

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burley Parish Council (B.P.C.) was held on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 6.30 p.m. in Myrtle Hall.

PRESENT Councillors Mr. P. Daubeney (Chairman), Mr P. Russell, Mrs J. Kendall Mr R. Clarke, Mr N. Martin, together with Mrs S. Gale (Clerk), 2 representatives from SSE power distribution, a representative from the *New Milton Advertiser* and 4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES Cllr Thorpe, Cllr Penwarden (NFDC), Cllr Mans (HCC)

PLANNING

Decisions reported since the last B.P.C. Meeting on 12th February 2014:-

Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFNPA Decision
Gorselands Nursing Home, Coach Hill Lane	Enlargement of Existing Nursing Home to give 10 additional bedrooms & ancillary accommodation	R4 - Refusal	Withdrawn

The following applications were considered and recommendations made:-

Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation
Forest Garden, Beechwood Lane	Roof alterations to single storey element; replacement conservatory; demolition of existing conservatory	R5 – No Objection
Pipers, Bisterne Close	Two storey rear extension; single storey extension; balcony	R2 - Refusal
Little Pond Cottage, Bisterne Close	Manege; fencing	R5 – No Objection
Trokes Mead, Pound Lane	Outbuilding	R5 – No Objection
Gorselands Cottage, Coach Hill Lane	Two storey extension; 1st Floor Extension; roof alterations including replacement chimney	R5 – No Objection

POWER CUTS Alex Howison, Stakeholder Engagement Manager and Darren Hall, Operations Manager from SSE Power Distribution attended the meeting at the request of the Chairman to discuss the power cuts that occurred in Burley during the winter. Cllr Daubeney said poor communication and the length of the power cuts were major concerns, especially taking into account the large elderly population in Burley. Mr Howison acknowledged that SSE had not been pro-active in advising the public of the amount of time that the power would continue to be off and that this would be fed back to customer services. Cllr Russell asked if the age of equipment in Burley substations was responsible for the number of power cuts. Mr Howison said that this was not the case and that the equipment in substations has a lifespan of 60-70 years and is inspected annually. A "Priority Service Leaflet" is now available from SSE, giving information on how to register elderly and vulnerable people for pro-active contact from SSE emergency contact centre. Mr Howison said he could provide help with a local resilience plan for the future: food vans may be available during future significant events and hot pack food could also be provided – these are self-heating and do not require electricity or gas. SSE will write to the Chairman summarising their plans for improved service.

BURLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Cllr Daubeney has agreed to speak at the inaugural meeting of the Burley Historical Society on 15th April, on the history of the Gertrude Jekyll designed Durmast House garden.

ROADS & TRAFFIC Hampshire Highways continue the programme of pothole repair. Potholes are initially given a temporary repair that lasts up to 20 days. This is

then followed by permanent repair; unfortunately specific timings for permanent repairs are currently unavailable.

CYCLING Cllr Daubeney said that he felt very strongly that the route for the Wiggle Spring Sportive has the potential to be very dangerous especially at The Cross on Palm Sunday when there will be a procession to the church. Cllr Martin stated that the Highways Agency are considering placing "Obstruction Ahead" signs in Pound Lane to slow cyclists. Marshals provided by the organisers (uk cycling events) and a patrol car with flashing lights will be in place in Pound Lane. Cllr Daubeney will be contacting Police Commissioner Simon Hayes to discuss this continuing issue.

CYCLE RACKS Cllr Martin confirmed that the cycle racks have now been installed in the NFDC car park and expressed his thanks to NFNPA Sustainable Transport Solutions Fund for providing funding and to NFDC for installing the racks.

LENGTHSMAN Cllr Kendall reported that the Lengthsman continues to do an excellent job. If anyone has any suggestions of areas that need attention e.g. bramble clearance or signs to be cleaned, please contact Jane Kendall on 402407.

VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN If anyone can volunteer as a helper, or knows someone who may need help in an emergency, please contact the clerk in the first instance 07503 203399.

PLEASE NOTE The fallen tree behind Myrtle Hall is being dealt with by Hampshire Rights of Way team and the insurance company.

MCDONALDS Cllrs Daubeney and Kendall have received invitations to the opening of the McDonalds restaurant at Picket Post. Cllr Kendall will be attending to discuss the on-going concern of litter.

LITTER The Parish Council is organising the traditional 'Forest Spring Clean' i.e. the **local Litter Pick**, a month later than usual. So this year it will be on **Sunday, 27th April**. As usual, we are looking for lots of volunteers to join us then and help pick up as much litter as possible in the areas of the Forest around the village and out as far as Picket Post & Holmsley. Gloves, sacks and litter pickers will be provided (but you are welcome to bring your own kit).

Young & old alike are welcome but children will need to be accompanied at all stages. We will start **outside Burley Primary School at 2.30 p.m.** and work on your individually preferred areas for an hour or so.

Please put the date in your diary to help our village stay beautiful.

BURLEY ANNUAL ASSEMBLY Please note this year's Annual Assembly will be held on **Monday 28th April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Everyone in the Parish is invited to attend what is effectively Burley village's Annual General Meeting.

The usual reports will be made but please put forward to the Clerk your suggestions for other topics of discussion to be added to the agenda.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 9th April at 6.30pm, in Myrtle Hall.

Shelley Gale

