

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burley Parish Council (B.P.C.) was held on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in Myrtle Hall.

PRESENT Cllr Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Martin, the Clerk and 0 members of the public.

PLANNING It was noted that an apparent Unauthorised Change of Use has been reported in respect of the house known as ‘**Sunnydell**’, **Church Lane**. The NFNPA have consequently made Request to Cease Breach of condition 3 of appeal decision APP/B9506/D/12/1218817 regarding the “Use of outbuilding as self-catering holiday accommodation”

Decisions communicated by NFNPA since BPC Meeting on 7th December: -

Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation	NFNPA Decision
Land with Bridge Cottage, Lyndhurst Road	Barn	R5 – No objection	Granted
Holmwood, Bisterne Close	Single storey rear extension; Single storey side extension	R2 - Refusal	Withdrawn

Applications considered at BPC Meeting on 11th January 2017

Address	Proposal	BPC Recommendation
Lester Cottage, Mill Lane	Demolition of detached house; one new dwelling & garage	R4 - Refusal
Queens Close, The Cross	Replacement outbuilding; demolition of existing garage & car port	R5 – No objection
Forest View, Bisterne Close	Replacement garage	R5 – No objection
Burley Manor Hotel, Ringwood, Road	Retention of existing marquee for temporary period of 12 months	R5 – No objection

PRECEPT The Central Government grant, that in previous years has been passed on to Parish Councils, has this year been reduced to zero as expected. BPC has agreed not to increase the requested precept this year to off-set this reduction in income: a precept of £13467 will therefore be requested for 2017-2018. Although the council is working on several small projects to maintain and enhance the appearance of the village it is considered that these can be funded from our considerable reserves, together with a revival of the lengthsman scheme, possibly using our own lengthsman from the village.

DEFIBRILLATOR BPC would like to thank Mr Mike Jukes of the Bransgore First Responders for his recent help in resolving an issue with the defibrillator. There is now a brand new replacement defibrillator and cabinet in place at the Village Hall.

WELCOME PACKS Welcome packs are available at the Post Office for anyone to collect and deliver to a new neighbour. These contain all sorts of useful information for new residents.

ROADS AND TRAFFIC You may have noticed recent activity at Holmsley Bridge: at present this is assessment work on the condition of the bridge as replacement work proposals are still currently being reviewed by the relevant parties.

VILLAGE CLOCK BPC would like to thank John Topp for his assistance in facilitating essential maintenance work on the Village Clock.

WAR MEMORIAL Burley War Memorial has just been ‘Listed’ as being of Special Architectural or Historic Interest, Grade II by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport. Whilst there is now a presumption in favour of listing all war memorials, it is clear from Historic England’s recommendation report that ours is of special interest in terms of both its provenance & quality of construction. Older villagers will probably be familiar

with that history but for newer residents the full report is accessible on the Historic England website. The Listing makes it all the more important to keep our valuable Memorial in good condition and its due for another thorough clean this year. Maintenance of a monument like this can be a rather expensive undertaking, particularly if repairs also prove to be necessary. However, it should not become a burden on Burley's Council Tax in the foreseeable future since BPC still holds a goodly amount for that specific purpose in a dedicated bank account. That resulted from a War Memorials Trust grant and a very successful appeal to villagers by BPC, in conjunction with Burley Royal British Legion, to meet the cost of major repairs required in 2008

EMERGENCY PLAN Mr Tony Bracey, the emergency plan co-ordinator will be carrying out an annual update of the Plan in the following months. If you would like to be a volunteer to help check on vulnerable people during emergency periods or know of anyone vulnerable or living alone (of whom we may yet be unaware), please contact the Clerk on 07503 203399.

SPRING LITTER PICK Please come and join us to help keep your village beautiful! The date is **Sunday 23rd April**, starting at 2.30pm outside the Primary School. Equipment will be provided.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY Put the date in your diary! **Monday 24th April at 7.30pm** is the date set for this year's Parish Assembly hosted by BPC. Further details will follow next month.

TWINNING BPC has recently heard from an enthusiastic local resident who is keen to explore the possibility of reviving a Twinning Association in Burley. Please see the report below from Mr Malcolm Little.

NEXT MEETING to be held on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 6.30pm in the Myrtle Hall.

A review on Burley 'civic-twinning'

With no engagement in recent years between Burley and the registered twin-town of Beurlay, SW France, NFDC has struck-out as "lapsed" this civic arrangement. As a consequence just before the Christmas festive period representative views were sought from several of the principal commercial activities in Burley so as to gauge the level of enthusiasm for re-establishing a civic twin arrangement. In summary the viewpoints are as follows: i) There may be some evangelical or religious basis for closer linkages with a suitable "twin" ii) Any "twin" should offer scope for educational interest perhaps by its history or geography iii) A useful "twin" might have a close involvement with some beverage-based craft industry iv) The "twin" could be associated with leisure activities even specifically orientated to cycling v) A large regional population catchment around a "twin" might develop tourism opportunities.

Although much of the current view is focused on creating a civic relationship with greater similarities, in keeping with activities and interests within the Burley area, it is not fully determined that the "lapsed" arrangement with Beurlay, SW France could be revived. The matter is open for fullest discussion and in particular whether a new civic relationship should be created with a similar location in Belgium, Holland or Northern France.

I am keen to hear from village residents in connection with the future direction of Burley's civic twinning activities. Please send your views by email to me, Malcolm Little, via the following address: clerk@burleyparishcouncil.gov.uk, as soon as possible but no later than **Tuesday 7th March 2017**.