

Ordinary Meeting of Minstead Parish Council
The Surgery, Minstead Village Hall
Monday 6 July 2015 at 19.30

Present: Cllrs W Andrews (Chair, H Bennett, S Cattell, A Ferguson, G Hough, R Taylor, D Wakelin.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2 Public Participation Period

Mrs Bennett stated that an outbuilding shown on plans for 15/00438 was removed more than twenty years ago.

3 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Bennett declared Personal and Prejudicial interest in planning application 15/00438 (Item 11).

4 To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1 June 2015

These had been previously circulated and were agreed and signed.

5 Matters Arising

- HCC Parish Lengthsman Agreement for 2015/16: Signed copy of Agreement received from HCC. **Closed**
- Footpath/Bridleway restoration work: Mr Cartwright is on leave so no response yet to emails sent by Chairman. **Ongoing**

6 Items Ongoing

- Meeting with Forestry Commission Deputy Surveyor: Mr Rothnie to attend August PC meeting. **Ongoing**
- Meeting with Planning Officer: Agreed to hold a small meeting on 14 July at 18.30 in Green Room to discuss decision on application 15/0085, to which Clerk will invite those who were consulted; then to arrange a second meeting to cover wider issues. Cllr Mans asked to be copied into correspondence. **Ongoing**
- Superfast Broadband: Connected as from today. **Closed**
- Disabled parking space at All Saints church: Cllr Mrs Andrews explained that NFDC requires HCC to provide signage and asked Cllr Mans if he could assist with getting this done. **Ongoing**
- Repair of grit bins: Bin at Shave Wood now replaced. Clerk has reported recent severe damage to bin at Seamans Corner. Cllr Taylor to back this up with email to Richard Bastow. **Ongoing**
- Controlling vehicular entry to Glebe Field: Clerk to write to all owners explaining again the proposal by Council in April that existing gates would suffice, provided that there is space left at sides for passage of livestock. Ask owners if they wish to do this. **Ongoing**
- Eroded edges on roads: Clerk to send email to NFALC. **Ongoing**

7 Reports from County and/or District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC) reported that:

- Dave Yates, Chief Executive of NFDC, is retiring October this year. It is hoped to recruit internally to the vacant post.
- Leaders of all local authorities in 'wider Hampshire' (HCC, IOW Council, the unitary Councils of Portsmouth and Southampton plus all eleven District Councils) believe there is an opportunity to put themselves forward to take on additional powers from Central Government. This would give local control over vital services. On 24 June a letter was sent from these bodies to the Secretary of State Rt. Hon Greg Clark MP indicating an intention in principle to seek a range of devolved powers.
- Work is beginning to develop the details of the wider Hampshire proposal. The proposals will then be brought forward for debate and decision before Cabinet and the full Council.

- She visited a Solar Farm sited in a restored gravel pit in Pennington that will provide electricity to nearly 600 homes in the Pennington and Lymington area. The farm was funded by 500 people, half from the local area and the rest from around the UK. Backers purchased bonds and receive 5% return on their money.

Cllr K Mans (HCC) reported that:

- Chief Executive of HCC is also retiring but HCC intends to head-hunt for a replacement.
- As reported by Cllr Mrs Andrews (above), HCC signed up to the letter to minister seeking devolved powers.
- HCC is battling with reductions in budget.

In response to a question re benefits of devolution versus sharing services Cllr Mans said that benefits from local interest can sometimes outweigh benefits from economies of scale eg Totton College might have been rescued had HCC had control, but the remote central administration did not understand the local situation.

8 Report from Lengthsman

He reported work done in June: Bull Lane footpath - Grass strimming; Church footpath - Grass strimming + cutting back whips; Red House footpath - Grass strimming + cutting back hedge.

Council agreed he should purchase White Oak to replace the wooden seating at the cricket pitch and also remove the tree guard by corner of bus shelter at Hall (a clearer view of shelter may be a deterrent to vandalism).

Cllr Cattell to ask him to clear vegetation around telephone box in village.

A vote of thanks was declared to Mr Short for his work repairing the bus shelter at Hall.

9 Report from Councillors' Surgeries

Some parishioners have consulted over proposals for planning applications.

10 Reports from Parish Representatives

- Footpaths: brushwood left along FP4 by landowner and along FP5 by Southern Electric. Cllr Cattell/ Clerk to contact them.
- Quadrant meeting: might Minstead host a meeting in Green Room? Yes if Green Room is free.
- Fete: Proposal to have an area with information about defibrillators and a 1st Aider in attendance from 1 – 4pm. Cllr Mans offered to fund the fee. Cllr Hough has contact details - Clerk to book. Gazebo needed – ask in Weekly News for loan of gazebos.
- Consultative Panel – next meeting 3 September.

[Cllr Mans and Cllr Mrs Andrews left meeting at 20.46]

11 Planning

NPA Decisions

15/00296 Park Farm Cottage. Outbuilding.

Grant

15/00169 Castle Malwood Lodge. Retention of lamp post + addition of floodlight.

Withdrawn

New Planning Applications

15/00395 Fleetwater Cottage. Garage (demolition of existing garage). **Comment No 4 because in this particular context Council feels that size matters; also it does not appear to be incidental and subservient to the dwelling in scale and appearance as specified in New Forest National Park design guide *Supplementary Planning Document*.**

15/00419 Blackwater Cottage. Agricultural building and stable building + extended driveway for access to fields and store. **Comment No 5, subject to normal conditions applicable to Agricultural and Forestry land.**

15/00438 Hill Close. Replacement garage. **Comment No 3 - appropriate replacement of a collapsing building that is incidental and subservient to environment.** *[Clerk to write to Planning Officer cc Steve Avery regarding the several errors in documentation for this application.]*

15/00428 3 Congleton Close. Demolish existing side extension. Single storey extension to include side porch. **Comment No 3 - demonstration of need and improvement in appearance.**

15/00352 Pilmore Heath Farm. Extension to existing barn. **For information only. Agricultural Planning Permission Required.**

Trees

CONS/15/0537 Orchard Gate. Fell 3 x cypress + 1 ash; Reduce height of 1 x cypress; Cut back crab apple, cypress.

CONS/15/0568 Little Orchard. Remove 1 holly + 1 red cedar; Reduce height of 1 holly + group red cedars.

CONS/15/0607 The Splash. Fell 1 cypress.

Comment: No objections to these three applications.

12 Correspondence

E-mail correspondence previously circulated was all **noted**:

- HALC: Invitation to meeting with Local Government Boundary Commission for England re electoral review of Hampshire on 8 July.
- HALC: Request for support for 'Giving Time' Project.
- NFDC: Comments invited on Local Plan Review - Appraisal framework and appraisal criteria - by 3 August.
- NFDC: Gambling Act 2005 – Section 349 - consultation on the review of statement of gambling policy (ends 18 September).

Other Correspondence

- NFNPA Building Design Awards 2015.

To Read:

- *Local Councils Update (June 2015)*
- *Clerks & Councils Direct (July 2015)*
- *LCR (Summer 2015)*

13 Finance

- Receipts & Payments for June 2015:

		£	£
Balance at 31.05.2015			14,151.52
Receipts:			
Standing Order payments for June			
Salaries and expenses		427.87	
Cheques to pay:			
HMRC: PAYE (1st quarter) for Clerk and Lengthsman		307.00	
D Roberts: Tree surgery		250.00	
S Short: Materials for repair of bus shelter at Hall		17.04	
P Osborne: Admin expenses for April, May, June		66.31	
Total payments for June		1,068.22	
Balance after payments			13,083.30

Reconciliation	
At Bank 03/07/2015	13,982.59
Less uncleared cheques (April, May)	258.94
Less cheques to be signed at meeting	640.35
Actual balance	13,083.30

Proposed for payment by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed.

- Quarterly budget report had been previously circulated. Council approved this.

17 Defibrillator in Minstead

New Manager at Trusty Servant has agreed that a defibrillator could be mounted on the wall of the pub. It is hoped to be able to announce plans at Village Fete on 15 August.

18 Footpaths/Bridleways – restoration work

Covered in item 5 above.

19 Ragwort Pulling

Agreed community ragwort pull starting 18.00 on 22 July. Meet at shop, bring own gloves. Cllr Bennett to allocate areas.

20 Matters raised by Councillors

- Complaint received about minimal notice of road closures on A31: Report back that council sympathises but gets no information.
- Speed of contractors and delivery vehicles through village very alarming: Request to go in Weekly News asking residents to pass on a reminder about consideration. Cllr Taylor to contact NPA about this.
- Format of survey for HCC Strategy consultation is very unsatisfactory eg cannot view initially or save when completed; choices for some multi-choice answers not appropriate to all users.
- Thanks are due to NFALC for supporting Minstead's proposal for Strategic Cycle Route. (Cllr Taylor to draft; Clerk to send.)
- Fete – Request for contributions plus assistance on the day to be included in Weekly Bulletin.

21 Date of next Ordinary Meeting: 3 August 2015 at 19.30

Meeting ended at 21.43