

Boldre Parish Council (BPC) - Meeting held on 12th July 2021 @ 18:30 hrs

Those present: Oliver Moore Alison Bolton Sherwin Small Lester Mortimer Patrick Kempe
Jacqui England Vincent Slattery Pamela Keen Jo Humphreys Peter Lock

Meeting minutes

			Actions
1	Apologies received	Cllrs Duke (NFDC) and Dunning (HCC)	
2	Declarations of Interest	Cllr Moore declared an interest in agenda item 7.1 (Fleur-de-Lys parking). Cllrs Humphreys and Mortimer declared an interest in Planning Applications 21/00552 and 21/00553 for Haywards Farm House	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 th June 2021 were approved by BPC signed by Cllr Moore.	
4	Matters Arising		
13 Aug 2018	9.1 South Baddesley school	The School Travel Plan. Cllr White was due to speak to Cllr Chadd on Wednesday 11 November 2020. Apparently, the Headteacher is reluctant to produce this document. <i>No known progress.</i> Clerk has sent details to Cllr Dunning.	Cllr Dunning
11 May 2020	9.2 Passford Fm outbuildings	BPC understands a Public Inquiry is re-scheduled for July 2021.	Monitor
13 Jul 2020	5.2 Whitelink: phone mast	Extension timescales for the permission granted on appeal for the temporary siting of the monopole are not clear. <i>No further news.</i>	No change Monitor
10 Aug 2020	7.5 Tanners Lane & Foreshore	Clerk reminded <u>HCC</u> on 6 th March 2021 - with particular reference to Health & Safety aspects if an ambulance cannot reach the foreshore when required. <i>No known progress</i>	HCC & Forestry England
9 Nov 2020	9.8 Shallows Lane bollards	The bollards are due to be replaced free of charge by HCC. The minor additional costs of an improved version will be funded by BPC.	Monitor
9 Nov 2020	12 Policies	Documents still to be reviewed include: • Data Protection and The GDPR Statement	Cllr Moore
08 Mar 2021	8.1 Community Shop	Joint zoom meetings with Boldre War Memorial Hall and Pilley Community Shop Ltd representatives have continued. Notes were circulated to BPC.	
08 Mar 2021	6.1 HCC Highways	Cllr Moore had reminded Cllr White about the need for HCC to confirm compensation measures for the roadside damage caused by SGN diversions in December 2020. Clerk reminded Ian Ackerman (HCC) on 16 June 2021, who replied: <i>"According to our records, SGN did return to the A337 and undertook the agreed repairs. My recollection of the situation was that other damage could not be directly attributed to the SGN works and historical photo's showed pre-existing verge damage".</i>	Cllrs HCC

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		BPC has pointed out that damage on the A337 is not the main issue. Damage on village lanes that formed the diversion is the problem. Cllrs to check for photographs of damage to be sent to HCC.	All
08 Mar 2021	11 Community Links	The Bridge - Parish Guide information due to be included. A productive meeting was held using Zoom. Continues.	
08 Mar 2021	13.1 HMRC debt	A cheque for £523 was paid to the HMRC in June. The debt appears to have been cleared on the HMRC website.	Close
4 May 2021	10.4 New Play Area	Plans for the new Play Area were displayed at the South Baddesley fete in Pylewell park, and at the William Gilpin school fete.	Close
12 Jul 2021	7.5 Footpaths	<u>Vegetation checks</u> Cllr Humphreys suggested F1 and F2 (near The Hobler) should be cut back. F2, in particular needs cutting. The BPC Groundsman could be invited to strim as previously but Hampshire County Council HCC will be asked first to take action. The short F25 (Portmore) has been inspected and the few brambles will be trimmed by the Clerk. The issue with F27 is one of drainage. HCC to be contacted.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
5	Planning		
		The full agreed planning recommendations to the New Forest National Park Authority (NPA) and New Forest District Council (NFDC) are attached at the bottom of these minutes, to be sent to their Development Control sections. These Planning Authorities <u>decide</u> upon these applications. <i>In summary, the recommendations were:</i>	Clerk
	NPA	21/00552 Haywards Farm House, Church Lane, Boldre Comment 2 Proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Small 2 abstentions following declarations of interest (Cllrs Humphreys and Mortimer) Remaining Councillors all agreed.	
	NPA	21/00553 Haywards Farm House, Church Lane, Boldre – Listed Building Comment 2 Proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Small 2 abstentions following declarations of interest (Cllrs Humphreys and Mortimer) Remaining Councillors all agreed.	
	NPA	21/00558 The Thatched House, Hundred Lane, Portmore Comment 4 Proposed by Cllr Kempe, seconded by Cllr Slattery. Agreed unanimously.	
5.2	5 Pilley Hill	NPA Planning Application 20/00098 Noted by BPC that an appeal against an Enforcement Ordre succeeded in part and the enforcement notice is upheld with a variation in the terms set out.	

6	Reports		
6.1	Hampshire CC	Cllr Barry Dunning was not at this meeting	
6.2	NFDC	Cllr Jan Duke was also not at this meeting	
7	Highways		
	7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Fleur-de-Lys public house – parking</u> Mr Kelvin Drake had contacted Cllr Small about a large number of vehicles parked near the Public House. BPC discussed this but have limited powers to take any action. The Highways sub-group have been asked if they will take Mr Drake's concerns to Hampshire County Council (the highway authority) perhaps via Cllr Dunning, our Hampshire County Councillor. 	BPC Highways
	7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Shallows Lane – vegetation cutting</u> An exception to last month's decision about clearance was agreed in order that our Groundman can be asked to cut-back vegetation along Shallows Lane, which is a highway, to allow pedestrians, pushchairs, cycles, motorcycles, and horse riders suitable thoroughfare. 	Clerk
	7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>The problems of HGVs using our small roads</u> HCC have now informed that they will install 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs into Sandy Down and Lower Sandy Down from the A337. On 29 June 2021 Mandy Ware wrote: <i>"Apologies for the delay in responding. I am in contact with our contractor about planning this work and will get back to you once I have an update".</i> <p>In addition, the BPC Highways sub-group are now due to propose a strategy at the August meeting covering key issues within the parish including: HGV access, Speed Limits, and liaison with Hampshire Highways.</p>	HCC Highways BPC Highways
8	Amenities		
8.1	Formal Access to the new Play Area, Recreation Ground, and pavilion	<p>Messrs Tim Farquhar and Tony Broomfield, trustees of the Boldre War Memorial Hall (BWMH), joined the meeting to discuss this topic.</p> <p>Councillors explained that a suitable lease is requested in order that BPC can demonstrate that public money has been suitably spent on equipment that can be purchased, positioned, and maintained on land over a long period – perhaps 99 years. A previous parish Councillor had advised that an appropriate lease should be agreed between BWMH and BPC.</p> <p>The above Trustees suggested that this would involve unnecessary expense for both parties, preferring a less formal arrangement using minutes of meetings, as a 'commercial' rent would be needed of hundreds of pounds. BPC felt this approach was not legally secure.</p> <p>-----</p>	

		<p>BPC later decided that advice will be sought from legal officers within the NFDC and the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC).</p> <p>In addition, informal advice on access and parking options will be sought from Development Control in the NPA</p>	<p>Cllr Moore</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.2	New Play Area Vendor selection	<p>Cllr Small detailed the results of surveys, reaction at two recent fetes, and views received from other councils who have equipment installed from the shortlisted vendors of Play Area equipment.</p> <p>The recommendation from the Amenities group was to now go-forward with Redlynch.</p> <p>Following discussion Cllr Moore proposed that BPC now works with Redlynch to create the new Play Area. This was seconded by Cllr England.</p> <p>Eight councillors voted in favour and Cllr Mortimer voted against.</p> <p>Clerk will contact Redlynch and the unsuccessful vendor.</p>	Clerk
8.3	Pendulum Swing & Birds Nest extension	<p>Cllrs Small, Kempe and Moore met a representative from Huck Nets Ltd, to investigate the noisy Pendulum Swing. On this occasion the worrying noises could not be reproduced.</p> <p>Amenities recommended that further maintenance check were not necessary at this time.</p> <p>Discussion also took place about extensions to the Birds Nest swing and spacing requirements. BPC are awaiting a detailed quotation for an additional swing set from Huck incorporating one flat seat and one cradle swing, plus foundations and surfacing.</p> <p>This quotation is required as soon as possible in order that a grant application figure can be sent to South West Water who may be willing to help with funding.</p>	Amenities HUCK
8.4	Lymington Town FC	<p>A contract covering two or three years has been drafted by The Clerk and Cllr Small – to be sent to BPC councillors for comment.</p> <p>In addition, the longer-term changes requested for levelling some parts of the pitch and returfing the 11 x 11 goal mouths will be discussed with LTFC when quotes have been received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Amenities</p>
8.5	Play Area Signage	Cllr Mortimer has suggested improved signage should be considered for the existing (and future) Plays Areas. Signs in use at Brockenhurst have been noted. A copy is to be sent to all councillors for comment.	Clerk
8.6	Play Area Hedge Cutting	The BPC Groundsman had asked the Clerk about the hedge between the existing Play Area and the Chapel. Clerk will make contact to request cutting.	Clerk

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9	Finance	Cllr England had to leave the meeting at 21:00 before finances were discussed	
	9.1	Payments	Payments of £ 2221.18 were approved for July 2021.
	9.2	Bank	The reconciliation for June 2021 was confirmed.
	9.3	Grant Allocation	A £250 grant toward the costs of the New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau was approved, proposed by Cllr Bolton, seconded by Cllr Mortimer.
10	IT Summary	Open Reach work is in progress ducting cables in the Pilley Pond area for High Speed Broadband. Note that Cllr Mortimer had to leave the meeting at 21:10 hrs.	
11	External meetings	<u>BWMH General Meeting for the six month period ending 31st March 2021</u> Councillor Bolton reported that this meeting was poorly attended and gave the Clerk a copy of the accounts presented for filing.	All
12	BPC Vacancy	Several Councillors met Mrs Eileen Morton on 7 th July and all agreed that she would be very suitable as a councillor with her skills and background – proposed by Cllr Bolton, seconded by Cllr Keen.	
13	A.O.B.		
13.1	St Barbe Museum	Cllr Humphreys agreed to discuss BPC and other local interest in the proposals received from Ruth Kerr of the St Barbe Museum & Art Gallery	Cllr Humphreys
13.2	NPA Partnership Plan	Cllr Bolton outlined the NPA Partnership plan, and suggested Mr Steve Avery be invited to a future BPC meeting to give details. Those councillors interested were asked to let the Clerk know of convenient dates free in the next three weeks so that this meeting could take place before the next BPC meeting, if possible.	All
13.3	Permitted Path	Cllr Bolton outlined the possibility of a Permitted Path between the Recreation Ground and Pilley Street to the rear of the Fleur-de-Lys Caravan Park site. A letter to the landowner is thought to be the next step in the process.	??
13.4	BPC future meetings in BWMH	The August BPC meeting will be arranged for the EP room in BWMH. Future meetings are subject to confirmation.	All
13.5	Parking on the Rec	A Craft Fair is due on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 25 th July. Parking and access via the Pavilion gate was agreed by BPC but BWMH may need to authorise the use of the gate.	
13.6	Covid thanks event	Cllr Moore will be finding out about the event that is being planned by the local churches. BPC support has been sent.	Cllr Moore
13.7	Bluebells	An Enforcement request will be sent to the NPA concerning possible building beyond that agreed through the planning process – as raised by a parishioner. Cllr Moore declared a Conflict of Interest for this item.	Clerk

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13.8	Gorse Hill	A further Enforcement request will be sent to the NPA concerning possible building works not approved at Gorse Hill.	Clerk
14	Next Meeting	<p>The next BPC meeting is due on Monday 9th August 2021</p> <p>At present HMG have instructed that such meetings must be held in person. Remote attendance is not an option. If this meeting is held inside the BWMH masks may have to be worn. Only one member of the public could enter the meeting room at a time.</p> <p>An option is to offer some/all attendees the BPC gazebo just outside the BWMH.</p>	

The meeting closed at 21:45 hrs

New Forest National Park (NPA) Planning Applications:

21/00552	Haywards Farm House, Church Lane, Boldre, Lymington, SO41 5PG	Two storey extension; single storey extension to replace existing conservatory; dormer window; alterations to doors and windows; flue; greenhouse	<p>Comment 2 BPC approves the recommendations with the exception of the 2-storey extension to the Victorian addition on the south end. It is felt this would spoil the proportions of this and have a detrimental impact on the historic fabric of this listed building. No advice has yet been received from the Conservation Officer as to whether this is considered to be appropriate.</p>
21/00553	Haywards Farm House, Church Lane, Boldre, Lymington, SO41 5PG	Two storey extension; single storey extension to replace existing conservatory; dormer window; alterations to doors and windows; internal alterations; flue; greenhouse	
21/00558	The Thatched House Hundred Lane Portmore SO41 5RG	Replacement roof; replacement porch; external chimney	<p>Comment 4 Although approving the retention of a thatched roof, the increased height, is still of concern as in the previous application. We question the reason for this substantial increase which alters the whole proportion of this heritage asset.</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 have no objection to this planning application and are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park or NFDC Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.