

## BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burley Parish Council (B.P.C.) was held on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 6.30 p.m. in Myrtle Hall.

PRESENT Councillors, Mr. P. Daubeney (Chairman), Mr P Russell, Mrs J Kendall Mr R Clarke, together with Mrs S. Gale (Clerk), Mr J Penwarden from NFDC, 3 police officers, 2 representatives from NFDC, a representative from the *New Milton Advertiser* and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES Cllr Thorpe, Cllr Martin

### PLANNING

Planning Decisions communicated since BPC Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013:-

<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>BPC Recommendation</b>	<b>NFNPA Decision</b>
White Buck Inn, Bisterne Close	1 No. illuminated post mounted sign (AMENDED PLAN)	R2 – Refusal unless subject to lighting timing & intensity conditions	Granted
Land of Spyholms, Bisterne Close	Stable Building, Hard Standing, Manege (demolish existing stables)	R5 – No Objection	Granted
Vale House, Burley Street	Single storey extension	R5 – No Objection	Granted
September Cottage, Mill Lane	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a single storey extension (Demolition of existing conservatory)	No Comment Required from BPC	Raise No Objection
3 Esdaile Lane	Application for Non-Material Amendment 1 & 2 storey extensions; Chimney (Demolition of Outbuildings).	No Comment Required from BPC	Raise No Objection

The following applications were considered and recommendations made:-

<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>BPC Recommendation</b>
8 Honey Lane	Single Storey Extension	R5 – No objection
Stablecroft Cottage, Pound Lane	Single Storey Side Extensions	R2 - Refusal
Blackhill Cottage, Forest Road	Detached Garage with Dormers; External Staircase to 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	R4 - Refusal

Cllr. Clarke reported that a new application has also been made by **Gorselands Nursing Home** in Coach Hill Lane for 2 storey extensions to provide an additional 10 bedrooms & ancillary accommodation. However, whilst the deadline for B.P.C's response was set for 3<sup>rd</sup> February, the full information and the Planning Officer's briefing notes had not been received in time for the application to be included on this meeting's agenda. It was felt that the application could be controversial in view of the many additions made to the property since 1985 so it should be discussed at the Parish Council's next full monthly meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February and the National Park Authority have agreed to this extension of time.

POLICE PC Helen Haines and PCSO Tracey Cooper reported to the council on speed and local crime. PCSO Tracey Cooper said that generally the village was very quiet over the festive period and that there had been 1 break-in to an outbuilding, resulting in the theft of frozen food. Regarding speed, PC Haines said figures from Countrywatch confirm that in general it is local residents and not visitors that speed. PC Helen Haines went on to say that she began setting up a Community Speedwatch programme 2 years ago but that not enough volunteers were found to run the scheme. Members of the council, with the support of PC Helen Haines, agreed to investigate

the reduction of speed limits within the village and extensions to the 30mph area. (This is one of the Parish Council's Objectives)

The officers went on to speak of a Hermes kit which registers the serial numbers of garden equipment, so that if it is stolen and later recovered, it can be returned to the owner. PC Haines explained that this is a national, computerised system and that forms can be distributed at the coffee morning, held in the church hall, so that details of equipment can be recorded. These details would then be collected in and registered at a separate morning venue to be arranged. **Both officers attend the local coffee morning 11am-12pm, held in the St John Baptist church hall, once a month: February 11th, March 11th, April 8th, May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, July 29th, Aug 26th, Sept 23rd, Oct 21st, Nov 18th and the 16th December.**

Helen Haines or Tracey Cooper can be contacted via 101. Their details are available on the website below or from Cllr Jane Kendall Tel: 402407. If you are unable to attend the regular surgeries PCSO Tracey Cooper would be happy to speak to you at home.

Cllr Kendall thanked both officers for their assistance last year regarding parking issues at the primary school and around Moorhill House Hotel.

For further information the Hampshire Police website has regular crime report updates and dates of beat surgeries. <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood/western/new-forest/new-forest-north/burley-and-bransgore/>

There is also crime prevention advice at:

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/safer-home-distraction-burglary>

It was agreed that there would be regular meetings between the Police and the Council at six monthly intervals.

ROADS & TRAFFIC The delay in repairing the damaged pinch point on the Ringwood Road has been followed up with HCC together with the requirement for steps to be taken to improve the visibility. The adverse weather conditions during the last month have created a number of issues with excessive surface water on the roads. Drainage systems have struggled to cope with the large quantities of water running off already saturated land. Localised flooding on the Ringwood Road outside the entrance to Burley Manor has given cause for concern. HCC were approached on a number of occasions and have been very supportive. They attended the floods on Christmas Eve and again last weekend. The pipes were roded and jetted to dislodge leaves and debris and a large plastic soft drink container which was blocking the pipe was removed. HCC are monitoring the situation and a jet machine will be deployed again should property be threatened. BPC expressed concern at the flooding in Ringwood Road and wish to have a meeting with HCC to discuss this further.

There has been erosion to the bridge alongside the ford in Forest Road which makes it dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians when the ford is in full flow. This is the responsibility of the Hampshire Highways. Cllr Martin is taking the lead on this issue. Adverse weather has resulted in damage to the roads and an increase in the number of potholes around the village. With the support of HCC the program of repair will continue.

DITCH MAINTENANCE The adverse weather conditions have highlighted the importance of keeping boundary ditches clear of leaves and debris. The Council would like to remind residents that, the riparian owner is usually the owner of roadside ditches. Even if a ditch is outside of the property boundary, ownership remains with the adjacent landowner as riparian owner. It does not make any difference that the road drains into the ditch/watercourse. The responsibilities of a riparian owner include allowing the flow of water to pass without obstruction and as such ditches should be kept clear of leaves and debris. More information can be found at: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/highway-flooding/highways-drainage/your-responsibilities.htm>

GRANTS A grant cheque for £1000 has been given to Little Deers Day Nursery, this will be used towards the cost of roof insulation.

BOURNEMOUTH AIRPORT A letter to Cllr Russell from Bournemouth Airport regarding noise complaints was discussed. Cllr Russell said that Burley was a village

with one of the highest rates of complaint but noted that the letter states “nuisance” complainants were not included in statistics. It was agreed that a definition of this should be requested and that complaints should be encouraged for a collective voice to be heard.

CYCLING Cllr Martin attended the Fawley Parish Council (FPC) Amenities Committee Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January to give a presentation on the cycling issues on behalf of NFALC and the Cycling Strategy Group.

JUBILEE CLOCK The metal foot for the oak posted has been made and is awaiting collection/delivery. The delivery of the clock is awaited and once timing information is received, the installation will be coordinated.

CYCLE RACKS The bad weather has delayed the completion of the racks which are now destined for completion at the end of January. The installation is subject to weather conditions as there is a need for the ground to dry out a little before the posts can be installed.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE Mr Mike Cash (NFDC) spoke about the planned refurbishment of the public conveniences in Burley and the plans were on display. He confirmed that the original roof and brickwork would be utilised and that the design had been successfully completed in Lyndhurst, Ringwood, Fordingbridge and Keyhaven where cleanliness has been improved and antisocial behaviour as well as costs have been reduced. Mr Read (NFDC) confirmed that all mechanisms will be accessed via a central access corridor and that it will be possible to lock the building with an automatic timer should this be needed. Mr Cash said that the cubicles will be unisex and contain a sharps disposal unit. Grab rails will be placed in the family/disabled room and the whole facility will be cleaned daily. The work will commence in the last week of January and should be completed by the end of March. Portaloos are now in place in the NFDC car park. Recycling bins are to be moved to the main NFDC car park and will be placed out of site but remain accessible to all.

PEG BOARDS Following complaints BPC requests that businesses and village hall hirers do not place peg boards on the War Memorial site or surrounding areas governed by the Forestry Commission; this also applies to the main car park governed by the New Forest Council. We have been informed that these sites will be monitored closely. Thank you for your co-operation.

WWI COMMEMORATION BPC is investigating the possibility of marking the start of the Great War. If anyone has any suggestions of how this may be done then please contact Philip Daubeney on 492132.

VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN In the light of the recent problems with power cuts and flooding the Burley village Emergency Plan is to be revised. The plan is currently without a coordinator however Philip Daubeney will be asking Mr Tim Gray, Burley Fire & Rescue Watch Commander for his assistance in this matter.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm, in Myrtle Hall. Shelley Gale

