

Boldre Parish Council (BPC) - Meeting held on 9th March 2020

Invitees present: Alison Bolton Pamela Keen Patrick Kempe
 Caroline Trotter Peter Lock Oliver Moore
 Jacqui England Jo Humphreys

BPC welcomed Mr Steve Avery, Executive Director (Strategy & Planning) New Forest National Park Authority. Cllr Bolton highlighted several planning issues that have unsettled BPC over recent weeks which were then discussed.

- BPC fully supported an applicant who claimed he wanted to continue a well respected local business using an outbuilding in his curtilage. NPA approved this application. Within weeks the applicant then applied for Change of Use to convert the out-building into habitable accommodation which BPC strongly opposed. Mr Avery commented that skilful use of recent legislation by the applicant resulted in approval for this application.
- A strongly worded Enforcement was raised by the NPA on extensions made within the boundaries of a property. BPC supported this Enforcement as the changes represented the erosion of the rural character of the area by means of introducing inappropriate development which neither preserved nor enhanced the landscape of the National Park nor the character and appearance of the Forest South-East Conservation Area. The developments harmfully contravened policies DP1, DP6 and CP8 of the adopted New Forest Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD and Paragraph 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework. The NPA employed a barrister but the Planning Inspector indicated that the appellant had a strong case and Enforcement was discontinued prior to the formal appeal hearing.
- A further property in Boldre has been using an outbuilding as B&B accommodation. Mr Avery stated he will look again at this usage.
- The felling of trees in a copse covered by a blanket Preservation Order was raised by BPC in December 2019. Mr Avery agreed that this would be a criminal offence but the destroying of trees would need to be witnessed, ideally with photographic evidence. The NPA continue to treat this as an urgent issue
- Finally, Mr Avery was asked about the current plans to change boundaries withing the New Forest District Council, but he felt that the NPA had little opinion to offer at this time.

Meeting minutes

			Actions	
1	Apologies		Cllrs Carroll and Mortimer	
2	Declarations of Interest		Cllr Trotter declared an interest in the NPA Planning Application 20/00060 (Kingstone Cottage)	
3	Minutes of the last meeting		The minutes of the meeting held on 10 th February 2020 were approved by Council and signed by Cllr Moore.	
4	Matters Arising			
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. Still no progress.	HCC Cllr White
11 Mar 2019	15.4	Repairs by Groundsman	The BWMH Notice Board still needs attention. Groundsman is awaiting a quote for assistance with the job.	Groundsman
8 Apr 2019	8.1	Bridleway B6	To be discussed by BPC sub-group to prepare a further grant application. Project planning underway to drain and surface B6. Grant application from HantsCC & NPA to be further prepared. Community Payback would like to work on the project,	Carry forward

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8 July 2019	7.2.8	Parish Guide	Cllrs Keen & Humphreys will continue to develop with help from the Clerk.	Carried forward
8 July 2019	13.4	Footpaths F18	Some cutting required at N/Wood end. To be investigated when conditions are drier.	Close
14 Oct 2019	13.4	Bees Knees replacement organisation	Storage of pre-school equipment continues in the pavilion, at the owner's risk, free of charge. An inventory has been received.	Close
11 Nov 2019	8.1.3	Polo Shirts	Have been received for the groundsman	Close
11 Nov 2019	8.2.1	Pavilion	Valves fitted and working. Leak is minimal and may be just condensation.	Close
11 Nov 2019	10.2	HMRC refund	VAT refunds now received.	Close
9 Dec 2019	8.2.2	112 Bus on Saturdays	East Boldre PC (EBPC) are interested in working in partnership with BPC to offer a minibus service. A Community First minibus (from Brockenhurst) should accept bus passes and may be the preferred option. Meeting due with EBPC on 12 March in East Boldre. A trial (for a couple of months) may be possible. n.b. That meeting confirmed this potential partnership. Notes to follow with agreed actions.	Cllr Trotter Cllr England Clerk
13 Jan 2020	6	HCC Budget savings	Cllr White reported that more savings must be made in the next few years, resulting in further reduced services. Detailed information still due to be sent to BPC.	Cllr White
13 Jan 2020	8.1	Burnt House Lane entrance	Grasscrete (or similar) received for the entrance area. Awaiting drier weather to install.	Cllr Kempe
13 Jan 2020	9.4	ID Cards	Due for Councillors and Groundsman. Photographs still required from Cllrs Trotter and Humphreys.	Cllr Moore
13 Jan 2020	10.5	BWMH room fees	Room fees will remain at £16 for the E.P.room. Phillips room £25, plus kitchen fee if used.	Close
13 Jan 2020	14.2	Footpath 14	HCC have posted the closure signs but the bridge is still being used. Barriers installed by our Lengthsman have been removed and dumped nearby. HantsCC Officer agreed to alert the HCC Countryside group. Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/Feb/20 – The BPC Lengthsman offered to replace temporary barriers which the Clerk agreed. • 06 Mar 20 - Email sent to HCC suggesting the bridge should be dismantled to prevent any use, until repaired but no reply as at 23 March 2020. 	HCC
10 Feb 2020	7.1.1	Safety Mirrors – Boldre Lane	Decision made to purchase and install a mirror on Perkins Piece. Clerk to action	Clerk

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10 Feb 2020	7.1.2	Hampshire Roads – Safety issues	Discussions with the HHC Team Leader Safer Roads - Traffic took place on 10 Feb 20. Awaiting feedback on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HGV restriction sign placements • Details of suitable contractors who can undertake End-to-End investigations of traffic and Speeds in the parish. 	HHC
10 Feb 2020	12.2	Freshwater Habitats Forum	Recent analysis of the Lymington River and Sewage Woks discharge was requested by Cllr Bolton. Request for information sent to Environment Agency.	Holding reply received
5	Planning			
5.1		BPC Planning	The full agreed Planning recommendations to the NFNPA and the NFDC are attached at the bottom of these minutes, to be sent to their Development Control sections. <i>In summary, the following comments were approved:</i>	Clerk
	NPA	19/00792	Lymbrook, Portmore - Comment 5 already sent to the NPA based on revised plans received	
	NPA	20/00060	Kingston Cottage, Lower Sandy Down - Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr England	
	NPA	20/00073	The Walhampton Arms, Walhampton - Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr England	
	NPA	20/00074	The Walhampton Arms, Walhampton - Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr England	
	NPA	20/00098	5 Pilley Hill, Pilley - Comment 3 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr England	
	NPA	20/00108	Heywood Close, Church Lane, Boldre - Comment 4 Proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Moore Council also noted a strong email of objection from a neighbour	
	NPA	20/00116	Sundance, Monument Lane , Walhampton - Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Kempe	
	NFDC	19/11232	Ferry Terminal, Undershore Road, Boldre - Comment 5 The black and white electronic signage of reduced intensity, with no advertisements, is acceptable to BPC. Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Trotter	
			Finally, Cllr Moore will attend the NPC Planning Committee on 17 March 2020. Two applications are proposed for approval by NPA officers but were recommended for refusal by BPC (Comment 4) in February, namely: 19/00979 – Holme Leigh, and 20/00008 – Golden Bush	Cllr Moore
6	County Council		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

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7	Parish Maintenance			
7.1	7.1.1	Highways maintenance	<p>Little progress since the HCC meeting as of 9th March 2020. Clerk due to contact Senior HCC officers.</p> <p>However, since this BPC meeting good repairs have been made by HCC to the numerous potholes on Pilley Hill, plus potholes on Boldre Lane,</p> <p>In addition, repairs have been made to the various potholes in the dip along Church Lane, but these repairs are not of good standard.</p>	
7.2	Amenities		Nothing to report	
8	Rec. Development			
8.1	8.1.1	Wild Play area	<p>A new Play Area, incorporating Wild Play facilities was discussed. Much of the existing play equipment may be moved or replaced.</p> <p>A potential fenced area was suggested just to the south of the existing equipment. Fencing quotes have been obtained.</p> <p>A note was made of the high voltage cable that runs underground below the recreation ground just outside BWMH land.</p> <p>The purchase of tree stumps to incorporate into the wild play site were approved Proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Humphreys.</p> <p>Clerk to ask the Play Area Inspector for advice about Wild Play area inspections.</p>	Clerk
	8.1.2	Car Parking and Access	<p>A right of access to the recreation ground needs to be established with the BWMH. A new car parking area will then be proposed.</p>	Cllr Moore
9	Finance			
	9.1	Payments	Payments of £1373.42 were approved for March 2020.	
	9.2	Bank Reconciliation	The reconciliation for February 2020 was confirmed.	
10	Clerk's Notes & Information			
	10.1	Cycle Event due (sent to BPC)	<p>18-19 April 2020 Riding along Rope Hill, Pilley Hill, School Lane on to Portmore Boldre - First riders 8:37 am, last riders 12:33 pm Portmore – First riders 8:44 am, Last riders 12:46 pm</p> <p>Note - Since the BPC meeting this event has been cancelled</p>	
	10.2	CPRE event 17 th April	<p>Campaign to Protect Rural England have told us: <i>"Your Local Council has to prepare a Local Plan and review it every 5 years. These are important documents that determine how much and what development takes place in your area.</i></p>	

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			<i>This free event is designed to assist you or your organisation to have greater influence as to what goes in Local Plans, and to find out how CPRE can help.</i> n.b. - Since the BPC meeting this event has been cancelled	
11	IT Summary		<u>Broadband East of Pilley to Bull Hill</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OpenReach work remains blocked • Availability to Premises may be possible costing about £2000 per property. • BPC are following the issue closely. 	
12	External Meetings			
12.1		Quadrant & Consultative Committees	Cllr Bolton noted that Adam Vasey (NPA) was very interested in path restoration. He has discussed Bridleway B6 with BPC	
12.2		Councillor Training	Cllrs Carroll, Keen and Humphreys recently attended HALC training organised by Lyndhurst Parish Council.	
13	Electoral Boundaries (NFDC)		Submission made by BPC and some individual councillors. Thanks noted to Cllr Duke for her support and the BPC submission to be sent to her.	Cllr Moore
14	Policies		The revised H&S Policy to be uploaded to website Default docs from HALC will be requested to assist with the review of all other policies. Emergency Plan – Cllr Keen will prepare this new document	Clerk Clerk Cllr Keen
15	Other Business			
15.1		Corona Virus	The pandemic is being closely monitored by Councillors, several of whom are involved offering assistance in conjunction with the Community Shop and help groups in Norley Wood, Pilley/Boldre, and Sandy Down. Early Covid-19 information to be given to the Community Shop for display.	Clerk
15.2		Campsite	Clerk to ask the NPA about the status of the site near Lisle Court Road.	
15.3		Oak Trees	Decided that BPC does not have a suitable site for oak saplings that have been offered by a resident. Cllr Moore to make contact.	Cllr Moore
16	Next Meeting		The next BPC meeting is on Tuesday 7 th April 2020, in Boldre War Memorial Hall at 18:30	
17	BPC Vacancy		Item carried forward to next meeting	

The meeting closed at 21:45 hrs

Log of Parish Recommendations to the New Forest NPA in March 2020

19/00792	Lymbrook, New Road, Portmore, Lymington, SO41 5RZ	Single storey rear extension; porch; removal of chimney; 5 no new rooflights. (AMENDED PLANS)	Comment 5 already sent to NPA based on the amended plans.
20/00060	Kingston Cottage, Lower Sandy Down Lane, Boldre, Lymington, SO41 8PP	Replacement outbuilding	Comment 5
20/00073	The Walhampton Arms, Main Road, Walhampton, Lymington, SO41 5RE	Conversion of existing function room, bedsit and cellar to facilitate 6no. new letting guest rooms; partial conversion of existing trade kitchen into a cellar; alterations to doors and windows	Comment 3
20/00074	The Walhampton Arms, Main Road, Walhampton, Lymington, SO41 5RE	Conversion of existing function room, bedsit and cellar to facilitate 6 no. new guest rooms; partial conversion of existing trade kitchen to cellar; alterations to doors and windows (Application for Listed Building Consent)	Comment 3
20/00098	5 Pillely Hill, Pillely, Lymington, SO41 5QF	Retention of conservatory	Comment 3
20/00108	Heywood Close, Church Lane, Boldre, Lymington, SO41 5PG	Replacement garage.	Comment 4 This very tall replacement garage is not in scale with the main dwelling and, if allowed, safeguards would need to be in place to prevent it becoming a separate dwelling.
20/00116	Sundance, Monument Lane, Walhampton, Lymington, SO41 5SE	Retention of covered patio	Comment 5

Log of Parish Recommendations to the New Forest District Council in March 2020

<p>APPLICATION NUMBER: 19/11232 ADDRESS: Ferry Terminal, Undershore Road, Boldre SO41 5SB PROPOSAL: Electronic LED screen positioned on 2x supporting poles, providing customer information related to sailing</p> <p>Comment 5 The black and white electronic signage of reduced intensity, with no advertisements, is acceptable to Boldre Parish Council</p>

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.