

Those present: Oliver More Sherwin Small Vincent Slattery Eileen Morton
 Jo Humphreys Patrick Kempe Peter Lock

Meeting minutes

Mr Simon Ellis attended the meeting to discuss any issues arising from the NPA Planning Application 22/00643 for Gorse Hill, Lower Sandy Down.

				Actions
1	Apologies		Received from Cllrs Mortimer, Bolton, England & Keen	
2	Declarations of Interest		None were declared.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting		Minutes were approved	
4	Matters Arising			
13 Aug 2018	9.1	S.Baddesley school	A Traffic Management Plan is still mentioned on the school website but cannot be found. Carried forward.	Cllr Dunning
10 Aug 2020	7.5	Tanners Lane & Foreshore	Clerk reminded HCC on 6 th March 2021 - with particular reference to H&S aspects. 6 Dragons Teeth recently added. Recent photos supplied by Cllr Kempe. Clerk has contacted Mr Sean Marsh (Forestry England).	Forestry England
9 Nov 2020	12	Policies	Data Protection and The GDPR Statement to be reviewed.	Cllr Moore
08 Mar 2021	11	Parish Guide	The Bridge - Parish Guide information due to be included.	C/Forward
13 Sep 2021	5.2	Durns	The reference number for this Enforcement case is QU/21/0160. No more information received from NPA.	Close but Monitor
11 Oct 2021	12.1	Junior Parish Council	Cllrs Small and Humphreys will investigate possible interest in Boldre Parish. Carried Forward.	Councillors
8 Nov 2021	6.1.2	Shallows Lane bollards	The bollards have been replaced. However, only 13 of 20 keys received. The shortfall has been requested again from HCC on 1 st May 2022	HCC Close for now
8 Nov 2021	12.3	Access gate	Hudson Davies Close - Clerk has spoken to Abri. Gate and an 8 metre length of fencing due to be replaced. Awaiting Abri.	Abri
10 Jan 2021	7.6	Footpaths F27 and F33	Clerk escalated the railing and drainage issue on F33, plus the drainage problem on F27. Email sent on 12 th August 2022. Clerk was asked to make further contact with HCC Countryside	HCC Cllr Dunning Clerk
14 Mar 2022	7.2	William Gilpin school	An email supporting the school's request for 20 MPH safety warning lights on the highway was sent to Ms Alison Woodward (HCC) on 13 th May 2022 but no reply received. Further email sent on 25 th June 2022.	HCC
11 Apr 2022	13.1	Fireworks: November 2022	Clerk has informed BPC's insurers (Gallagher/Hiscox) of the event that will be organized and managed by others. Gallagher have confirmed this is acceptable but ask that BPC check any land issues near the date.	Boldre Club Councillors
11 Apr 2022	A.O.B	Post Box Rope Hill	Missing Post Box – Awaiting action by Royal Mail	Clerk to chase
9 May 2022	9.2	N/Wood triangle	The tarmac has been removed and replaced with sand/gravel	HCC
13 Jun 2022	7	H.M. Queen's Jubilee event	Clerk contacted Cllr Dunning (HCC) for confirmation that any unused grant could be used toward the new play equipment. Awaiting reply.	Cllr Dunning

Boldre Parish Council (BPC) - Meeting held on 26th September 2022 from 18:30hrs

18 July 2022	5.1	Flooding in Portmore	The historical problems of flooding in Portmore, as experienced directly by one BPC Councillor, have been raised with Cllr Dunning & Cllr Duke	Cllr Dunning Cllr Duke
18 July 2022	7.1	Traffic speed limits in Boldre Parish	BPC have tried to organise a public meeting to further explore the topic. Hampshire Highways and HCC Councillor attendance would be essential. BPC's County Councillor has been invited to such a meeting and has been asked to attend with a suitable officer(s)	Cllr Dunning HCC
18 July 2022	12.3	Clerk's Role	A separate meeting of Councillors was held in August 2022 to consider a change of circumstances & responsibilities.	
18 July 2022	12.7	Damaged Sign & Pothole South Baddesley	An HGV restriction sign has been damaged near the school in S.Baddesley. The HH website indicates the sign has been reported. The sign has been inspected by The Clerk and whilst damaged appears to be safe. However, the pothole along the road has NOT been repaired despite the HH system indicating the opposite – a further report logged on 31/7/22.	Close
8 Aug 2022	8.1.2	Cradle Swings	These swings were found to have cracked crotch straps when inspected by the Groundsman and Clerk on 2 nd August 2022. New straps were fitted by The Groundsman but are already showing signs of cracking. Clerk to contact Wicksteed again, asking for further replacements for use until a new swing set is installed as part of the new Play Park.	Clerk
5	Planning			
5.1		The full agreed planning <u>recommendations</u> to the New Forest National Park Authority (NPA) and/or the 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.		
	NPA	22/00526	Avondale, New Road, Portmore, Lymington Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Small. Agreed unanimously.	
	NPA	22/00566 and 22/00626	The Lodge Annexe Passford Farm Cottage, Southampton Road, Boldre Comment 4 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Morton. Agreed unanimously.	
	NPA	22/00581	Cosy Cot, New Road, Portmore, Lymington Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Kempe. Agreed unanimously.	
	NPA	22/00590	Island View, Lymington Rd, East End, Lymington Comment 2 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Small. Agreed unanimously.	
	NPA	22/00602	Norley Farm, Thatchers Lane, Norley Wood Comment 2 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Kempe. Agreed unanimously.	
	NPA	22/00623	Gorse Hill, Lower Sandy Down Lane, Boldre Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Kempe. Agreed unanimously.	

	NPA	22/00643	Replacement Pole, off B3054, at Undershore Comment 5 Proposed by Cllr Kempe, seconded by Cllr Small. Agreed unanimously
6	Reports		
	Hampshire CC & NFDC		Cllrs Dunning and Duke were not at this meeting
7	Highways		Nothing reported in September.
8	Amenities		Cllr Small tabled a document summarising various Amenities aspects
8.1	Warm Spaces		<p>With noticeable concern about increasing energy prices nationally, BPC discussed the potential provision of Warm Spaces or Hubs in the parish for any parishioners who might feel the need of such a location(s)</p> <p>The logistics were outlined, and will be further explored as part of in November's BPC meeting, including the need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities, funding, volunteer assistance etc. <p>Reference to such facilities will be included in the Information for Emergencies document referred to in Item 12.1 below/</p>
8.2	Play Equipment		Cllr Small provided a document summarising various Amenities aspects
8.2.1	Pendulum Swing		HUCK have confirmed there is no alternative to repairing the Pendulum Swing other than the already quoted for £4,000 new sealed head unit. Cllr Small has had no replies to further questions he raised around this issue.
8.2.2	Play Park regeneration		<p>Cllr Small had circulated a detailed explanation of the new Play Park to Councillors. This document is appended to these minutes (Appendix One) and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the BPC goal and why the old park was dismantled • the impact on the parish and funding • how donations can help the project <p>Up to now, £10.800 had been banked toward the project, with another £5,500 promised. In addition, BPC reserves of some £22,000 has been 'ring-fenced' to add.</p> <p>A Crowdfunding plan has been launched and can be reviewed here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/boldre-play-park <p>An A5 flyer has been designed to publicise the campaign.</p> <p>Planned delivery of this flyer by Royal Mail, The Bridge, Social Media, via William Gilpin and S.Baddesley schools, targeted business, and handouts. £400 will be spent on this promotion – proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Kempe and agreed unanimously.</p>
8.3	Bench Maintenance		Two suppliers have been asked to quote for repairs to the benches at the Foreshore, and in Hill Lane. Photographs have been sent to one person

		by Cllr Kempe.	
8.4	Parish Notice Boards	The BPC Notice Board (NB) outside BWMH was destroyed some weeks ago. Following discussions, this (and Community Shop NB) will be erected somewhere near the Bus Shelter, after hedging is grubbed out at the front of the BWMH Car Park.	
8.5	Football Contract	The Clerk forwarded a contract for 2022-23 to the chair of LTFC on 31 st August 2022. The annual charge of £1,650 remains unchanged from 2021-22 LTFC remain committed to the partnership with BPC, so hopefully this contract can be rolled over quite quickly. Lymington ladies football team played their first ever league match at Boldre on Sunday, 25 th September and this may become their home ground.	
8.6	N/Wood bus shelter	Cllr Small reminded a potential supplier to re-appraise the required roof repairs. As a result, a revised quote of £420 + VAT has been received. His was approved as proposed by Cllr Small, seconded by Cllr Moore. 'Parish Maintenance' budget (of £3000) is more or less now spoken for.	BPC
8.7	BH Lane Gate	Repairs and rehanging the pedestrian gate have been agreed. A quote of £150.80 plus VAT. Proposed by, seconded by? 'Pavilion/Rec maintenance' budget (£1,000) already spent before this payment (hedge work and new turf).	BPC
9	Finance		
9.1	Payments	BPC Payments of £ 2,698.95 were approved for September 2022	
9.2	Bank	The reconciliation for August 2022 was agreed	
10	IT Summary	Work in school lane caused a traffic diversion.	
11	External meetings	Not discussed in September	
12	A.O.B.		
12.1	Emergency Plan	Version 1 of the document as prepared was approved as Information for Emergencies, proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Small. Clerk has since informed the parishioner who raised the topic with BPC.	
12.2	Housing Association properties	Right to Buy Chair asked that this item be carried forward	Cllr Bolton
12.3	Parish mobile phone	Transferred to Cllr Moore on 4 th October 2022.	
12.4	Oak Tree	A parishioner and local resident, who is a professional horticulturist, has kindly offered to replace and plant an oak to replace the tree planted to mark H.M.Queen's Jubilee tree positioned on the recreation ground in June 2022, which has unfortunately died. Cllr Kempe will liaise with Mr Charles Hubberstey.	Cllr Kempe
12.5	Pitch markers	Cllr Small proposed that pitch marking tufts be inserted in corner locations to enable lines to be re-marked when required to avoid	

		continually marking unused pitches. This was seconded by Cllr Moore and approved unanimously.	
12.6	Portmore Footpath	A further invitation for path clearance will be made for FP25	Clerk
12.7	Finance training	Cllr Slattery asked if HALC Finance training was available. Clerk will check and book as appropriate.	Clerk
13	Next Meeting	The next BPC meeting is due on Monday 10 th October 2022 to cover just Planning and Finance	

New Forest National Park (NPA) Planning Applications:

22/00526	Avondale, New Road, Portmore, Lymington, SO41 5RZ	Single storey extension; raise height of roof; porch; cladding; alterations to doors and windows; demolish chimney (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)	Comment 5.
22/00566	The Lodge Annexe Passford Farm Cottage, Southampton Road, Boldre, Lymington, SO41 8ND	Roof alterations; recladding; alterations to doors and windows; new porch; relocating of 2no.sheds; new 1m high fence with gate	Comment 4. The comments for the 22/00566, The Lodge Annexe to stay as received as this is covered by comments to subsequent appl. 22/00626
22/00626	The Lodge Annexe Passford Farm Cottage, Southampton Road, Boldre, Lymington, SO41 8ND	2no. single storey extensions; cladding; alterations to doors and windows; replacement roof; 2no. outbuildings; fence; gate; demolition of existing 2no. outbuildings	Comment 4. It is felt this building is inappropriate within close proximity of a picturesque Grade 11 listed building and the whole proposal is made worse by the proposed fence and cladding. Also, the arguments opposing this application outweigh any possible benefits.
22/00581	Cosy Cot New Road, Portmore, Lymington SO41 5RZ	Application to vary conditions 2 and 5 of planning permission 22/00242 for first floor extension; two storey extension; garage (demolition of existing); alterations to fenestration	Comment 5
22/00590	Island View Lymington Rd East End, Lymington, SO41 5SY	Replacement dwelling and 1no. outbuilding; gates with attached bin store; associated landscaping; demolition of existing dwelling and 1no. outbuilding	Comment 2. While the existing chalet style house is a building of little merit, the proposed replacement appears excessively high in this very rural setting within the Conservation Area of the National Park and adjacent as it is to the New Forest SSSI and it is felt the impact in this setting is unsympathetic and will impact adversely upon the neighbouring amenity.
22/00602	Norley Farm Thatchers Lane	Creation of 3no. wildlife ponds and associated freshwater habitat	Comment 2.

	Norley Wood, Lymington SO41 5RT		<p>In an area adjacent to the plentiful provision of natural ponds and other water bodies on the Open Forest of the New Forest SSSI it is felt the value of the land as potential back up land in support of Commoning in the Forest should be retained as this back up land is being constantly eroded. The access and damage proposed to Long Paddock is to be deplored as this site is of exceptional value for biodiversity.</p> <p>The value of this site is mentioned yet this rare habitat is to be damaged during the proposed construction of these ponds as is a portion of the fen meadow at the proposed pond site. These are rare and important habitats within the National Park and the destruction is not justified by the proposed benefit.</p>
22/00623	Gorse Hill, Lower Sandy Down Lane, Boldre, Lymington, SO41 8PP	New roof to facilitate first floor accommodation; new dormer with inset balcony; 2no. new rooflights; new front porch with new raised entrance and wall; rear porch removal of chimney	Comment 5
22/00643	Off B3054 At Undershore	Replacement pole	Comment 5

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.

Appendix One

Boldre Parish Play Park Regeneration

Who are we?

Boldre is a large, rural Parish in the New Forest National Park. Boldre Parish Council (BPC) owns a recreation ground which is open to the public, is regularly used by Lymington Town Sprites (youth) Football Club teams, and is adjacent to Boldre War Memorial Hall in the village of Pilley - at the heart of the parish.

Together with our part time Groundsman, the council works hard to make the parish a welcoming place to live.

What's our goal?

Our old parish play park had to be dismantled as part of a project to benefit the wider community, so our aim is to create a wonderful new play area for our parish's families, friends and visitors.

Play parks are a vital learning environment for children: spinning, swinging, rocking, rolling motions – these sensations are fundamental to every child's physical development, helping them build core strength, coordination and balance. Recent years have demonstrated how crucial outdoor space and activity is for mental wellbeing.

The play park will form an integrated part of our parish hub: village halls, shop, post office, and leisure facilities, all in one location – making it a convenient place for children and families to meet up with friends. It will also include equipment for less able users, ensuring that there is enjoyment for all.

There has been a lot of community engagement and interest along the way, with the preferred vendor, Redlynch, and their design being overwhelmingly voted the winner by our local community. An artist's impression of their winning design is shown below:



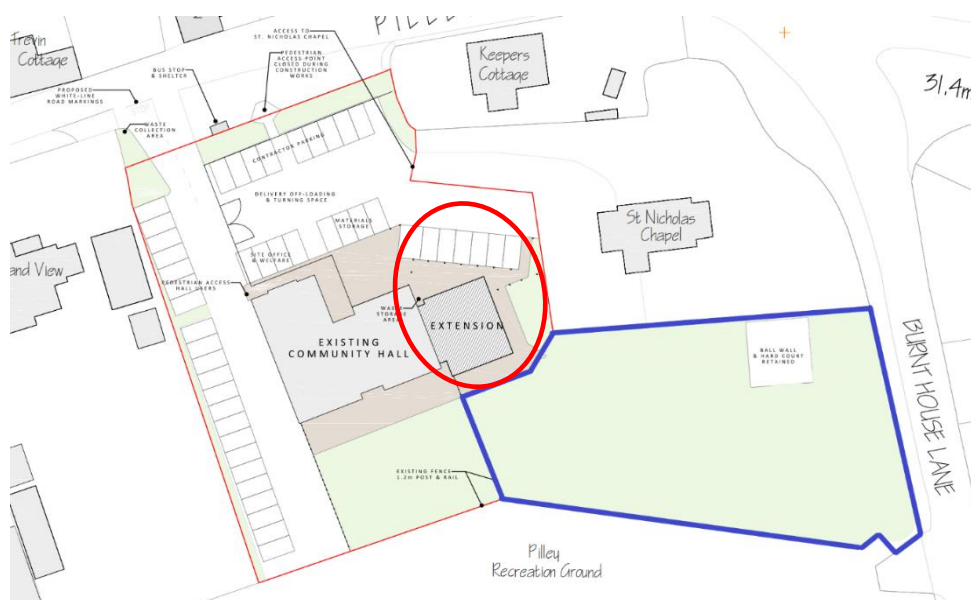


The play park will sit within a fully fenced play and leisure space (outlined in blue below) of which the new play park design will cover about a third of this space (see design plan above). Future plans for the wider play area include adding wild play elements to provide an alternative, more natural environment for creative and imaginative play.

Why did the old play park get dismantled?

Due to the expiration of the lease at its previous location, the Community Shop and Post Office was forced to seek new premises. Unfortunately, the only suitable and feasible site was on the old play park – next to Boldre War Memorial Hall. This meant that to preserve the last shop and Post Office in the parish, the old play park was dismantled, and a new building for the shop / Post Office was built in its place.

The ‘EXTENSION’ and parking spaces (circled red in the image below) is where the old play park was and where the new Community Shop and Post Office now is:



In order to retain the valuable parish assets of the Community Shop and Post Office, which are very

valuable parish assets, BPC undertook to relocate and redevelop the entire play park. Unfortunately, the play equipment items were nearing end of life and all except one item would not have survived relocation. That one item – a swing frame – was moved by volunteers from the community who provided the skill and labour needed to create a temporary toddler swing away from the building site.

What impact will there be on the parish?

Although this project is directly aimed at community children up to the age of 13 and our local schools, it, together with the relocation of the Community Shop and Post Office, provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a central parish hub that benefits all ages.

As such, this project will be of benefit to the entire Parish of Boldre by:

- Providing up to date play facilities for the children living in and visiting the parish.
- Fostering physical development through activity and recreation.
- Providing a safe, well-maintained outdoor space for play and socialising, and an aid to mental wellbeing.
- Supporting our highly valued Community Shop and Post Office by increasing the number and scope of potential customers.

The wider leisure space will include seating and picnic benches in the green space to the left of the new play park. Located just outside the new shop's back doors, this will provide a useful social hub for parents and grandparents to meet up.

Don't our taxes pay for these types play of facilities?

Unfortunately, no: Council Tax Band D contributes just £27.43 pa to town and parish councils.

That's just over 50p per week, per household. Play equipment is very expensive! And creating a play park represents an enormous investment for rural parish councils.

BPC has applied for funding with many organisations, but with very little success. The pandemic, followed by the cost-of-living crisis – exacerbated by the war in Ukraine, has meant that most funding is being awarded to Covid recovery projects, foodbanks and just filling gaps in government provision in areas of the country far less fortunate than our own.

BPC does however have a seed fund for the project, but more money is needed if the community's preferred design is to come to life.

What will my donation be spent on?

All money received will be spent on creating a new play park for the community. Ideally this will be from the community's chosen supplier, Redlynch, but if the project is significantly under the target amount, then other play equipment vendors and designs will have to be considered so that a play park is re-established for our community.

I and BPC fully appreciate that these are very worrying times for many families. The choice between heating and eating will unfortunately become more than just a sound bite for many in the coming months. Many local families may not be able to afford holidays away or even days out.

Consequently, a well-designed local play park will provide parish children and their families somewhere to play and meet up with friends.

If you are able to donate and help build a lasting community asset that will strengthen the parish's hub infrastructure, please, please do donate.

Rewards for donations?

As a small token of recognition, all donations of £100 and over will be eligible for a plaque commemorating the contribution. Donors can elect to have their name or chosen wording* engraved on a plaque / plaques that will be displayed within the recreation ground.

With luck and goodwill, the target will be met.

Thank you.

* Boldre Parish Council reserve the right to refuse inappropriate wordings.