

Ordinary Meeting of Minstead Parish Council

Danby Room, Minstead Village Hall

Monday 2 March 2020 at 19.30

Present: Cllrs W Andrews (Chair), S Cattell, H Bennett, A Ferguson, R Taylor.

In Attendance: Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC), P Osborne (Clerk), 4 public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Hough, Cllr G Saunders.

2. Resignation and Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Cattell has resigned as Vice-Chairman but is willing to continue as councillor. Cllr Richard Taylor was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Cattell and was elected.

3. Public Participation Period

An architect for planning application **20/00043** (Item 11 below) explained proposed works and stated that some amendments had been made following comment from the Planning Officer.

4. Declarations of Interests

None

Item 11 was taken at this point

5. To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3 February 2020

These had been published and were agreed and signed.

6. Matters Arising

None

7. Items Ongoing

- Access to properties on A31 at Stoney Cross: No progress. Clerk to write to local MP to request support.

8. Reports from County and/or District Councillor

Cllr E Heron (HCC) was not present.

Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC) reported:

1. The Police & Crime Commission Panel met on 7th February in Andover to discuss increase of precept by £10 on a band D house. There had been previous consultation in Hampshire with 4,300 responses. The total number of people who supported the increase was 74%, from New Forest 378 responses with 88.3% in support. The increase was voted on and agreed. Olivia Pinkney, Chief Constable, gave a short talk on how the extra money would be used:
 - to improve 101 Service
 - to provide 97 more police officers in addition to 156 which were our share of the 20,000 promised by central government.
 - to improve the capacity to deal with incoming data for investigation purposes.

It is hoped that County Lines will be obliterated in four years.

Olivia Pinkney also gave a taste of policing in Hampshire in "A day in the life of Hampshire":

- 755 999 calls + 1,703 101 calls + 453 crimes recorded
 - 100 Domestic abuse cases + 9.5 reports of child abuse + 27 missing people
2. Last week Cllr Mrs Andrews attended the selection of the Conservative candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner. Donna Jones, a Portsmouth CC councillor, was selected. The elections are in May.
 3. New *NFDC Corporate Plan 2020-2024* will add "Arts and Heritage" to her portfolio of *Community Affairs*.

4. She has given £400 of her councillor's Community Grant to Minstead Community Shop.

9. Report from Lengthsman

He is still unfit for work.

10. Reports from Parish Representatives

- HALC Training: Cllr Bennett had attended and felt it was a useful session.
- Police: *Policing in your Community* meeting on 18th March at Lyndhurst church - meet our local police and the Police Inspector responsible for policing in the New Forest, plus a Scam Busting expert.
- Community Shop: work on premises is proceeding; some equipment has been purchased and suppliers identified; hope to open 6 April but need more volunteers. Council raised the issue of signage – appropriate style and location – as something to be considered.
- Results of survey of car parks around New Forest are interesting. Greatest use is for short journeys to walk dogs. Increase in housing around outside of NF will increase this further.
- Footpath fingerpost needed – Cllr Cattell to ask Countryside Access.

11. Planning

Decisions

19/00909 Hollyhock Cottage. Reconfiguration of domestic curtilage. **Grant**

19/00932 The Cottage, Toms Lane Corner. First floor extensions; conversion of attached stables to facilitate additional accommodation; new pitched roof to existing attached garage; alterations to fenestration; raised patio; removal of existing porch. **Refuse**

19/00949 The Cottage, Toms Lane Corner. Replacement outbuilding; new retaining wall to facilitate access alterations and new driveway; removal of existing outbuilding. **Grant**

Decision Awaited

18/00954 Petrol Station, Ringwood Road. Single storey rear extension to sales building to provide sandwich bar.

19/00911 Peters Hold. Replacement dwelling; detached garage/carport; associated works and landscaping (demolition of existing dwelling and annex).

New Planning Applications

20/00043 Holly Lodge, Emery Down. Outbuilding; conservatory; porch; 2no roof lights, replacement gate, terrace extension (demolition of carport, outbuilding and conservatory). **Comment: The Planning Officer states that this property is "in the Conservation Area and is identified as being of particular architectural or historic interest." The council would like to see a report from Conservation Officer before further consideration. Defer until next meeting.**

20/00084 Land at Thatched Cottage, Blackwater Road. Stables. **Comment No 3.**

20/00097 Appletrees Farm. Replacement stables. **Comment No 3.**

20/00114 Marleys. New barn; demolition of existing outbuilding. Conflicting info because *Parish Briefing not yet available – defer to next meeting.* Clerk to seek clarification of apparent conflicting justification of need in Planning Statement: for storage of machinery & driving carriages, but also for housing livestock.

Trees

CONS/20/0057 Yew Tree Cottage, Woodside. Prune 1 x Ash.

CONS/20/0070 Minstead Lodge. Fell/Prune mixed tree species as per work schedule provided.

R14/15/20/0058 Electricity Sub Station at Castle Malwood Lodge. Fell dead Birch, fell root lifted tree, fell dead Oak, fell dead Beech. **Exempt works. No Comment required**

CONS/20/0070 Minstead Lodge. Fell/Prune mixed tree species.

R14/15/20/0069 Minstead Lodge. Remove 1 already fallen Beech tree, Fell 1 x Scots Pine, 1 x Turkey Oak, 2 x Ash, 1 x Silver Birch, 1 x Group of 3 False Acacia. **Exempt works. No Comment required**

There were no comments on these applications for tree work.

12. Correspondence

To Read: LCU

13. Finance

- Receipts & Payments for February 2020:

	£	£	£
	Net	VAT (recoverable)	
Balance at 31 January 2020			115,083.54
Receipts:			
Minstead residents: refund of contributions to Fibre Broadband Scheme			- 106,698.00
Standing Order/Direct Debit payments:			
SOs: Salaries and expenses	507.46		507.46
Debit card payment:			
Staples – printer paper and ink	45.44	9.09	54.53
Cheques to pay:			
S Barriball: Wordpress Plug-in for Website	20.02		20.02
All Saints PCC: Donation for Churchyard maintenance	300.00		300.00
Citizens Advice New Forest: Donation	100.00		100.00
Lee Byford: Clearance of leaves from footpaths	120.00		120.00
Total payments for February	1,092.92	9.02	1,102.01
Balance after payments (This balance is in addition to £6,000 reserve)			7,283.53

Payments were proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Cattell and agreed.

14. NFDC Electoral Review: To consider Minstead Council's response to consultation (closes 2 March)

Agreed that no response was needed.

15. Minstead Community Broadband Scheme and Broadband Wave 2

Work in progress.

16. Annual Parish Meeting (Wednesday 18 March 2020)

Agenda is available on website.

17. Matters raised by Councillors

- Lyndhurst Road flooding near Old Court House: drainage pipes blocked at entrance/exit. Cllr Andrews/Cattell to find someone to clear them.
- Mill Lane: Cllr Taylor hopes to set up a meeting to discuss results of 2018 traffic survey.
- Leaning poles/hanging cables were reported to Openreach – no response.
- Abandoned road signs and boards – R Bastow (Highways) will collect.
- Damage to verges along School Lane used as diversion route: council will urge contractors to reinstate damaged verges when diversion is removed.

18. Date of next Ordinary Meeting: 6 April 2020 at 19.30

Meeting closed at 21.44