

Ordinary Meeting of Minstead Parish Council
Meeting held virtually in accordance with Regulations for Covid-19 pandemic
Monday 1 February 2021 at 19.30

Present: Cllrs W Andrews (Chair), H Bennett, M Causton, G Hough, J Smith, R Taylor.

In Attendance: Cllr E Heron (HCC), Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC), P Osborne (Clerk), 5 public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Saunders

2. Public Participation Period

- Two residents spoke about traffic problems along Mill Lane/Blackwater. Volume and speeding there are possibly the highest in Minstead parish so the area would be strong contender for location of SID – on straight section from A337 cattle grid to Pikes Hill. They said also that litter is a growing problem.
- Broadband – Property names have been forwarded to Openreach.
- Applicant explained that 20/00912 (Item 10 below) would allow access barn from field and hard standing for turning vehicles inside gate.

3. Declarations of Interests

Cllr Andrews declared Personal & Prejudicial interest in Item 10, Application 20/00793.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 4 January 2021

These had been published and were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

- Speeding and possible SID [Item 8]: Possible locations for SID should include Mill Lane (where there are already poles for road signs), Seamans Corner/Running Hill and C17. But data on speeding at these points is needed before acting.
- Drainage pipe outside Furzey [Item 9]: HCC said that pipe must be below level of ditch.
- Exterior light on rear of Trusty Servant: Landlady at Trusty Servant has said she will redirect the lights.
- 2021 Census: Cllr Mrs Andrews confirmed that Matt Wisdom, Census Liaison Manager, and Rebecca Drummond, Assistant CLM, are working with Peter Dewbery who is the ONS Census Engagement Manager for our area. Councils are being asked to assist by publicising and supporting engagement in the census in newsletters, parish magazines and social media posts. The team would welcome any very localised knowledge and support for hard-to-reach groups or individuals who may be known to the Parish Council and who otherwise may not be aware that the census is taking place and how they can complete it. Peter Dewbery has to publicise the census around the parish and make sure everyone is aware of it. Default is online but there is support for those who would find this difficult.

6. Items Ongoing

- Cricket ground – renewal of licence: No progress.

Ongoing

7. Reports from County/District Councillors

Cllr Edward Heron (HCC) had no report but answered questions:

- Concern that recent notification of one.netwok (provides information on planned highways works) suggested changes to system.: Cllr Heron had no specific knowledge but said that some locations will still be visible.
- What is the aim and expectation of current Transport consultation? Cllr Heron said that it is a high level document, very much focused on sustainable travel rather than just a being a 'roads' strategy, with clear priorities of public transport, walking and cycling. However, areas with low density population cannot realistically have frequent public transport.

Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC) reported:

I attended the Police and Crime Scrutiny Panel on Friday last week to consider the proposed rise in precept. I thought I was going to support a recommendation for the Commissioner to come back with a lower figure as did some of my colleagues on the panel. The Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney addressed us at some length and explained the present rise, in some cases as much as 50%, in Abuse of children, Child pornography and Domestic violence and that the complexity of policing is increasing as is the cost of more forensic time as crime moves online. It wasn't all bad news however: last year there was an uplift of 153 new officers and an additional 146 for the coming year 2021/22 - these are not replacements, but are in addition to present numbers. We will retain our PCSO's and £150,000 will be spent on rural crime initiatives in the coming year.

Of interest, Hampshire police seized £6.6m worth of cocaine, the largest in the force's history. The three criminals from an organised crime gang received jail sentences totalling 30 years.

The Chief Constable spoke well and was very persuasive - she even had survey figures to say that people in the New Forest were in favour of the rise in precept. The panel was won over and voted unanimously to support the precept. Therefore, the policing precept of the council tax will increase by £15 per annum, raising an additional £10m for Hampshire Constabulary in 2021/22. This means that the Band D council tax precept for the force will rise from £211.46 to £226.46 a year.

In response to a query Cllr Mrs Andrews said that the additional money from Increased tax goes to Hampshire Constabulary.

8. Reports from Parish Representatives

- From NE Quadrant meeting:
 - They are committed to *Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan*. Councillors wonder what will happen when restrictions are eased - verge parking is already a huge problem.
 - *Design Guide* will be renewed soon.
 - Steve Avery gave presentation on Waterside.
 - Many Enforcement issues at present.
- Police: Beat report circulated; request to public NOT to leave valuables in cars – publicise this message via Facebook and website.
- Village Hall – no progress with exterior work.
- Red phone box by Village Green looking very neglected. Cllr Taylor to investigate rot.

9. Report from Lengthsman

He was ill with shingles during January so with bad weather in addition, he was unable to work. However, he now has jobs lined up to do.

Council has received new contract for *Parish Lengthsman Scheme* from HCC for year ahead. It was proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed that it be signed and returned.

10. Planning

Decisions

20/00821 The Cottage, Toms Lane Corner. Application to vary condition 1 and remove condition 3 of Planning Permission 20/00452 for first floor extensions; conversion of attached stables to facilitate additional accommodation; alterations to fenestration; raised patio; demolition of existing porch; associated landscaping.

Refuse

20/00859 West Wing Cottage, Castle Malwood Lodge. Application to regularise creation of double doors in place of a window on side elevation and internal stud partitions between dining and living room and hallway and kitchen (Application for Listed Building Consent).

Grant

20/00822 Communications site, Castle Malwood. Replacement antennas on existing steelwork mounts; new GPS antenna and ancillary radio equipment on existing monopole mast; internal amendments to equipment; upgrade to feeder cables; ancillary development.

Grant

20/00868 Robins Bush Farm. Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed use of outbuilding to ancillary residential use, internal alterations to facilitate new use and external repairs.

Permitted Development

Decision Awaited

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

20/00940. Broadwood. Outbuilding.

New Planning Applications

20/00874 Auberge **Amended Plans**. Replacement outbuilding; alterations to existing outbuilding; access alterations; 2no. new entrance gates; 1no. new pedestrian access gate. **Comment: Council felt that more information is needed regarding wall/hedge/fence on Lyndhurst Road – it appears disproportionately high - and also clarification of the legality of new pedestrian gate at side. Clerk to request more time for further consideration.**

20/00912 Ciuin, School Lane. Agricultural store; alterations to existing agricultural barn; hardstanding. **Comment No 1.**

20/00793 Minstead Village Hall. Replace existing black cedar cladding with natural western red cedar cladding. **Comment No 3.**

20/00896 Beaufield. Sewage treatment plant; outlet drain; removal septic tank. **Comment No 3.**

20/00948 Malwood Walk House. Application to vary condition 3 of Listed Building application 20/00307 to allow minor material amendment. **Comment No 3.**

20/00961 South Lodge, Football Green. Single storey extension. **Comment No 4 because it is inappropriate to the heritage asset and location; also, we agree with the issues raised by Conservation Officer.**

Trees

CONS/21/0029 Greenview. Fell 1 x Birch. **No comment.**

11. Correspondence

To Read: *Clerks & Councils Direct, LCU.*

12. Finance

- Receipts & Payments for January 2021:

	£	£	£
	Net	VAT (recoverable)	
Balance at 31 December 2020			21,975.29
Receipts:			
NFDC: Covid-19 Support Payment			558.00
Cadnam Cricket Club: Annual rent reimbursed			80.00
Standing Order/Direct Debit payments:			
SOs: Salaries and expenses	525.67		525.67
Debit card payment:			
1&1: website monthly fee	5.00	1.00	6.00
Cheques/Online payments:			
Forestry England: Annual rent for cricket ground, 1/1/21 – 31/12/21	80.00		80.00
Wel Medical: replacement pads (spares) for defibrillator £36.00 + £5.95 delivery	41.95	8.39	50.34
Andy Chatwin Computing: Laptop health check + purchase & fit new cooling fan.	58.99		58.99
Total payments for January 2021	711.61	9.39	721.00
Balance after payments (This balance is in addition to £6,000 reserve)			21,892.29

Payments proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed.

13. Matters raised by Councillors

- Annual Parish Meeting will take place by Zoom, Wednesday 10 March at 7.30. Date to be included in next Newsletter.
- Polly Osborne is resigning as Clerk so vacancy notice will be sent out with Newsletter and posted on website.
- An owner is concerned that clearing his ditch on narrow stretch of Lyndhurst Road to reduce flooding in his field would necessitate dumping spoil on the road. Council said that if that were the case the spoil would have to be removed. Council queried whether the problem is the ditch or the road collapsing. Cllr Causton to look at it.
- Broadband – update received from Openreach was welcome but lacked detail such as dates.

14. Use of Covid Support grants received

Chairman has drafted a form for local charities and non-profit-making bodies to apply to Minstead Parish Council for funding. To be posted on Minstead website.

15. Consultation on the draft Mitigation for Recreational Impacts on New Forest European Sites

It was felt that PC could make no useful comment.

16. Consultation on the development of new *Hampshire Local Transport Plan*

Cllr Taylor will respond.

17. Date of next Ordinary Meeting: 1st March 2021 at 19.30

Meeting closed at 21.30