

HYDE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the virtual meeting held on 8th April 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 did not contribute/comment on the planning applications due to her role on the planning committees for NFDC and the NPA
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 11th March 2020:** Minutes were approved.

4. Matters Arising

- North Gorley Green – Clerk submitted map to Somerley asking them to submit an application for NE approval (installation of dragons teeth) – Feb 20. Somerley have responded by asking us to submit it on their behalf (Clerk to contact NE)
- Nil further on award (AS to update)
- School land swap update - report from Chair of Governors: HCC are not currently supporting the project much to the frustration of the parents and Governors of Hyde School who put a lot of hard work into raising the £10K requested by HCC to fund the land swap. It has not been cancelled but put on hold. The mitigation with NE has taken place and all other parties still offer support for the project. The chair of Governors would like the parish to assist in getting the project back on track.

5. Planning

a. Applications

During this period of lockdown the NFNPA Planning Department has agreed that all comments submitted will be treated as informal.

20/00133 Rose Cottage, Blissford Hill – continued use of land as garden: It was agreed to recommend refusal but to leave the final decision to the officers (PAR2). There was discussion about the current use of both the garden and the paddock at this property, concern was noted about increased business use on site and whether this required permission. The application is for continued use as a garden, but on site the area noted as garden still appears to be in use as a paddock (with horse jumps, etc), the land can be seen from the road and, being a paddock, has a rural character: change of use to a garden would have an adverse impact on the character and quality of the conservation area. It was noted that the outbuildings recently granted permission (19/00523) as per permission are currently situated in the garden/curtilage of the property, if this application is permitted they will be located within the paddock and this may lead to further applications being submitted for outbuildings within the revised garden area – resulting in overdevelopment of the site.

20/00131 Rose Cottage, Blissford Hill – retention of ground source heat pump: there was concern that the works have already taken place and spoil has been left under trees which may cause harm to the boundary trees. Members did not feel that there would be any visual impact from the installation (SP14 Renewable Energy, small scale) and therefore it was agreed to leave the decision to the officers (PAR5). It was noted that the installation will run across the paddock and garden if application 20/00133 is granted permission.

To note: LDCP 200/00154 Cherry Trees, Hyde – rear extension

Results: 20/00011 Ashley View – replacement building for use as stables – WITHDRAWN

20/00091 LDCP Rose Cottage – planning permission IS required

b. Tree applications: None received

Tree Results - Raise no objections: 20/0050 3 The Cottages, Stuckton – fell 1 Cherry and 1 Conifer; 20/0079 3 The Paddock, Frogham – prune 1 Oak; 20/0074 Huckles Cottage, Ogdens – fell 1 Conifer; 20/0089 Abberley House, Ringwood Road – prune group of Conifers & fell 1 Conifer; **20/0120** Hyde Lane Cottage, Stuckton – prune 1 Ash

c. Other planning matters

- **Mobile Mast** – update on progress/current situation – everything has stalled, no meetings have taken place.
- **TEN** – none received

- **Enforcement** –response from David Williams (Enforcement Officer) circulated to members regarding progress of enforcement during the pandemic (will not be considered a priority)
- **Appeal** – no results received

6. Report from HCC (Cllr Heron) Cllr Heron had submitted a report to all Parish Councils providing an update on the current situation and the work which has been undertaken by HCC to support residents during the pandemic. Grants were being made available to assist as required. He also noted the HCC assistance line for vulnerable people during the pandemic, where it is not possible for this to be provided by friends, family or the local community, please ask them to telephone 0333 370 4000 (available 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week).

Other information regarding HCC: Hampshire County Council has approved £2.1 billion of spending on important local services in 2020/21 – prioritising funding for vulnerable children and adults, alongside key investments in roads, infrastructure and further commitment to tackling climate change.

These investments include £3 million for maintenance of the county’s 5,500 miles of roads and fixing potholes, and an extra £2 million of funding annually thereafter. Furthermore, and building on the County Council’s commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, £2 million will go toward carbon reduction measures and initiatives across the Authority to help make Hampshire more resilient to the impacts of a changing climate.

In addition to revenue budget spending, a capital programme worth £386.5 million over the next three years will boost jobs and the quality of the environment. This brings the County Council’s four-year total investment in the fabric of Hampshire to £733 million – one of the largest capital programmes in the country.

The annual council tax charge for a Band D property will be £1,286.28 – an increase of 3.99%, or just over £49 per year or 95 pence a week. Adults’ social care will receive 2% of this increase, in line with Government policy.

7. Report from NFDC (District Councillor Emma Lane)

- Details of last week's announcement to support the self-employed are now on the government's dedicated business support website <https://businesssupport.gov.uk/self-employment-income-support-scheme>
- Public Health England (PHE) has published new guidance on how to help people safely. This is for people who are providing essential support, for those who are formally volunteering and those who may be helping to care to friends, family, neighbours who are in isolation. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely--2>
- Environmental health, waste collections and homelessness advice - <http://newforest.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- The government has published advice for pet owners and livestock keepers on maintaining the welfare of their animals during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic -<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-people-with-animals>
- You will have seen in the media that there is a national need for PPE to support critical frontline services and there is a Hampshire wide appeal to local businesses to donate any of the following items that they may have (including Nitrile gloves, disposable plastic aprons or gowns, Tyvex suits, surgical masks with integrated visor, full face shield/visor, polycarbonate safety spectacles or equivalent, Water repellent surgical masks, FFP3 respirators, Alcohol hand gel (60% minimum alcohol content), cleaning wipes - with high alcohol content). **To donate please contact COVIDdonations@hantsfire.gov.uk**
- Government business grants and information for takeaways - <http://newforest.gov.uk/article/19348/Coronavirus-Information-about-council-services>

Cllr Lane also offered her support to the Parish in relation to any volunteer initiatives – Members offered their thanks to Cllr Lane for this offer and will contact if needed.

It was also noted that publication of the inspectors' report on the examination of the New Forest District (outside the National Park)

ark) Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1: Planning Strategy was available online at:

<http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/16541/Local-Plan-2016-2036-Part-1-Planning-Strategy>

8. Highways/lengthsman

- North Gorley culvert repair – HCC have confirmed that draining cleansing and a CCTV survey will take place during week commencing 6/4/20 and that a survey of the drainage assets had been plotted
- Hern Lane – surface water still in place and repairs still required

- More patching has taken place throughout the parish – but Skanska do appear to “run out of tarmac” on a regular basis so potholes remain unfilled in areas they have visited. Pentons Hill has been repaired (at last). Members were grateful that works were taking place during the pandemic and encouraged residents to keep reporting potholes online. Clerk to contact Cllr Heron regarding the tarmac issue.
- Next date for the lengthsman (Monday 1st June) – send work suggestions to the Clerk

9. Forest/Commons/Footpaths

- Ragwort compound – HCC will work with Parish to empty.
- Litter Pick 4th April – postponed until September (Great British Spring Clean)
- A few complaints received about the car park at Abbotswell not being closed – and similarly at Ogdens. Clerk has been in contact with HCC Countryside, Forestry England and the local police. Of particular concern is the car park at Ogdens as youth were gathering at night – PCSO May is now including this in a nightly patrol. The residents have been supplied with some posters and flyers (taken from the NPA website) to use to deter parking. The situation (parking and use of car parks) will continue to be monitored and appropriate communication will take place with the relevant authority to control access where appropriate.

10. Finance

Balances in the accounts

Lloyds/TSB Treasurer's a/c	£10297.68 (following current months expenditure)
Lloyds/TSB BIA a/c	£247.51
Post Office/NS&I	£2771.10

Cheques: None – all written last month due to year end. No invoices received from HALC for current year subscription.

Other financial matters

- Still no response regarding VAT payment received of £2175 (does not belong to Parish) – Clerk has sent email and awaiting response: real balance on current account is therefore £8122.68.
- IAC confirmed they will be undertaking a review of the books (internal audit) – Ann to review the accounts once the bank statements have been received to end of March. Email sent confirming how to send the files electronically – Clerk will prepare these and ask Cllr Sevier to review before sending in.
- Precept receipt 2020/21 – Jeremy Heron confirmed that we will receive the first half of the precept but the second payment will be reviewed once receipts and effect of the pandemic are better known. This is likely to only impact the larger precepting councils but it is noted that Hyde may receive less.
- Pension Return needed by 30th April – Clerk to complete and Cllr Sevier to sign-off. Triennial valuation completed on Pension Fund: not good news (rates may further increase, compounded by current situation) email was circulated with full review.
- Frogham Fair stall fee (£25) refunded as the fair has been cancelled for 2020 (1/4/20)

11. Coronavirus and the Parish Response

- Ann, Heather, Penny, Fizz, Dai and Martine have been working to produce a database of parish residents – specifically identifying those in need and allocating the volunteers where needed. This appears to be working well. Caroline Casey is currently taking responsibility for collecting prescriptions. If you know of anyone that is not covered by this system, please contact the clerk as soon as possible to update our records.
- There is a book loan service from the Church lobby.
- A Facebook (Hyde Parish Council) page has been set up to provide information (to supplement the Neighbourhood Watch emails)
- Posters are on display in the noticeboards to catch anyone missed from the systems in place.
- There are multiple grants available if needed
- Thatch Fire – assistance offered to owners

12. Annual Parish Meeting: The Government have now revised the law so there is no requirement to hold an APM this year. It is also proposed that the current chair remains in post until the next APM in 2021 – members have agreed that Cllr Sevier remains in post following this guidance.

13. Consultations: Proposal for Federation of Breamore CE Primary School, Hale Primary School and Hyde CE Primary School (deadline 20th April) – the Parish Council have already submitted support to the school but no actual response online.

14. Correspondence

- Lots of correspondence had been received with guidance from various bodies about the current pandemic – all circulated to members as appropriate.
- Members had also received an email from the National Park Access Ranger (Adam Vasey) with details of his role and various rights of ways issues/actions.
- Frogham Fair and New Forest Shows cancelled

15. Reports of Representatives

- *Lyndsey Whitehead (School Governor) submitted the following report: Hyde school pupils whose parents are key workers are able to attend Breamore school each day along with pupils from Hale school. Numbers are small but the school will remain open during the Easter holidays as per government recommendations. All staff have done a tremendous job in these challenging times, including offering support and guidance to those pupils who are now home schooling. The deadline for feedback on the proposed federation of Hyde School with Breamore and Hale schools is midday 20th April and the online feedback form can be found at <http://www.hyde.hants.sch.uk/our-school/federation/>*
- All other meetings (NPA and NFDC) are cancelled for time being so nothing to report

Another information meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th May – details of whether this will be a virtual meeting or whether it will be available online will be made available nearer to the time.