

## BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burley Parish Council (B.P.C.) was held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in Myrtle Hall.

PRESENT Cllr Daubeney (Chairman), Cllr Russell, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Martin, Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Mans (HCC), S Simpson (standing in for the Clerk) & 3 members of the public

PLANNING Decisions communicated by NFNPA since the last monthly meeting on 8th February 2017: -

<b>Application No. &amp; Date</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>BPC Recommendation</b>	<b>NFNPA Decision</b>
17/00042 19.1.17	Corner Cottage 2, The Barracks Burley Street	Single storey front and rear extensions	R5 – no objection	Granted 15.03.17
17/00069 26.01.17	Holm Wood Bisterne Close	Single Storey extension; demolition of porch	R5 – No objection	Granted 20.03.17
17/00076 02.02.17	Vale House Burley Street	Outbuilding	R5 – No objection	Granted 20.03.17
17/00084 26.01.17	Land opp. The Cottage, Beechwood Lane	Appl under GPD. Order 2015 re-siting & appearance of Broadband Cabinet (Burley1)	R1- Permission	RaiseNo Objection 21.03.17
17/00022 30.01.17	The Paddocks Castle Hill Lane	First floor extension; roof alterations; bay window; render	R5 – No objection	Granted 21.03.17

Applications considered at BPC Meeting on 12th April 2017: -

<b>Application No. &amp; Date</b>	<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Deadline for BPC Response</b>
17/00265 27.03.17	Mrs O'Brien	Middle Cottage, The Barracks	Front porch; single and 2 storey rear extensions.	01.05.17
17/00241 28.03.17	Mr & Mrs Freer	15 Copse Road	Conservatory	02.05.17

COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION BPC is pleased to welcome back Jane Kendall as its newly co-opted Councillor. As you may already know Jane is an active and familiar face around the village!

SUPERFAST BROADBAND The NFNPA has now agreed planning permission for the Superfast Broadband cabinet to go ahead at Lester Square (as noted above); we now await SSE to connect up the power and Openreach for installation of the box. We will keep you updated on progress.

ROADS AND TRAFFIC It is anticipated that by mid-May a 40 mph speed limit will be in place over A35 Holmsley Bridge; at the same time, low barriers will be placed against the bridge parapets. This interim protective work will be carried out before major bridge repairs are decided upon.

CITIZENS ADVICE GRANT BPC has awarded a grant of £175 to Citizens Advice New Forest again this year.

CYCLING Although the Wiggle Spring Sportive times did clash with the Palm Sunday church ceremony by the War Memorial Cross, the event passed through the village centre without any major problems.

NEXT MEETING to be held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 6.30pm in the Myrtle Hall.

Please see article below from John Stride, Planning & Environment Manager, Forestry Commission:

### Proposals to complete heathland restoration at Dur Hill

The Forestry Commission is currently seeking approval to remove non-native conifer trees within the boundary of Dur Hill Inclosure, to the west of the road leading from Pound Lane to Thorney Hill. This is one of the final measures required to return the area back to the former heathland environment that it was prior to planting trees here. Heathland sites are important open habitats, which support a wide array of native birds and reptiles such as nightjar, Dartford warbler and smooth snake.

The Inclosure always had a limited life span in terms of its timber production. It's what is known in the New Forest as a Verderer's Inclosure. The Verderer's Inclosures were areas where, in the middle of the 20th century, the Forestry Commission agreed with the Verderers that trees could be planted, for a limited time period, to provide some additional timber resource. They were never meant to become woodland permanently. The approval we are currently seeking is to fell these trees this year. Our desire to do this is driven by the need to restore this area as soon as possible, to allow the heathland to begin its development back to high quality habitat and restore fragmented open habitats that will have a positive impact on the landscape of the New Forest. In time, this will help our rare birds, plants, reptiles, and invertebrates to thrive in the area.

Currently, the area largely consists of a species called Corsican Pine. Corsican Pine is suffering from an endemic disease called *Dothistroma septosporum*, which affects the amount of needles the trees retain and in turn slows the growth rate of the trees down. The Forestry Commission will reinvest the income from harvesting at this site to help protect and improve woodlands for people, wildlife and future timber productions.

Once the work is complete the area will appear much more open and ground vegetation will begin to grow as light levels increase so the habitat will become more diverse in terms of plants and creatures. The tracks will be repaired as soon as possible after felling operations have finished.

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