

Ordinary Meeting of Minstead Parish Council

Danby Room, Minstead Village Hall

Monday 1 August at 19.30

Present: Cllrs W Andrews (Chair), H Bennett, S Cattell, G Hough, R Taylor, D Wakelin, Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC), Mrs P Osborne (Clerk), Mr M Bridle, Ms D Fox, Mr S Hodgkins.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Ferguson, Cllr K Mans (HCC).

2. Public Participation Period

Mr Hodgkins explained the rationale for the new planning applications for Fleetwater Cottage, the previous plan submitted last year for replacement garage having been refused.

Mr Bridle reported that the roadside hedge/trees at The Rise (Newtown Road) are intruding into the highway causing a danger to traffic and, with parked cars at the roadside, agricultural vehicles cannot get through. Clerk to write to householder asking that he cut back hedge and trees, cc to Bob Brown (HCC Highways), PCSO Richard Williams.

Mr Bridle also reported removal of hedge at Fleetwater Farm Hedge, replaced by gate. However, this new access is already known to NPA Planning Dept and is on the recently issued Enforcement List.

[Ms Fox and Mr Hodgkins left meeting at 19.50]

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4 July 2016

These had been previously published and were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Items Ongoing

- Finger post to Church: Not yet done but Cllr Cattell will do it. **Ongoing**
- Overgrown hedge at North Lodge, London Minstead: Further cutting needed in the Autumn. **Ongoing**
- Dragons teeth outside Hazel Hill Cottage, London Minstead: Bob Brown (HCC) has inspected the posts but his decision is not yet known. **Ongoing**
- Muddy section on Footpath 9: Clerk to write to remind Sam Jones (HCC) that promised work, laying stones/gravel, is outstanding. **Ongoing**
- Eroded edges on roads: There have recently been two known accidents on Newtown Rd and one on Back Lane caused by damaged edges, with vehicles having to be towed off. Cllr Taylor will try to collate details as evidence. A letter from Minstead PC outlining the situation re maintenance of roads in the New Forest has been sent to Cllr Rob Humby (Executive Member for Environment and Transport, HCC) with copies to key people in other interested bodies. The matter is expected to be included in agenda for NE Quadrant meeting in October. **Ongoing**
- Bridleway 13: Minstead Manor has given permission for cutting back vegetation; still waiting to hear back from Natural England. Agreed to apply to Small Grants Scheme for funding – Cllrs Taylor, Wakelin and Clerk to do this. One quote for work has been received and another is expected. **Ongoing**

7. Reports from County and/or District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC) reported that:

- The popular charity *Nightstop* continues but sadly the 25+ service will be closing later in the year due to a very few referrals. Only three people have been given accommodation since it started. The cost of running 25+ far outweighs its effectiveness.
- NFDC is pleased to be awarding the *Freedom of the District* to 17 Port & Maritime Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps (based at Marchwood) on Sunday 25 September at Appletree Court (Council Offices). After the ceremony there will be a parade through Lyndhurst High St to Queens House (Forestry Commission) where the Regiment will turn and parade back to Appletree Court. *Honorary Freedom*

gives to the Regiment the right, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the New Forest District on all ceremonial occasions with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing, and colours flying. Avoid Lyndhurst on that day!

There was some discussion about the options available to NFDC with the current devolution proposals being put forward by Hampshire County Council. Council felt that information on the consultation *Serving Hampshire: options for future local government in Hampshire* should be widely circulated in the community – it will be included in Weekly Notices and *Minstead Mail*.

[Mr Bridle left meeting at 18.20]

8. Report from Lengthsman for July

- Footpaths 4, 5, and 9 and footway opposite Old Court House: strimmed grass and cut back overgrown hedges impinging onto paths.
- Repaired broken gatepost at Footpath 5 (opposite Study Centre).
- Cut back overgrown tree branches around telephone box opposite Trusty Servant.
- Cut back vegetation in front of bus shelter at entrance to Manor Park.

Cllr Cattell to ask him to clean 30mph signs on C17 at exit from Emery Down.

9. Reports from Parish Representatives

- Police - car park monitoring seems to be having an effect since fewer incidents of inappropriate behaviour. Beat Surgery on 15 Aug – ask if any official report of accidents on Newtown Rd.
- Village Fete (13 August) – volunteers needed to help.
- Village Hall - painting/decorating in progress; work starting next week on kitchen.
- PCC meeting – note that church will now be locked 5.30pm in summer, 4pm in winter.

10. Planning

NPA Decisions

16/00464 Woodland Cottage. Double garage and workshop with storage over + new driveway to access garage. **Application withdrawn**

New Planning Applications

16/00452 and **00453/LBC** Pear Tree Cottage. One and two storey extensions; chimney; alterations to garage; new access (close up existing access). **Comment No 3 since seems perfectly reasonable and we like the design.**

16/00550 South Lodge. Single storey extension. **Comment No 3 since there is no significant change.**

16/00563 Fleetwater Cottage. Replacement 1.2m high fence. **[Parish Briefing not yet available; discussion deferred to next meeting.]**

16/00621 Fleetwater Cottage. Garage (demolition of existing). **[Parish Briefing not yet available; discussion deferred to next meeting.]**

Trees

CONS/16/0726 Old Court House. Fell 1 x oak tree. **No comment.**

CONS/16/0727 All Saints Church. Prune 1 x oak tree. **No comment.**

11. Correspondence

E-mail correspondence previously circulated:

- HALC: Workshops for Parish and Town Councils: *The Future of Local Government in Hampshire*. **Noted.**
- HALC: Notification of *Serving Hampshire* consultation: options for future local government in Hampshire (27 July – 20 September 2016). **Discussed in Item 7 above.**

Letter: Suggestion of a named parishioner for a national award. **It was felt that this was not an appropriate matter for the Parish Council.**

To Read:

LCU (July 2016)

12. Finance

- Receipts & Payments for July 2016:

	£	£	£
	Net	VAT (recoverable)	
Balance at 30 June			12,427.93
Receipts:			
HCC: Parish Lengthsman Scheme			1,000.00
NALC: Transparency Fund grant (for scanner)			60.00
Standing Order payments			
Salaries and expenses	445.03		
Cheques to pay:			
Total payments for July	445.03		445.03
Balance after payments			13,042.90

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

- Minstead Parish Council Debit card: Card recently received. The Clerk will use it to make payments that cannot be made by cheque e.g. online payments.

13. Report from joint working party (Lyndhurst/Minstead) to address traffic issues

No progress yet but a meeting is planned.

14. Ragwort pull (22 July)

Thanks to all volunteers. Successful event. It was noted that, having been pulled every year for several years, the quantity of ragwort around the village is much reduced with the exception of the area of Glebe Field across the stream.

15. Matters raised by Councillors

- Village clock – replacement case still not done so Cllr Cattell has new quote for oak case. Agreed to mount small plaque 'Made by N Saunders to replace case made by A Elkins'. Clerk to apply to Cllr Mans for £375 from his Devolved budget.
- Bottle bank bins - locks have been removed and both bottle and paper bins were found overfull with lids raised. Cllr Mrs Andrews to report this and ask for replacement locks or explanation for their removal.
- Piece of hedge on Newtown Road above Wisteria Cottage is again overhanging carriageway – Cllr Cattell to tie it back in place.
- Jan and Nick Parker moved out of Minstead Village Shop on 31 July. The Chairman presented flowers and a vase as a 'thank you', funded from the Chairman's Allowance.
- Dragons teeth opposite Trusty are responsibility of NFDC, but Bournemouth Water may replace missing ones when they have completed their works.
- New village signs have appeared at Lyndhurst. Clerk to find out who supplied them and ask for two for Minstead.

16. Date of next Ordinary Meeting: 5 September 2016 at 19.30

Meeting closed at 21.08