

HYDE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the virtual meeting held on 13th May 2020

No formal decisions were taken as this was an information sharing exercise only to keep the parish in touch with parish matters during this period of lockdown.

1. **Apologies:** None received – all members were able to review the information remotely
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Sevier will not contribute/comment on the planning applications as a member of the NFNPA and NFDC Planning Committee or the Rose Cottage tree application as a neighbour. Cllr Mulcahy in Keepers Cottage planning application – will not contribute/comment to the discussions as a member.
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 8th Apr20:** Minutes were approved (remotely)
4. **Matters Arising**
 - North Gorley Green – Clerk to submit map to NE (outstanding)
 - Nil further on award (AS to update)
 - School land swap – nothing further to report at present, need to review once new arrangements in place for the school (becoming part of the Forest Edge Learning Federation)

5. Planning

a. Applications.

20/00173 Camilla, Hyde Common – two storey and side extensions, revised fenestration and roof. Following discussion it was agreed to refuse (PAR4) this application, recommending that if it is amended and resubmitted it should include the Conservation Officer's view regarding the roof increases and excess glazing and increased bulk; the present design is inappropriate and harmful for the parish. We see no evidence in the proposals that relevant NPPF, NPA policies or the Hyde Parish VDS have influenced the design. A detailed report (including policy references) will be submitted with the response to NFNPA. To include a condition to ensure all materials and machinery are kept within the curtilage of the property to protect the SSSI. Proposed by Cllr McKenzie, seconded by Cllr Dolphin, all in favour (of those permitted to vote).

20/00268 Padiss, Ogdens – single storey rear and side extensions, dormer, render, cladding, re-roofing. Following discussion it was felt that the ground floor extensions are compliant with DP18 in that they are modest in size and scale and timber cladding is an appropriate material - and not too extensive. We agree with the Conservation Officer that a reduction of glazing at the SE corner would be more in keeping with the other windows and would enhance and not harm this property of local vernacular interest (SP16). We also consider the 1st floor dormer window to be too dominant and agree that a reduction in size would be more appropriate, however we are aware that the size of the dormer is necessary to house the proposed bathroom – in our view this requires discussion between the architect and the planning officer, therefore we leave the decision to the officer (PAR5). To include a condition to ensure all materials and machinery are kept within the curtilage of the property to protect the SSSI. Proposed by Cllr McKenzie, seconded by Cllr Dolphin, all in favour (of those permitted to vote).

20/00283 Keepers Cottage, Frogham Hill – single storey extension (demolition of existing), retention of shepherds hut; incidental outbuilding; re-thatching; upstairs bathroom; wider opening. Following discussion it was agreed to approve this application but leave the decision to the officers (PAR1). The existing rear porch is inappropriate for the cottage, the proposed replacement will be an improvement. In general the retention of the unauthorised work and outbuildings will be less harmful to the cottage and its curtilage than their removal. To include a condition to ensure all materials and machinery are kept within the curtilage of the property to protect the SSSI. Proposed by Cllr McKenzie, seconded by Cllr Dolphin, all in favour (of those permitted to vote).

20/00284 Keepers Cottage, Frogham Hill – listed building consent (see 20/00283). Following discussion it was agreed that the proposed alterations are the same as 00283 which we and the Conservation Officer find acceptable; the outbuildings are not part of the Listing. It was agreed to approve the application for Listed Building Consent but leave the decision to the officers (PAR1). Proposed by Cllr McKenzie, seconded by Cllr Dolphin, all in favour (of those permitted to vote).

Results: 20/00131 Rose Cottage, Blissford Hill – retention of ground source heat pump – GRANT

20/00154LDPC Cherry Trees, Hyde – planning permission is required (to note)

Not yet decided: 20/00133 Rose Cottage, Blissford Hill – continued use of land as garden

b. Tree applications:

20/0188 Heather Cottage, Hern Lane – prune 3 Oaks; 20/0197 Ashurst, Pentons Hill – fell 3 Leylandii; 20/0198 Rose Cottage, Blissford Hill – fell 1 Silver Birch and 1 Cherry: Cllr Woodley had reviewed the trees prior to the meeting and circulated a report to members. It was agreed to leave the decision to the officers but to note concern about pruning the Oaks at Hern Lane may cause the trees to be weighted towards the road. **Tree Results – None**

c. Other planning matters

- **Mobile Mast** – update on progress/current situation: complaint received from resident at Frogham about acoustic sheets, these had been reported previously and have now been reinstated. HCC have reported that the contractor (Waldon) has confirmed that the shop site is not suitable and they will not be pursuing this further. They will now be considering alternative site options. Members agreed that Cllr Heron should be invited to attend the next parish meeting (10th June) to discuss the slow progress and where alternative sites might be identified and/or approved by HCC.
 - **TEN** – none received
 - **Enforcement** – no change from previous listings: members agreed to request urgent progress from NFNPA with regards to enforcement action for both Ashley View and Kenchingtons.
 - **Appeal** – no results received
 - **Neighbourhood Plan (Fordingbridge)** – to note that both NFDC and NFNPA have confirmed the designation of the area noted in the plan proposed by Fordingbridge this means that the whole of the parish of Fordingbridge is now formally designated as a Neighbourhood Area and both planning authorities will work with the Town Council as work progresses on their Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6. Report from County Councillor Edward Heron** – nothing received from Cllr Heron but to note other HCC Information/Updates:
- A new helpline is up and running for frail or vulnerable residents who do not have support from families, friends or their local community, and who need urgent assistance with essential food or household supplies, collection of medication, or who are at risk of loneliness. You can contact the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Hampshire Helpline – **Hantshelp4vulnerable** – on 0333 370 4000. The helpline is available seven days a week, 9am-5pm.
 - To note the financial losses incurred/likely to be incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic – reported to Cabinet 15/5 (documents available online)

7. Report from District Councillor Emma Lane – a few updates:

- Cabinet meeting held virtually for the first time (and available online)
- New shared ownership scheme introduced by NFDC to help New Forest locals to get on the property ladder
- Hampshire roads continue to be repaired during lockdown with the Operation Resilience team preparing to repair over 128 miles of Hampshire roads during May.

Also from NFDC:

- Increase in fly-tipping – HRWCs will re-open week commencing 11/5
- Clear recycling sacks can be purchased on-line from NFDC and delivered to properties (contact 02380 285000)
- To note Tina Seabrook (ICT, web links) has retired
- To note financial losses incurred by NFDC during pandemic (documents available online)

8. Highways/Lengthsman

- North Gorley culvert – confirmation that the drainage survey has been done and HCC are currently working on a scheme to resolve the flooding
- Hern Lane – it was agreed to ask HCC to confirm when the repairs will take place.
- More patching has taken place throughout the parish, further works are taking place (schedule has been circulated to members) – including re-surfacing. Members agreed to thank HCC for the works undertaken so far in the parish, noting the success of hot patching over cold patching.
- Works for lengthsman (next visit due Monday 1st June): brambles throughout parish, drainage pipe at Lawrence Lane.
- Members agreed to sign the annual lengthsman agreement with lead council (Fordingbridge) to continue with scheme, proposed by Cllr Dolphin, seconded by Cllr Sevier, all in favour.
- It was noted that HCC have recently cut the verges into the parish – and have done a good job at the entrance to Lawrence Lane (as requested/agreed last year) – it was agreed to write and thank HCC for doing this.

9. Forest/Footpaths/Commons

- Ragwort – HCC have made some alterations to the compound and taken away a trailer load of waste – mainly garden waste rather than ragwort – it was agreed to remind residents that the compound is for Ragwort Only – anything else is fly-tipping.
- In response to the anti-social behaviour, Forestry England have installed a gate to the Ogdens car park to enable its closure, the car park may be reopen following the planned consultation about car park closures in the future.
- Bonfires – a fire at the garden shop was reported by a resident (burning waste), this was reported to NFDC (fire was large and overnight) and also to Cllr Emma Lane. A separate complaint was received about a BBQ on Hyde Common – Clerk went to investigate but it appears the offenders had moved on/no evidence was found on site.
- Parking at Ogdens – complaint from resident – agreed to monitor and let us know whether it increases. Generally there has been an increase in parking away from the car parks (down track near Blissford ford, top of hill near mast, etc). Members agreed to monitor and liaise with the appropriate landowners, as necessary.
- Caravan parked in a field – noted.
- Boat awning/shelter – discussed with Enforcement Team at NFNPA and agreed to keep under review.
- Footpaths/stiles 732/733 and 729/731 reported as broken – it was noted that these may be repaired or replaced as part of the historic routes programme, the Clerk to report to the RoW team.

10. Finance

Balances in the accounts

Lloyds/TSB Treasurer's a/c	£15082.63 (following current months expenditure)
Lloyds/TSB BIA a/c	£247.52
Post Office/NS&I	£2771.10

Cheques: M Coatham (April 2020 Clerks Salary, £405.61), HMRC (tax & NI, Apr 20, £6.80), Hampshire Pension Fund (April 2020, £106.48), HALC/NALC annual subscription (£363.56); Zurich Insurance (£257.60)

Members approved the cheques listed for payment.

Other financial matters

- Still no response regarding VAT payment received of £2175 (does not belong to Parish): real balance on current account is therefore £12907.63
- Internal Audit and Annual Return (AGAR) – it was noted the Government has extended the audit deadlines for 2019/20, with the public rights period to commence by 1st September. The Clerk will prepare the documents for review at the Parish Council in June. The Parish Council will be exempt from external audit as it has income/expenditure less than £25k.
- Precept receipt 2020/21 – members noted that first half of precept has been received (£5900.00)
- Zurich Insurance renewal – same price as last year (£257.60), members agreed to approve the insurance quote from Zurich for 2020/21.

11. Coronavirus and Parish Response

- NFDC have posted a leaflet with current information to all households
- Support network is working well and met recently to review the revised advice from Government – it was agreed that no changes were required to the current network as shielding of vulnerable residents is to continue. It was agreed to investigate whether masks could be made and supplied to volunteers whilst shopping as this was part of the revised guidance and also to establish whether grant funding was needed to support the group.
- To note increase in crimes and scams relating to the pandemic – remind residents to be aware – it was agreed to ensure that those not online would also be reminded

12. Webpage: Pride in your Parish Domain

Members agreed that this domain was no longer required and that a page within the existing parish website would be sufficient for future use.

13. Consultations

No new consultations but to note that Local Government Boundary Review has been paused until further notice due to the pandemic.

14. Correspondence

Clerks & Councils Direct; Countryside Voice; Fordingbridge Greener Living – tree planting: it was agreed that tree planting will be promoted in the Autumn as planned; Citizens Advice – request for funding

15. Reports of Representatives

Report received from Lyndsey Whitehead (School Governor):

The governing bodies of the Forest Edge Learning Federation (which includes Hale and Breamore CE Primary Schools) and Hyde CE Primary School held a meeting on 30 April 2020 for their final review of the feedback received from the Consultation Process and to vote on the proposed Federation between our schools.

The governors of both Boards voted unanimously in favour of becoming a three-school federation with effect from 8 July 2020. The decision considered all the options, taking in to account external demands and circumstances, the needs of children and staff and any point arising from the feedback received from parents and other stakeholders. All Governors agree that the decision is the best way forward for all of three schools to ensure stability, viability and continued improvement for the future.

The New Instrument of Government for the Federation needs to be approved by the Diocese of Winchester and will then be forwarded to Hampshire for final approval.

From the 8 July 2020, the Governing Bodies of each of our schools will be dissolved and the new Federation Governing Body will be formed. The name of the three-school Federation will be The Forest Edge Learning Federation. From 8 July 2020, Mrs Clark will formally take on the role of Executive Headteacher for all three schools and the new governing board will agree on the senior leadership structure for all three schools to support the Executive Headteacher.

Members agreed to write to the new Federation wishing them every success and noting that the Parish Council look forward to hearing about all the new opportunities this Federation will be able to offer to local residents.

All other meetings (NPA and NFDC) are cancelled for time being so nothing to report

Another information meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th June – details of whether this will be a virtual meeting or whether it will be available online will be made available nearer to the time.