

## BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burley Parish Council (B.P.C.) was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 6.30p.m. in Myrtle Hall.

PRESENT Cllr Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr Russell, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Kendall, the Clerk, Cllr Mans (HCC), Cllr M Steele (NFDC), PC Haines, PCSO Cooper and 1 member of the public.

PLANNING Decisions communicated by NFNPA since meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015: -

Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFNPA Decision
Burley Cottage, Burley Street	Single storey rear extension	R5 – No objection	Granted
Beechwood Cottage, Church Lane	Creation of flat roof dormer windows; single storey extension; re-roof existing garage; porch; rooflights; external alterations	R5 – No objection	Granted
1 & 2 Shappen Cottages	Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for single storey extension	Comment not required	Withdrawn

The NFNPA's **decision to Refuse** the proposed New Dwelling with Associated landscaping (Demolition of existing outbuildings) **at Manor Farm Cottage**, Forest Road is to be the **subject of an Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate by written representations**:-

Any further representations that people wish to make are to be submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016. However, the NFNPA (and BPC) are pressing for this Appeal to be held as a Public Hearing in line with the approach taken with all earlier major applications of a similar nature in the New Forest that have attracted a high level of public interest.

Applications considered at BPC Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016: -

Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation
Burley Manor Hotel, Ringwood Road	Single storey extension to existing outbuilding; new external timber staircase; single storey extension to existing guest wing to provide a linen store; partial roof alterations to store; bin store; timber cladding; raised terrace, 1.5m high walls, kitchen garden; alterations to parking layout	R5 – No objection
Burley Manor Hotel, Ringwood Road	As above, but Listed Building Application	R5 – No objection

COUNCILLOR VACANCY A casual vacancy has arisen for the position of one Councillor on BPC. BPC would like to thank Kim Hall for all the work she has done during her time with the Council. Please contact the Clerk for more details if **you** are interested in working with your community. Being a Parish Councillor in the New Forest is undoubtedly a challenging role but the long past record of achievements shows that it does provide a real platform for getting things done for the village. Any of our other current councillors would be delighted to explain what is really involved.

GRANTS BPC has donated £175 to Citizens Advice New Forest following a grant application.

BURLEY STREET NOTICEBOARD BPC would like to thank Cllr Mans (HCC) for a grant of £500 towards a Parish noticeboard for Burley Street. Three quotes have now been obtained for the construction and installation of a noticeboard and Cllr Kendall is now working with the relevant parties to obtain the necessary permissions for its placement.

POLICING ISSUES PC Haines and PCSO Cooper reported to BPC that their biggest challenges are car park/motor vehicle thefts in the summer and thefts from outbuildings in the winter. They particularly highlighted the importance of locking vehicles, even when on your driveway, and not leaving valuables on show for opportunists. The Officers also

asked that you please report any problems, as the Police can only deal with things that they know about. There were 13 burglaries reported in 2015-16 in the Burley & Bransgore area, 11 of these have had a positive result for the Police.

DITCH MANAGEMENT As previously mentioned, it is the legal responsibility of home owners to clear their adjoining ditches and culverts, which must be maintained to avoid flooding issues in the nearby footways & roads. If you are unable to carry out the work yourself there are a number of people who can be contracted to do this work for a fee. Please contact the Clerk if you require any assistance with finding details of useful local contacts. Please note that in providing this information the Parish Council is not making a recommendation, neither is it liable for any work/services provided; any contract entered into is done so entirely at your own risk.

QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS On **Thursday 21st April** HM The Queen's 90th birthday will be marked by the lighting of beacons up and down the country, as part of a long tradition of celebrating royal events in this way. BPC proposes to join in with this event – put the date in your diaries and watch this space for more details!

SPRING LITTER PICK Put a date in your diaries to help us keep your village beautiful! The Spring Litter Pick will be held at 2.30 p.m. on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April**. It is to be a special occasion this time, held in support of the national 'Clean for the Queen' campaign as part of the events marking Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Please meet outside Burley Primary School. Equipment will be provided.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY Your Annual Assembly hosted by BPC will be held on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEXT MEETING to be held on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 6.30pm in the Myrtle Hall.

Shelley Gale

#### WETLAND RESTORATION PROGRAMME (Harvestslade Bottom)

Progress of the **Harvestslade Bottom** project in Burley, was covered in some detail in an article in the October 2015 edition of the Village Magazine and some idea was given then of just how extensive these works have been and the quantities of clay & stone that had to be brought on to site. After even more rain, the project was finally completed at the end of October with the use of many more thousands of tons of gravel, clay & stone etc. than had apparently been planned beforehand.

Not surprisingly perhaps, the continuous workings of heavy earth-moving machinery over the ground surrounding the watercourse (and huge lengths of access tracks) have greatly affected the original landscape in a way that make it hard to identify how the mires that the project was designed to improve could, in fact, have been changed for the better. Moreover, the organisations involved in the Higher Level Stewardship scheme (most notably the Forestry Commission & The Verderers) under which the WR Programme is being implemented, have still made no effort to join in any discussions that could assist the affected parishes in their understanding of the scientific principles that are said to be behind these very extensive works, which are having so much impact upon the traditional landscape of the New Forest.

In view of the continuing lack of any meaningful response to the points put to those organisations at the New Forest Consultative Panel on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, a letter of enquiry under the “**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations**” has just been submitted by BPC to the Deputy Surveyor of the FC requesting answers to 13 specific questions. The questions range from those seeking to establish exactly ‘*what works had been completed*’, ‘*what materials were imported to the site*’ and ‘*at what cost*’; through to ‘*how were the works financed*’ and ‘*how has the cost-effectiveness of the project been quantified*’; and ‘*how has the success of the project been established in recognised, quantifiable, scientific terms*’?

This letter (dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016), and thus the full extent of the questions raised, may currently be viewed on the Parish Council's website: [www.burleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.burleyparishcouncil.gov.uk). 20 working days are allowed for a response to be made to such a FoI Enquiry but we know that a certain amount of delay may be allowed and, indeed, there are ways in which the responder may seek to avoid answering certain questions.

Robert Clarke

