>Finance</b>			
	9.1	Payments	Payments of £ 1610.33 were approved for January.	
	9.2	Bank Reconciliation	The reconciliation for December 2019 was confirmed.	
	9.3	Charge Card	Since the meeting Lloyds Bank have sent the renewed Charge Card.	
	9.4	ID Cards	Personalised ID badges were approved for most Councillors. Cllr Bolton declined to have one. Proposed by Cllr Mortimer, seconded by Cllr Trotter.	Cllr Moore

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10	Clerk's Notes & Information		
	10.1	Road Closure Snooks Lane	A Plant Lux (contact <a href="mailto:surveys@aplant.com">surveys@aplant.com</a> Tel: 0370 050 0792) have requested a temporary road closure for Snooks Lane, on Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2020, between 0930hrs and 1530hrs only, in order to carry out pole replacement and cabling works.
	10.2	Pilley Street Cattle Grid  Note from Cllr Kempe	Following reports that the gates were being left open occasions, Cllr Kempe found that the large gate was hanging low and the gate catch wasn't returning - hence the gate had a tendency to bounce back open. The same on the pedestrian gates. He has adjusted the hinges and put springs on the catches. A resident has reported they are much better and haven't been a problem since.
	10.3	Police Powers – encampments  (sent to BPC)	<p>The Home Office has issued a consultation on Strengthening Police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments, full details are available.</p> <p>NALC have produced a briefing summarising the consultation, which is a word document: <i>'PC13-19 Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments.docx'</i>.</p> <p>NALC would also like to collate comments from Parish and Town Councils on this consultation. Should your Council wish to comment, please submit these directly to <a href="mailto:Jessica.Lancod-frost@nalc.gov.uk">Jessica.Lancod-frost@nalc.gov.uk</a> by Wednesday 19 February 2020.</p>
	10.4	Animal road deaths & Highways Salt  (sent to BPC)	<p>The Verderers completely understand and are very grateful for the Parish Council's concern for the welfare of the Forest animals.</p> <p>HCC does not add anything to the salt, particularly molasses.</p> <p>Salt licks have been suggested before, and we have given the idea careful consideration – but are considered impractical.</p>
	10.5	BWMH room fees	<p>Room fees increase from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 £17 for the E.P.room (was £16). Phillips £25, plus kitchen if used.</p> <p>Cllr Bolton will check as this may not apply to BPC.</p>
11	<b>IT Summary</b>		<p><u>Broadband East of Pilley to Bull Hill</u> BPC has communicated with NPA Planning, HCC Broadband, Forestry England, Natural England, Julian Lewis MP and the Verderers. In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OpenReach has currently paused all works in the New Forest due to damage caused to the SSSI/New Forest National Park. The</li> </ul>

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		<p>Pilley/Bull Hill deliverable does involve works in the SSSI. A route forward is being discussed between OpenReach/Natural England/Forestry England.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is not clear on the time frame for resolution. If the timeframe is extended (&gt;12 months) it could be possible to consider community action to implement the works on the SSSI on behalf of OpenReach. The situation is being monitored by BPC.</li> <li>In addition, BPC has requested information on the current Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) plan and the cost impact of implementing Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) which will ensure better coverage. This is with HCC, and BPC will continue to monitor.</li> </ul>		
<b>12</b>	<b>External Meetings</b>	None attended during the past month		
<b>13</b>	Electoral Boundaries (NFDC)	<p>Cllr Duke explained the review that is underway. The key points for Boldre parish are:</p> <p>District population likely to increase from 142,700 to 147,600 in five years</p> <p>District Councillors are likely to reduce from 60 to 48.</p> <p>Boldre Parish is expected to be split for NFDC representation between a Southern area (Portmore, Norley Wood, S.Baddesley – linked to Lymington) and a Northern area (Pilley and Boldre – linked to Beaulieu, East Boldre and Denny Lodge).</p> <p>Submissions invited from all individual councillors and BPC as a unit, to be sent to Matt Wisdom, NFDC.</p> <p>Consultation period ends 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020</p>	All	
<b>14</b>	<b>Other Business</b>			
	14.1	Cycling Event		
	14.2	Footpath 14	<p>This footpath has been closed by HantsCC for repairs to the footbridge over the Lymington River. However, closure signs have been left (dumped?) in a field gateway near Boldre Bridge. Clerk to contact HantsCC.</p>	Clerk
	14.3	St Johns funds	<p>Cllr Humphreys outlined funding issues to be faced by St Johns church in order to meet diocese demands.</p> <p>The church apparently has significant trust funds that cannot be used to meet diocese requirements.</p> <p>A BPC suggestion was made for potential rental from a telephone mast. Also, BPC understands that St Johns may not be VAT registered but not reclaiming payments made on purchases.</p>	

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<b>15</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next BPC meeting is on Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020, in Boldre War Memorial Hall at 6.30pm	
<b>16</b>	<b>BPC Vacancy</b>	No applications were received by NFDC for the vacancy. BPC Councillors will consider options over the coming weeks.	

The meeting closed at 21:45 hrs

### Log of Parish Recommendations to the **New Forest NPA** in January 2020

19/00786	9 Gilpin Close PILLEY Lymington SO41 5RY	Retention of ground floor rear extension and construction of first floor rear extension with gable roof.	Comment 4 BPC objects to this appl. as it is oversized.
19/00800	Sawmill Boldre Grange Southampton Rd BOLDRE, Lymington SO41 8PT	Extensions to buildings 1 and 3; replacement of building 2; roof mounted solar panels to buildings 1 and 3	Comment 5 BPC supports the rural economy and feels it is essential that this is retained as a site for local industry and requests a condition to this effect.
19/00903	Greenacre, Woodenhouse Lane, Pilley, Lymington SO41 5QU	Determination as to whether Prior Approval is required for proposed Change of Use of Light Industrial building (Use Class B1(c)) and any land within its curtilage to dwelling house (Use Class C3)	Comment 4 BPC objects strongly to this proposal having recently supported the applicant for this building to continue as a workshop (19/00675 on 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019). The reasons for refusal are that it is contrary to the NPA planning policy outside the Defined Villages and in the Conservation Areas. It is also contrary to the Boldre Parish Design Policy. NPA Local Plan Policy DP37 d) states outbuildings will be permitted where they are <b>not</b> providing additional habitable accommodation.
19/00944 and 19/00945	Land opposite to Brambles and The Barn, Hundred Lane, Portmore, Lymington	Installation of underground electricity cable (Application under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 Overhead lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 and section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990)  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.