

Boldre Parish Council (BPC) - Meeting held on 13th December 2021

Those present: Oliver Moore Sherwin Small Pamela Keen
Alison Bolton Vincent Slattery Peter Lock

Meeting minutes

This meeting was held in person with the above Councillors present. Other Councillors attended using Zoom technology but were not permitted to speak or vote on any items due to current legislation.

At the start of the meeting, it was agreed that the agenda would be shortened from that published. This was due to the rising rate of Covid cases and the subsequent conditions under which the meeting was required to take place.

In addition, several residents and visitors from East Boldre parish attended on Zoom to discuss the proposed purchase of speed indication equipment.

One resident attended the meeting in person, when called, to outline his Planning Application:

NPA application 21/00983 – Butlers, Norley Wood

The applicant gave the meeting an overview of the planned change for a new garage & store. A previous extension for a garage/annex was made and approved over 10 years ago. No Parish Briefing Notes had again been received from the NPA prior to the BPC Planning Sub-Group discussing this application earlier in December.

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1	Apologies	Received from Cllrs Dunning, Kempe, and Mortimer. Cllrs England, Humphreys and Morton listened using Zoom but did not otherwise participate in the meeting.	
2	Declarations of Interest	None declared	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th November 2021 were approved by BPC for signature by Cllr Moore.	
4	Speed Indication Device (SID) for Boldre (BPC) and East Boldre Parishes (EBPC) with respective Speedwatch groups The Chair of the Boldre Speedwatch Group (BSG) summarised the history and wish for newer technology to be (potentially) shared between Boldre and East Boldre Speedwatch groups. BSG currently have the use of a seven-year-old SID with three other groups, not including East Boldre. This is relatively cumbersome for volunteers to set-up and transport to site. Some BSG volunteers have left the Speedwatch group because of the difficulties using this equipment. Three volunteers are needed at a location. Only six locations are approved in Boldre Parish but further sites in Portmore, Norley Wood and Boldre are being requested for approval from Hampshire Constabulary. Police attendance during SID use would be welcomed. A new lighter device with two tripods and an eight-inch display unit, battery pack & charger would cost £1172 + VAT. £940 has been raised leaving a shortfall of £232. The VAT element of any purchase would be refunded if bought by a Parish Council. The unit would be stored at a police station. The asset is insured by the police when in use. BPC established that volunteers are insured to use the device under the Council's insurance in 2019. EBPC will discuss potential funding of £116 at their meeting on 9 th November 2021. BPC approved funding of £116 (proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Slattery – four councillors were in favour with one abstention) and will issue a Grant application form to BSG for £116.		

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5	Finance			
	5.1	Budget 2022-23	The BPC Finance sub-group met in November. The proposed budget was presented and approved by BPC. A 3% increase in Precept for 2022-23 from £28,466 to £29,320 will be requested from the District Council for the year.	Clerk
	5.2	Payments	Payments of £1,827.77 were detailed and approved for December 2021.	
	5.3	Bank	The reconciliation for November 2021 was confirmed.	
6	Delegation of Powers		<p>Due to the current legal need for councillors to meet in person at Parish Council, if they wish to speak or vote, then delegated powers can be given to The Clerk. BPC agreed that the powers below will be delegated until 10th April 2022, just before the April BPC – proposed by Cllr Bolton and seconded by Cllr Small – four councillors in favour and one against,</p> <p>In practice, The Clerk will liaise with the Chairman and leaders of sub-groups before exercising these powers. Chairman and sub-group leaders may choose to liaise with their sub-groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placing orders for any items required for day-to-day business/maintenance (e.g., grass cutting). • Making payments, including salary payments, for anything already agreed by the council by resolution and in line with the limits set by financial regulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly review of payments and bank reconciliation with the Finance sub-group. • Arrange for the emergency repair of any council owned assets in consultation with the appropriate sub-group leader. • Planning - Responding to planning applications having first consulted with the Planning sub-group leader. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning sub-group to review items in the first week of the month ○ Recommendations to be issued to Councillors by the Clerk. ○ Councillors have by the end of the 2nd Monday of the month to respond/comment. If a response is not made, it will be assumed to be an abstention. ○ Ad-hoc zoom call to be held for items where there are more than 2 objections (including splits within the planning group) to a given recommendation. <p>Further to this decision, letters or emails were to be sent to following to request further consideration for remote or hybrid Parish Council meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Julian Lewis MP, HALC and NALC 	Clerk
7	Planning			
			The full agreed planning <u>recommendations</u> to the New Forest National Park Authority (NPA) and New Forest District Council (NFDC) are attached at the bottom of these minutes. These Planning Authorities <u>decide</u> upon these applications. <i>In summary, the recommendations were:</i>	
	NPA	21/00965	1 Lisle Court Cottages, Lymington, SO41 5SH Comment 1 Proposed by Cllr Small, seconded by Cllr Slattery. Agreed unanimously.	

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	NPA	21/00969	Jan Ruis Nurseries, Shirley Holmes Rd, Boldre, SO41 8NG Comment 4 Proposed by Cllr Slattery, seconded by Cllr Small. Agreed unanimously.	
	NPA	21/00983	Butlers, Norley Wood, SO41 5SB Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Small. 3 councillors voted in favour with 2 abstentions.	
	NPA	21/01001	Oak Lodge, Undershore Rd, Lymington, SO41 5SB Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Small. Agreed unanimously,	
	NPA	21/01005	Beedle Cottage, Mount Pleasant Lane, Lymington, SO41 8LS No comments offered as this property is not in Boldre parish	
	NPA	20/00934	Portmore Cottage, Warborne Lane, Portmore, SO41 5RJ BPC has spoken to the NPA Planning Officer who has agreed to explore this long-standing Portmore drainage problem with Hampshire County Council.	
8	Any Other Business			
	8.1	Pilley Community Shop	The PCSL annual meeting took place in early December. Points raised included questions about shop facilities and the lease with BWMH for the new premises. Some attendees again asked why the shop was moving. Signage indicating the location of the new shop was discussed – which may involve BPC. Since the meeting the Chair of the PCSL committee has resigned.	
	8.2	Curbing	The curb at the junction of Boldre Lane and Rope Hill adjacent to Vine cottage has been damaged. Residents will be invited to contact The Clerk with further details in order that repairs by HCC can be requested.	Cllr Bolton
9	Next Meeting		The next BPC meeting is due on Monday 10th January 2022 At present HMG have instructed that councillors must meet in person if they wish to speak or vote.	

The meeting closed at 20:30 hrs

New Forest National Park (NPA) Planning Applications

(Please note the following Comments key):

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.

21/00965	1 Lisle Court Cottages Lisle Court Road Lymington, SO41 5SH	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed loft conversion to facilitate additional habitable accommodation and infill porch	Comment 1 However, no Parish Briefing Notes have been received
21/00969	Jan Ruis Nurseries Shirley Holmes Rd Boldre, Lymington SO41 8NG	Application to remove Condition 4 of planning permission 20/00437 for a toilet block to allow the retention of existing toilet block to be demolished.	Comment 4 We see no reason why this condition should be removed.
21/00983	Butlers, Norley Wood Rd Norley Wood SO41 5RR	Detached garage and store	Comment 5 Conditions should be established to prohibit the use of this as incidental accommodation.
21/01001	Oak Lodge, Undershore Road, Lymington, SO41 5SB	Roof alterations	Comment 5 Again, No Parish Briefing Notes have been received.

BPC has also been invited to comment on:

21/01005	Beedle Cottage, Mount Pleasant Lane Lymington, SO41 5RJ	But this is not in Boldre Parish	No comments offered
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And to reconsider:

20/00934	Portmore Cottage Warborne Lane, Portmore, Lymington SO41 5RJ	New drainage system in curtilage; relocation of existing garden shed	However, this is a drainage issue and the NPA Planning Officer has agreed to explore this long-standing flooding problem with Hampshire County Council.
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