

Ordinary Meeting of Minstead Parish Council

Danby Room, Minstead Village Hall

Monday 9 January 2017 at 19.30

Present: Cllrs W Andrews (Chair), H Bennett, S Cattell, G Hough, R Taylor, Mrs P Osborne (Clerk), Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC), Mr & Mrs Sainsbury, Mr & Mrs Donawa.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Ferguson, Cllr D Wakelin, Cllr K Mans (HCC).

2. Public Participation Period

Re Planning application 16/01004: Mrs Sainsbury clarified a misleading statement in the Planning Officer's report – there are only two outbuilding on the site (not 'numerous'), both to be demolished. Mr & Mrs Donawa said that they too want to preserve the old wall outside Fylingdale and West Winds [Item 5 below]; but they hoped that Council would inform the householder beforehand in future, as a matter of courtesy, since listed status would invalidate their current insurance and might impact on their premium.

3. Declarations of Interests

None.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5 December 2016

These had been previously circulated and were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

- Possible listing of high wall outside Fylingdale and West Winds [Item 18]: No response as yet from NFNPA. Householders will be kept informed of any developments. **Ongoing**

6. Items Ongoing

- Speedwatch [Minutes January 2017, Items 2 & 5]: Mr Donawa, as Speedwatch Co-ordinator, has requested a meeting with Police Chief Superintendent. **Ongoing**
- Adoption of red telephone kiosk in village centre: No progress - still awaiting response from NFNPA. **Ongoing**
- Shooting permitted on Manor Waste: Information on dates/times received plus promise of piece for Minstead Mail - not yet received. Clerk to send reminder. **Closed**
- Dragons' teeth opposite North Lodge: Bob Brown (HCC) has written to householders. **Ongoing**
- Muddy section on Footpath 9: Stile will have to be dismantled for machine access for repair work and HCC policy is to replace stiles with gates. However, this path is narrow and Countryside Access Ranger has proposed a galvanised gate which is too wide and not suitable. Chairman to pursue. **Ongoing**
- Eroded edges on roads: Ongoing. Some gravel repairs were done in New Road but much of the gravel has already washed out. **Ongoing**

7. Reports from County and/or District Councillor

Cllr K Mans (HCC) was not present.

Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC) reported

- RAF Calshot given planning permission for a 2,000 space cemetery.
- Car parking charges in 51 NFDC car parks to be frozen for 2017.

Re speed monitoring on C17: Since this has not been done since 2013-14, funding available in 2017-18 would enable Minstead to have a Speed Indication Display (SID); but the device would not be in place until Autumn. (Ms Gan-Marsh will try for funding this financial year to install a SID in March, but is unlikely to succeed.)

Cost if the Parish pays is £770 for two weeks in each direction, including installation. Cheaper option is Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) which merely flashes 'Slow down', at £500 for two weeks.

At no cost and in addition to the other options the Parish can request a Speed Data Recorder (SDR) to provide data which would be shared with the parish and Transport Department.

8. Report from Lengthsman

Mr Short had been unwell in December and was unable to work for a time. He did, however, carry out an inspection patrol around the village.

9. Reports from Parish Representatives

- NFALC - papers for next meeting include statement re importance of justifying any increases in Precept.
- Footpaths – FP 4 hedge inside field now cut; FP 5 is currently dry.
- Village Hall – management of finance is a current issue; condensation in Danby Room is being dealt with; long-promised new tables now paid for so should arrive soon.

10. Report from Police

Beat Report for December had been previously circulated to Council members.

11. Report from joint L/M working party to address traffic issues

Nothing to report.

12. Planning**Decisions**

16/00922 Appletrees Farm. Single storey extension; alterations to garage; Juliette balcony; alterations to fenestration. **Grant**

16/00878 Mill Lane Farm. Cattle shed (demolition of existing stables). **Grant**

16/00921 Holly Hatch, Emery Down. Single storey extension; several alterations. **Multiple Parish - for information only.** **Withdrawn**

16/00971 Castle Malwood. Retention of store building and roof alterations. **Grant**

Decision Awaited

16/00969 Twin Oaks, Canterton. Two-storey and single-storey rear extensions. Replacement conservatory.

16/00959 and 00960 LBC Peartree Cottage, Emery Down. Internal and external alterations; re-roof existing single storey extension; associated landscaping. (Application for Listed Building Consent.)

New Planning Applications

16/01004 Alder Moor. Detached outbuilding. **Comment No 3 because it appears to meet all criteria.**

16/01052 Field 13 North of School Lane. Erection of agricultural storage barn. **[Parish Briefing not yet available; discussion deferred to next meeting.]**

16/01053 Thrifty Gate. Replacement outbuilding with room over; demolish existing outbuilding. **[Parish Briefing not yet available; discussion deferred to next meeting.]**

[Mr & Mrs Sainsbury left meeting at 20.13]

Trees

There were **no comments** on the following applications:

CONS/16/1309 Wembdon Cottage. Prune 4 x leylandii.

FC Proposed Open Forest Felling

- Lucas Castle: Fell scattered Scot's pine trees and older scrub growing along the edge of the older, established woodland.
- Pilmore Heath: Fell scattered birch and holly trees growing around the head of a mire system. Also selected trees along the edge of the older, established woodland to the east.

R14/15/16/1311 & 1312. SSE Castle Malwood. Fell 1 x beech; fell 1 x Sitka spruce. **For Information only.**

R14/15/16/1324 Castle Malwood Park Farm. Remove broken branch + dead wood. **For Information only.**

CONS/17/0014 Bay Tree Cottage. Fell 1 x yew; prune 1 x willow.

13. Correspondence

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

- Hants Police: notification of Police and Crime Commissioner conferences *Rural Communities Matter*.
- New Forest Association: request to work together re issues concerning the protection of the New Forest, plus notification of a public meeting on 24 January.

To Read

- LCU (December 2016)
- Forest matters (Autumn/Winter 2016)
- Clerks & Councils Direct (January 2017)

14. Finance

- Budget Report for 3rd Quarter [circulated].
- Receipts & Payments for December 2016:

	£	£	£
	Net	VAT (recoverable)	
Balance at 30 November			15,301.05
Receipts:			
Standing Order/Direct Debit payments			
Salaries and expenses	445.03		
Cheques to pay:			
HMRC: PAYE for Clerk & Lengthsman (Oct, Nov, Dec)	320.20		
P Osborne: Admin expenses for Oct, Nov, Dec	19.65		
Total payments for December	784.88		784.88
Balance after payments			14,516.17

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

15. Snow Clearance: £/h for clearance of roads in Minstead Parish

Rate would be increased from that agreed last year.

16. Village Name Signs

Awbridge has attractive signs – Clerk to find out cost. Cllr Hough also to get quotes from other suppliers.

17. Matters raised by Councillors

- Broadband : some members recently experiencing speed drops and unreliable connection – since there have been no changes locally by Openreach, advice is to contact the provider.
- Consultation on Dorset NHS – Cllr Bennett to write piece for weekly news.
- Minstead Mail - Cllr Taylor to contribute item explaining the increase in Precept next year.
- Grit bin by Village Green - Trusty Servant management has agreed to the bin being moved next to their building so it can be used where road frequently becomes icy. Cllr Taylor to contact HCC and, subject to approval, move the grit bin himself.
- Request from Emery Down residents to publicise consultation re Lyndhurst Park Hotel – agreed to send information to Lyndhurst Parish Council.
- An oil spill in Newtown is being dealt with.

18. Date of next Ordinary Meeting: 6 February 2017 at 19.30

Meeting closed at 20.47