

Ordinary Meeting of Minstead Parish Council

The Surgery, Minstead Village Hall

Monday 5 January 2015 at 19.30

Present: Cllrs W Andrews (Chair), H Bennett, M Bridle, A Ferguson, P Glover, R Taylor.

In attendance: Cllr K Mans (HCC), Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC), P Osborne (Clerk), PC Rob Morant.

1. Public Participation Period

There were no members of the public present.

Item 14 was taken at this point – see below.

[PC Morant left meeting at 20.05]

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Cattell.

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1 December 2014

These were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

- Controlling vehicular entry to Glebe Field [Item 15]: Having spoken with Mrs Bakewell, Cllr Bennett reported that the owners had been expecting a response from Council re payment for installation of bollards; meanwhile Council had been waiting to hear first from owners whether planning permission would be required. Furthermore, Mrs Bakewell had not received an email sent by Cllr Taylor. To end the confusion Cllr Bennett to write to Mrs Bakewell explaining that Council will consider contributing to cost only after she has reported back on the position re Planning. Cllr Taylor to forward to her his previous email. Further discussion, plus Cllr Glover's draft letter to CDA, postponed to next meeting.
- Parish Council trees - necessary work [Item 16]: Cllr Cattell not present. Cllr Andrews to find out whether he has obtained a quote for the work.

6. Ongoing

- Final accounts for refurbishment of Footpath 5: These had been circulated prior to meeting. Clerk to send copy to Mr Cartwright in accordance with requirements of Small Grant Scheme. **Ongoing**
- Parking for Trusty Servant customers: No progress. **Ongoing**
- Possible defibrillator in Minstead: Cllr Bennett still researching. Clerk had circulated information/guidance on *Community Defibrillation* from The Community Heartbeat Trust. **Ongoing**
- Bridleway 15 – consideration of grant for improvements: No progress. **Ongoing**
- Spoil from new ditch along Lyndhurst Rd (above Old Court House): No progress. Clerk to ask Lengthsman to clear pipe. **Ongoing**
- Eroded edges on roads: Having still received no response from Highways, Clerk to send further reminder to R Bastow of concerns that that there has been further deterioration in the interim and broken edges are liable to cause damage to vehicles. **Ongoing**
- Bridleway 10 Phase 2: No progress. **Ongoing**
- Drainage – mapping to show culverts and where standing water on roads: Map being continually updated. **Ongoing**

7. Reports from County and/or District Councillor

Cllr K Mans (HCC) reported that whilst Central Government funding is to be further reduced, District Councils have done well with collection of Council Tax; so it is hoped no need to increase Council Tax. Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC) reported that she will raise an objection to licensing application by petrol station at Stoney Cross for 24 hours sale of alcohol when normal opening hours would be more reasonable.

In response to a question regarding revision of members' Declaration of Interests form, she will consult Rosemary Rutins and report back.

In response to query on statistics for child poverty in New Forest, she will email link to Cllr Glover. Cllr Mans pointed out that measures used in surveys may be less appropriate for rural communities and that quality of life may be higher than in an urban environment.

[Cllrs Mans and Mrs Andrews left meeting at 20.40]

8. Report from Lengthsman

During December the Lengthsman carried out two inspection patrols. He will make up his hours with additional work later.

Clerk to ask him to break up grit in all grit bins around village. Cllr Taylor to map positions of grit bins.

9. Report from Councillors' Surgeries

Query as to who scatters grit from a grit bin. Spreading of grit is reliant on residents' good will and public spirit.

10. Reports from Parish Representatives

Minstead Mail – More contributions needed. Cllr Ferguson will include notification of Annual Assembly on 18 March. [Clerk to ask PC Morant if he would speak on *Hampshire Alert*].

Cycling – Eight responses received to Minstead PC's *Proposal for Strategic Cycle Network*. Cllr Taylor to enquire whether it has been included in NFALC agenda.

Hall – Main Hall and kitchen to be refurbished. More news after Hall Management Committee meeting.

11. Planning

New Planning Applications

14/00969 Muffins. Garden shed. **Comment No 5.**

Trees

Council had **no objections** to the following applications:

CONS/14/1323 Ellen Lodge. Fell 1 x hawthorne; prune 1 x beech.

SFLA/14/1340 Acres Down. Forestry Commission Streamlined Felling Licence - Acres Down
- OF14-10.

CONS/14/1355 Furzey Gardens. Fell 3 x Populus; Lift crowns by 15-20% of 2 x Oak trees and 3 x Maple trees.

12. Correspondence

E-mail correspondence previously circulated:

- Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire: invitation to residents to comment on the level of council tax precept for the policing budget in 2015/16. **Cllrs to respond individually.**

Other correspondence:

- Navitus Bay: notification of Issue Specific Hearing and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on 21st and 22nd January 2015. **Chairman encouraged Cllrs to attend.**

To Read:

- *Local Councils Update* (December 2014)
- *LCR* (Winter 2014)

13. Finance

- Receipts & Payments for December 2014:

		£	£
Bank Balance at 30.12.2014			13,815.62
Standing Order payments for December:			
Salaries and expenses		390.88	
Cheques to pay:			
HMRC: PAYE for 3 rd Quarter		380.00	
M Bridle: gravel for Footpath 5		767.68	
Total payments for December		1,538.56	1,538.56
Balance after payments			12,277.06

Payments were proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed.

- Notification of revised NALC and SLCC salary scales for Clerks (w.e.f. 1 January 2015) following agreement by The National Joint Council for Local Government Services: Details had been previously circulated. This is first increase in salaries for Clerks since 2009.

14. Hampshire Alert

PC Rob Morant outlined the new *Hampshire Alert* facility whereby Police staff (plus, in due course, *Neighbourhood Watch* and *Crime Stoppers*) can send messages to those who sign up for this free service. Messages are immediate and are targeted by postcode (3 mile radius). It is a two-way system: there is *Respond* button on each *Alert*. Those without internet can sign up to receive telephone alerts for serious matters only - contact PC Morant or Lisa Quinn via 101 or mobile phone. It is likely that eventually the Beat Report will be discontinued. However, Beat Officers and Beat Surgeries will continue.

Cllr Ferguson will continue publishing relevant *Alerts* in Weekly eNewsletter for present, but this should be short-term as those interested sign up to receive *Alerts* direct.

In response to comment that with Beat Surgeries there is conflict of visibility v privacy, PC Morant said that any parishioner can ask to meet somewhere more private. Both he and Lisa are happy to speak to people in their own homes.

The community in Minstead values highly the local police and PC Morant assured Council that the Safer Neighbourhood officer role will remain, although there will be a cut in the number of officers in Hampshire by April 2016.

PC Morant was not able to give an answer when asked whether there would be replacement for Speedwatch Leader who is resigning.

15. DCLG Consultation on Parish Polls

It was proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Ferguson and agreed that the Government’s intentions to modernise parish poll regulations be supported. Cllr Taylor to respond.

16. Matters raised by Councillors

- Rails and railings that are responsibility of HCC: Cllr Bennett is compiling collection of photos for Clerk to send to HCC.
- Water on road below Hazel Hill Cottage causing erosion: Cllr Taylor to report this online. Clerk to email to R Bastow and R Millar.
- Car(s) parked outside field near Greenacres still causing problems: Cllr Bridle has not yet found contact number for owner of field. He will keep trying.

17. Date of next Ordinary Meeting: Monday 2 February 2015 at 19.30

Meeting closed at 21.12