

**HYDE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Hyde Parish Council held on**  
**13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7pm in the Church Community Rooms**

Councillors present: Cllrs Burden, McKenzie, Mulcahy, Sevier (Chair), Tully and Woodley  
County Councillor Heron; District Cllr Lane

In attendance: Mrs M Coatham (Clerk); 5 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Dolphin; Lyndsey Whitehead (School Governor);
2. **Declarations of interest (of matters appearing in the minutes):** Cllr Sevier noted her position on the NFNPA/NFDC and would not take part in the discussions or vote on the planning applications.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019:** Discussion took place about the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019. It was agreed to propose the minutes as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Burden, seconded by Cllr Tully, all in favour.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes**
  - North Gorley Green – AS/Clerk reviewed 7/11 – Clerk to write to Somerley asking them to submit an application for NE approval (installation of dragons teeth).
  - Emergency plan – hall will not be a designated site therefore SSE will not provide a generator – the only option would be to purchase one (permanent) but this incurs large costs and has maintenance implications AND the hall committee were not keen to pursue this option when last discussed.
  - Nil further on award (AS to update)

*All other items are dealt with under agenda headings.*

**PUBLIC SESSION:** The members of public were all present to discuss the planning application for Hilltop. The applicant gave a brief overview of the application and the neighbours expressed their concerns about overlooking and loss of privacy.

5. **Planning** – Cllrs Mulcahy and Tully had visited the application site this month.

a. **Applications**

19/00751 Hilltop, Blissford Hill – retention of 2 storey extension, reinstatement of chimney and shed

The councillors who visited the site did not consider that overlooking was an issue as there was some distance, a track and foliage between the properties. Cllr McKenzie considered that the changes from the previous (refused) application were minor/cosmetic and did not address the original concerns of the conservation officer, but the conservation officer has apparently approved the revised plans. There was discussion about what is lawful and existing (assisted by Cllr Heron) and members were reminded that they are considering the application as submitted not the previous (approved) application. It was noted that the cladding would be removed from the front elevation.

There was a proposal to recommend permission but to leave the final decision to the officers (PAR1) and a counter-proposal to lever the decision to the officers (PAR5). A vote took place and the original proposal (PAR1) was supported by 3 members, with 2 members abstaining. It was agreed to make the following comments:

- to note concerns about the impact of the glazing on dark skies and light pollution
- to note concerns that the central glazing opens as a door and that there was potential that the applicants may be considering installing some form of balcony in the future. It should be made clear that any such addition would require planning.
- to request removal of permitted development rights.

Proposed by Cllr Tully, seconded by Cllr Mulcahy, 3 in favour, 2 abstaining.

*The members of public left the meeting*

**Results:** 19/00627 Gorse Cottage, Furze Hill – retention of conservatory – GRANT

**Not yet decided:** 19/00704 Rose Cottage, Blissford – roof and window alterations

b. **Tree applications:**

19/0650 Stuckton House – prune 1 Oak; 19/0679 Springhill, Blissford Hill – prune 1 Willow; 19/0680 Lynchmoor, Gorley Lynch – fell 1 Sycamore and prune 1 mixed group; 19/0681 Cass Cottage, Hyde – prune 1 Walnut, 1 Horse Chesnut, 1 Mulberry, fell 1 Pear; 19/0725 2 The Paddocks – fell 2 Conifers

Cllr Woodley had reviewed the applications prior to the meeting and circulated a report to members, it was not considered that any of the applications would result in loss of amenity. It was agreed to leave the decisions to the officers.  
**Tree Results - Raise no objections:** 19/0584 Acorns, Abbotswell Road; 19/0597 Keir Vardo, Bartletts Common; 19/0598 Cedarwood, Bartletts Common; 19/0636 Blue Gums

c. **Other planning matters**

- **TEN – 8863/LICTE/19/05928 – KS** Hyde Memorial Hall (Moviola, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm – 10.30pm, sale of alcohol) and 8865/LICTE/19/05953 – KS Hyde Memorial Hall (community event, Chill, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 7pm – 11pm, sale of alcohol)
- **Enforcement** – list in file: Ogdens Farm reported – installation of an outbuilding in field outside curtilage of residence (against their planning permission). Members agreed to raise concerns about the lack of action with enforcement at the properties of Ashley View and Kenchingtons – the Clerk to request an update for the next meeting.
- **Appeal** – no results received
- **Chilly Hill** – confirmation that the site is registered for mobile caravans.

*To note planning visits December: Cllrs McKenzie and Burden – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December*

*The following two items were taken prior to items 5b to allow the members to leave.*

**6. Report from Cllr Heron (HCC)**

- Cllr Heron has confirmed with the resident that the mobile home at Brooklands Farm is lawful.
- It was reported that the culvert at North Gorley is still waiting for repair and Cllr Heron is meeting with the Head of Highways to agree a revised date. The resident has the relevant contact numbers if there is a risk of flooding before the works are done. Cllr Tully asked whether there was a forest plan for flooding. Cllr Heron confirmed that this was down to local resilience plans – HCC does not provide flood assistance (barriers, etc) as a matter of course. Roads that are being damaged by flood water are not top priority for Highways – the majority of flooding is as a result of lack of maintenance by riparian landowners not clearing their ditches. It was suggested that in the first instance the Parish Council should write to landowners asking them to clear their ditches and if this does not resolve the matter to then report the issue to HCC for further action. It was noted that an assent for works may be required from Natural England where the land is designated SSSI. The Clerk asked Cllr Heron to confirm whether the works at North Gorley Green had been completed and if they had to inform the landowners to ensure maintenance continues.
- Mast – Cllr Heron noted that the County view is that a permanent mast is inappropriate on common land/SSSI and that the temporary permission was granted to help prevent action in the future. It was noted that residents should make their views on the mast known to New Forest National Park Authority planning and HCC – whether in support of the mast or raising concerns about landscape amenity.

**7. Report from District Councillor (NFDC)**

Cllr Lane noted that Steve had been given the keys to bedsit accommodation and is being supported by members of the Church to move shortly. Members thanked Cllr Lane for her assistance in this matter.

**8. Highways/Lengthsman**

- Concern has been expressed about lack of pothole repairs – Clerk has emailed HCC but no written response received, some potholes have been repaired in the last week.
- North Gorley culvert repair – still not done (see item 6).
- “Passing place” on Pentons Hill – HCC have confirmed that this is not Highways land (ie not a passing place).
- Verge damage/North Gorley – North Gorley ditches have been re-dug by HCC, Clerk has confirmed that residents do not consider that the works are complete (see item 6). Await confirmation from Cllr Heron.
- Next lengthsman visit (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019) – report works to Clerk.
- Overhanging vegetation at Lawrence Lane (complaint from resident) – Clerk has reported online to HCC – ownership of verge at this point is not clear (possibly HCC).

**9. Forest/Commons/Footpaths**

- Ragwort bin – not emptied: Verderers to follow up.

- Complaint received from a resident raising concerns about the use of herbicide and display of notices on Gorley Common (mire) – the Clerk had reported this to HCC Countryside and they have agreed to share their intended programme of works with the Council.
- Footpaths – it was noted that footpath 774 is currently closed (awaiting repair of a bridge), Cllr Mulcahy agreed to continue reviewing paths in the parish and reporting any overgrown vegetation, fencing or stile issues to the Clerk.
- Barking dogs/off Pentons Hill – Cllr Woodley had spoken to the owner and hopefully the situation has been resolved.
- Historic routes update – Cllrs Sevier and Woodley would review the route and description.
- Complaint about verge damage outside Goldridge/Ogdens – it was agreed to write to the owners to remind them that the verge is not to be used for parking.
- It was noted that the clay at the ford at Ogdens has resurfaced (as a result of the earlier SSE works) and is now impassable by vehicles. Forest animals have created another ford to cross the stream. It was agreed to report this to Forestry Commission for review and repair when the weather allows.
- The Commoners Defence Association had written to thank the Parish for their efforts to remove Ragwort – this has been included in the current newsletter.
- Dog attacks on deer – the report of dog attacks (Neighbourhood Watch) were noted and it was agreed to remind residents of their responsibility to control their dogs at all times.
- Complaint received about continuous buzzing noise on Frogham Hill – members to review and speak to property owners.
- Mast – following the discussion/update with Cllr Heron it was agreed that members would prepare a letter of concern to send to various parties (local MP, planning, etc) in December/January (following the election).

## 10. Finance

Lloyds/TSB Treasurer's a/c	£14730.06 (following current months expenditure)
Lloyds/TSB BIA a/c	£247.46
Post Office/NS&I	£2749.11

Cheques: M Coatham (Clerks, Oct 19, £364.98 – revised rate), Hampshire Pension Fund (Oct 19, £83.80), HMRC (Oct 19, £1.60) Wix (P Dowling, annual fee £111.75). All in favour.

### Other financial matters

- NFDC Election invoice remains outstanding.
- Defibrillator costs and insurance – value confirmed £1500, Zurich has confirmed this is covered by our current policy with no premium increase. Added to asset register.
- VAT payment received of £2175 (does not belong to Parish) – Clerk has sent email and awaiting response: real balance on current account is therefore £12555.06.
- Hampshire Pension Fund update – noted, no action required.
- Training course cancelled (5/11) – awaiting revised date before requesting refund

**11. S137 Grants 2019/20** – due to meeting overrun, to be considered in December.

**12. Budget Proposals** – the CIL funds (£1626.24) were noted by members for consideration.

### **13. Pride In Your Parish – coffee morning**

Mindfulness would be discussed at the November coffee morning (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at the Memorial Hall between 10.30am and 12 noon) and PCSO May would be attending the December session (19<sup>th</sup> December). Cllrs Mulcahy and Burden would meet to review recycling opportunities in the parish.

**14. Emergency Plan** – the Emergency Plan document has been updated and will be circulated for members to review and approve at the December parish meeting.

**15. Village Design Statement:** it was agreed to review Hyde VDS following approval of Local Plan (NFDC)

**16. Internal Auditor (IAC):** it was agreed to continue the appointment of the internal auditor (IAC).

**17. To review Clerks salary and hours:** following a review of hours, it was agreed to increase the clerks hours from 8 per week to 9 per week from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 and to review in April 2020. All in favour.

**18. Correspondence**

Thank you note from Link Lunch; CPRE Membership appeal; copy of response to Safer New Forest Survey; HALC October newsletter; NFDC Electoral Review – link for more information; HCC Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry – meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January (Giles has agreed to attend); Purdah letter (elections); road closure notice (Gorley Lynch – January 2020); CDA email thanking parish for Ragwort pull; NFDC Carol Service invite;

**19. Reports of Representatives**

- NFALC (Giles, 17/10) report circulated
- Due: Consultative Panel (Ann); Cllr McKenzie to attend the Link Lunch.
- Link Magazine – Clerk to submit a report for the December issue.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30PM.**

**NEXT PARISH MEETING: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7pm in the Church Rooms, Hyde Church.**

**CHAIRMAN..... 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
**[THESE MINUTES ARE UNCONFIRMED]**

**MEETING DATES 2019 (2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH); 11<sup>th</sup> December**