

HYDE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the virtual (ZOOM) meeting held on 13th January 2021

Present: Cllrs Burden, Dolphin, McKenzie, Mulcahy, Sevier (Chair), Tully and Woodley;
Clerk (M Coatham); CCllr Heron; DCllr Lane and two members of public

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Sevier will not contribute/comment on the planning applications as a member of the NFNPA and NFDC Planning Committees.
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 9th December 2020:** Notes from the virtual meeting held on 9th December 2020 were approved by members, proposed by Cllr Woodley, seconded by Cllr Burden, all in favour.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - Emergency plan review – see note 12 for response.

PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public were present to note concerns regarding the planning application for the temporary mast and the siting of the new temporary mast at Hyde Garden Shop. The concerns related to the legality of the existing temporary site, whether the extension was to prevent loss of service, request of confirmation of the status of the mast at the shop, request for copies of the questions noted in previous minutes and notes from the Waldon meeting and a query to Cllr Heron for confirmation of who has taken ownership of the “issue”. Cllr Sevier confirmed that a summary of the discussions with Waldon/MBNL would be made available on the parish website shortly. Cllr Heron noted that as far as he was aware, HCC had only given permission for an extension on the temporary mast on the common for one month to allow the equipment to be decommissioned and service to be retained. He noted that he does not understand how the NPA can process the temporary application (for an extension of 3 months) as the site does not have permission or Natural England Assent and it against the habitat regulations.

5. Planning

a. **Applications** – Cllrs Tully and Mulcahy had reviewed the applications prior to the meeting.
20/00917 Land off Ashley View, Hyde – continued siting of temporary mast for further 3 mths: discussion took place about the application – the request is for a further 3 months and there was concern that even if the application was refused the mast would most likely be gone before the planning application is determined or enforcement have taken action, given that the new temporary site was in position and appeared to be operational. Regardless of whether the mast should have been there in the first place, members were being asked to consider whether it was reasonable for it to remain for a further 3 months. It was felt that if removal took place now it was likely more damage would occur to the site as the surrounding land was water-logged, therefore removal in 3 months may result in less damage to the SSSI if the area has dried out. It was agreed to recommend approval but to leave the final decision to the officers (PAR1), proposed by Cllr Mulcahy, seconded by Cllr Tully, all in favour. To note with the response that the site does not have planning permission or NE Assent, and is against the habitat regulations but that it was likely more damage to the SSSI would occur if the apparatus were removed at the current time. When the equipment is removed the site needs to be restored to its original state.

Cllr Mulcahy noted that the meeting with Waldon/MBNL had been extremely technical and hard to follow as they jumped around all over the place – not answering all the questions which had been sent to them prior to the meeting. They had confirmed that the installation is not a health risk and complies with regulations.

Following the discussion, CCllr Heron advised that he has objected to the application and therefore it would be considered by the NPA Planning Committee.

20/00910 Little Hill, Furze Hill, Fordingbridge, SP6 2PX – Demolition of 7No. outbuildings (Application for conservation area consent for demolition). Following discussion it was agreed to recommend approval but to leave the final decision to the officers (PAR1), proposed by Cllr Tully, seconded by Cllr Mulcahy, all in favour.

Results: 20/00823 Rose Cottage, Blissford Hill – alterations to roof, doors and windows - GRANT

Not yet decided: 20/10829 (NFDC) Land at Hern Lane, Hyde – agricultural dwelling & detached garage and 20/00867 3 The Paddock, Frogham – replace boiler and oil tank with air flow heat pump

b. Tree applications:

20/0720 Forest Cottage, Hyde Common – prune 1 Silver Birch and 2 Oaks; 20/0721 Cwym Croesor, Stuckton Hill – re-pollard 1 Willow Tree; 20/0730 Crossways, Frogham Hill – prune 1 Beech; 20/0745 Little Hill, Furze Hill – fell 2 Spruce and clear one fallen; 21/0003 Land of Middle Hill, Pentons Hill – hedgerow and tree management
Cllr Woodley had reviewed the tree applications and circulated a report to members prior to the meeting. It was agreed to leave the decision to the officers as it was felt that most of the work was appropriate tree management. Discussion took place regarding the Beech tree at Crossways and it was agreed that the Clerk should enquire whether a TPO could be placed on the tree as there would be a potential loss of amenity due to its prominent location, the current application was deemed appropriate.

Tree Results: 20/0635 Setter, Gorley Lynch; 20/0670 Holly Hatch, Gorley Lynch; 20/0684 Meadow View, Stuckton Hill; 20/0698 Crombies, Gorley Lynch; 20/0699 Hyperion, Stuckton; 20/0720 Forest Cottage, Hyde Common; 20/0721 Cwym Croesor, Stuckton Hill - *all raise no objections*

c. Other planning matters

- **TEN** – none received
- **Enforcement/Appeals** – no new cases/appeals; two complaints had been received regarding two different building work projects off Buddle Hill, the Clerk had sent these on to the Enforcement Officer for review.
- **Mast** – report on meeting with Waldon/MBNL. It was agreed to post a summary of the meeting notes on the parish website.
- **Stuckton Chapel** – NFDC had sent two reports regarding the fencing and parking outside the chapel, the second report rescinding some of the information in the first – awaiting more details - both cases remain under review.
- **St Johns Farm, Stuckton** – notification of a planning application on the parish boundary had been received following the posting of the current meeting agenda. It was agreed to hold an extra-ordinary parish meeting to discuss the application: *post meeting note – the EO meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd February at 7pm (this will be a virtual meeting, in line with current guidance).*

It was agreed that Cllrs McKenzie and Burden would consider the applications for February prior to the meeting.

6. Report from County Councillor Edward Heron (HCC)

- Cllr Heron agreed to confirm details of the works being carried out at the junction of the A338 and Hern Lane (Bickton crossroads) – it appears that bus stop pavements are being installed.
- Cllr Heron requested that details of the e-petition regarding animal accidents on the Roger Penny Way be widely circulated to residents. Cllr Dolphin queried whether average speed cameras could be installed as the technology to run these without a permanent electricity supply was available, Cllr Heron confirmed this was potentially available in the UK.
https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=25&RPID=3218860&HPID=3218860&%24LO%24=1&fbclid=IwAR04pwBx93bKe1nte8xIAtTgkKKpQp5R3x_aFZXGMh1Sv0CAmJbcBgBhGYU
- Cllr Heron asked the Parish Council to advise residents that the number of cases in the local area is rising, Fordingbridge and the surrounding area has one of the highest rates in the New Forest – PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AS IT IS NOW A VERY LOCAL ISSUE. The roll-out of vaccines continues and the local hub (Fordingbridge Surgery) is operating very efficiently. Due to the increase in the number of cases there will be a temporary local testing site shortly and eventually a permanent site will be established within five miles of the local area.

7. Report from District Councillor Emma Lane (NFDC)

- Cllr Lane reiterated the importance of the animal accident petition and stressed the need for the police to be on board to move this forward.
- The results of the boundary view had been received and whilst disappointing for the parish, a reduction in the number of councillors to reduce administration costs was essential.
- Reminder of the Census 2021 (21st March 2021) – please encourage everyone to engage with the Census.
- Notification of the planning application at St Johns Farm.

8. Highways/Lengthsman

- Verge damage leaflets – Cllr Heron would follow up.
- Reflector posts at Stuckton – send reference number to Cllr Heron to review.
- Clerk to follow-up drainage issue outside Three Lions with Highways

- Flytipping is on the increase – residents to be made aware that it is their responsibility to check with their tradesmen that they have a waste licence – any fly-tipped waste traced back to a property/resident will result in a fine to the resident.
- Speedwatch enquiry – contact information for local teams made available.
- Works for lengthsman required by 15th January 2021 (due 25th January).

Cllr Lane left the meeting at 20.10

9. Forest/Footpaths/Commons

Members noted the various issues raised during the month – more verge damage complaints (Ogdens, Buddle Hill); a deer attack (police informed/dealing with); damage to commons (Hyde and Gorley) - HCC will bring a digger to repair ditches; complaint regarding cows damaging fences; complaints about number of visitors using car park (not adhering to COVID restrictions) and cyclists on the forest; fallen tree on bridleway (HCC have removed); damage to ragwort compound by animals accessing “feed” placed in the compound – HCC have repaired but have asked us to remind residents only to dispose of ragwort in the compound.

The Clerk to confirm the location of broken gates on HCC land.

Discussion took place regarding the installation of posts, stones and branches by residents to deter parking. It was noted that it is an offence to install these items adjacent to the highway and that the resident would be liable for any damage caused – and may invalidate their property public liability insurance.

A survey had been received from the Countryside Team requesting feedback relating to the Rural Programme – Cllr Mulcahy agreed to complete the information on behalf of the parish. The Programme provided information regarding the maintenance of footpaths and bridleways and how to access grants to enable the parish to purchase equipment to maintain the routes and landowners to replace stiles.

Cllr Heron left the meeting at 20.25

10. Finance

Balances in the accounts

Lloyds/TSB Treasurer’s a/c	£12479.45 (following current months expenditure)
Lloyds/TSB BIA a/c	£247.56
Post Office/NS&I	£2771.10

Cheques: M. McKenzie (reimburse prizes for Christmas trail, £24), M Coatham (Dec 20 Clerks Salary, £414.63), HMRC (tax & NI, Dec 20, £9.20), Hampshire Pension Fund (Dec 20, £109.44), M Coatham (refund Microsoft Office annual subscription, £135.36)

Other financial matters

- CIL and NFDC Support Grant – it was agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the use of these funds.
- McCloud data collection exercise – Hampshire Pension fund – Clerk to review and respond
- Letters of thanks received for grants from Hyde PCC, HIOW Air Ambulance, First Responders, Salisbury Hospice, Fordingbridge Day Centre and Link Lunch
- The Clerk advised that the noticeboard on Gorley Green required some repair (the back board was damp).

Members approved the cheques.

11. Coronavirus and Parish Response:

- Christmas trail and Carols on the Common report – well received. Collection raised £582.38 for the Childrens Society.
- Support Meeting meeting on Zoom regularly as the local situation changes: vaccination programme and transport discussed (6/1/21) – concern noted about the rise in cases. 2nd dose of vaccine postponed to get more people vaccinated with 1st dose – the supply of vaccine is the issue rather than vaccinators and marshalls (plenty of those) – the admin burden is huge. 1st band is over 80s and 85s plus health care workers, then 2nd band will be shielders and extremely clinically vulnerable. Discussion took place about how to identify the shielders – no full list available for the parish. It was agreed that telephone contact would be made with the 30 buddies to see how things were going. It was agreed that we need to get the message out to people that the situation is worse than the first lockdown – more cases and greater transmission – so everyone needs to sit tight and wait for things to quieten down. Remember that the vaccination takes time before it is effective – so continue to shield, space, mask, etc. Concern was raised about support and vulnerability for young families – it was agreed to invite a young mum to join the “team” to see if there is anything we can do to help this group within the parish.
- Treasure hunt proposed (prior to lockdown) – it was agreed that this was still a good idea and something people can do within the current guidelines – it will promote the use of What3Words to identify locations within the parish.

12. Emergency Plan Review – Emergency Plan review with the HCC Resilience Team is postponed as the team is fully involved in the Covid vaccination programme.

13. Consultations (responses will be posted on the parish website):

- Snapshot Survey – Cllr Tully had reviewed but felt it was not possible to submit a “parish response” so encouraged all members to complete the survey online. There was concern that the survey was too soon and that the current lockdown was different for residents with darker evenings and colder weather – less impact on the forest but potentially more impact on mental health. Cllr Tully agreed to see whether an extension could be requested.
- Boundary Commission – Clerk to send Cllr McKenzies comments (agreed by other members) to the various parties.
- Mitigation Impact Consultation/SPD – it was agreed that no response was required from the parish as the consultation did not contain issues relevant to our parish.

14. Newsletter - Articles required

15. Correspondence: HALC newsletter; OPOF meeting/celebration of work on 11/2/21;

16. Reports of Representatives – written reports received from Quadrant (11/1) and the Consultative Panel (3/12/20).

Further discussion took place at the end of the meeting about the mast: concern whether the parish council had any powers to move the discussions forward and what exactly is the outcome we are looking for? The various sites (temporary and permanent) were discussed and it was felt that there is no suitable site but rather a “least bad” location. The issue of why is the SSSI so sacrosanct was also raised – given that most of the common land was a gravel pit not that long ago. Members agreed to review the information available and give thought to how to progress this matter in time for the next parish meeting, requesting updates from Waldon, HCC and NFNPA.

The meeting closed at 20.25

It is likely that the February meeting will also be a virtual (Zoom) meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 10th February 2021 – further details will be available online nearer to the time.