

HYDE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the virtual (ZOOM) meeting held on 9th September 2020

Present: Cllrs Burden, Dolphin, McKenzie, Mulcahy, Sevier (Chair), Tully and Woodley: County Councillor Edward Heron (left meeting at 20.45); District Councillor Emma Lane (left meeting at 20.20) Clerk (M Coatham) and twenty four members of public, plus new Chair of Governors (school federation), Paul Millard (joined meeting at 19.50 and left at 20.12).

- 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 8th July 2020:** Notes from the virtual meeting held on 8th July 2020 were approved by members, proposed by Cllr Mulcahy, seconded by Cllr Burden, all in favour.
- 4. Matters Arising** – nothing to report this month

PUBLIC SESSION

Over twenty members of public were present to discuss the 28 day camping rule. Discussion took place regarding the disruption caused by the site, located in the centre of the parish – more than doubling the number of people in the area, which has been felt even more so this year due to the Government ruling to increase the number of days to 56 due to the pandemic. Several complaints had been submitted in writing prior to the meeting. One resident provided a summary of the main issues and other residents added further issues not covered. It was noted that the issues fell into two types – those covered by planning (NFNPA) and those under environmental health (NFDC).

Discussion took place (in private session) with members to agree what action or support the parish council were able to offer. It was noted that the increase from 28 days to 56 days was a decision made by Government (legislation) and that the only way forward to raise concerns about this continuing in the future would be to write to the local MP – although the Parish Council could write it would be more effective if everyone with concerns wrote individually. Members agreed to arrange a meeting with the site owners to discuss the points raised on behalf of the residents and at the same time contact NFNPA and NFDC regarding the planning and environmental issues. These would be reported back to the October Parish Meeting.

The residents were thanked for attending the meeting.

Public Session was closed at 20.00 and the majority of public left the meeting.

The following item was taken to allow the representative to report and leave the meeting:

14. Reports of Representatives: School Update – Paul Millard was welcomed to the meeting, he was introduced as the Chair of Governors of the School Federation (of which Hyde School is now a member – Forest Edge Learning Federation, together with Breamore and Hale schools). The Federation is now supporting the school and there is more stability within the group allowing the schools to share expertise and staff to support the education provided at all three sites. It is important to increase the numbers on role and it was agreed that targeting the parents of local children (many of whom go to schools outside of the village) would be beneficial – even if only to begin to understand why they have chosen to go elsewhere. Returning from lockdown has been challenging, but the staff and children were adapting to the new requirements. CCllr Heron thanked Paul and the Federation for all their work as it was the only way forward to secure the future of the local primary school.

20.12: PM left the meeting

One member of public raised a query regarding the mobile mast and replacement. It was noted that the Parish had received some positive information regarding the re-siting of the mast but had asked for clarification about planning permission. Once this information was received the details would be shared with residents.

20.15: 1 member of public left the meeting

The following item was taken to allow Cllr Lane to report and leave the meeting:

7. Report from District Councillor Emma Lane (NFDC) – Cllr Lane reported that she had been in contact with the Clerk regarding the mast and also Cllr McKenzie regarding the Ward Boundaries and also the planning application for Hyde Band. It was noted that as yet no results received from NFDC following questionnaire about impact of COVID-19 on communities but that a C19 Report received and circulated from NFDC – lots of interesting statistics regarding the heath needs, risks and vulnerabilities of the population.

20.20: EL left the meeting

One member of public attended to raise concerns regarding the planning application off Hern Lane, specifically regarding screening, size of property and location of the house on site.

5. Planning

a. Applications

20/10829 (NFDC) Land at Hern Lane, Hyde – agricultural dwelling and detached garage

CLRs Dolphin and Tully had visited the site prior to the meeting and spoken to the applicant and with several neighbours. Cllr Dolphin had circulated a summary of the application prior to the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal (PAR 4), proposed by Cllr Dolphin, seconded by Cllr McKenzie, all in favour. It was agreed that there is insufficient evidence to support the application: the NPPF states that "Planning policies and decisions should avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside unless....there is an *essential* need for a rural worker....to live permanently at or near their place of work in the countryside" (Policy CS21). The applicant confirms that the farm has been economically viable for at least three years. Policy DM21 also requires other criteria to be met, including the need relating to a full-time worker and as well as being financially sound having a clear prospect of remaining so, and that the functional need could not be fulfilled by other accommodation in the area. The application does not provide information regarding where the worker currently resides and why they are not able to continue to monitor the site from this location, nor does it demonstrate the functional need for the size of dwelling (a generous four bedroom house with detached garage) for the agricultural worker. Policy DM20 requires that the development should be of "an appropriate design, scale, and appearance in keeping with the rural character of the area, and should not be harmful to the rural character of the area by reason of traffic and other activity generated or other impacts". There is concern that no reference has been made to the planning policies of the NFNPA despite the fact that this development will impact heavily on the adjacent Western Escarpment Conservation Area and will impact on the residential amenity of adjacent neighbouring properties and the appearance of the area, including countryside and landscape character. If the application is approved members would like conditions to ensure that the residence is restricted to agricultural occupancy only, to remove all permitted development rights (to ensure the site does not spread further into the field), restrict outside lighting (to protect dark skies), to improve screening of the site to the boundary with the National Park and for clarification of the site of the property and garage (to ensure that the residential curtilage is recorded).

20.41: EH and 1 member of public left the meeting

Results: 20/00133 Rose Cottage, Blissford Hill – cont.use of land as garden – GRANT; 20/00173 Camilla, Hyde Common – 2 storey and side extensions, revised fenestration and roof – GRANT; 20/00337 Piencourt Cottage, Hern Lane – shed – GRANT; 20/00365 Ashely View, Hyde – replacement building for use as stables – GRANT; 20/00394 Forest House, Frogham Hill – swimming pool – GRANT; 20/00401 Crossways, Frogham Hill – single storey extension and new window – GRANT; 20/00449 Hilltop, Blissford Hill – application to vary a condition on permission 19/00751 – GRANT; **Not yet decided:** 20/00176 Land adj.Newtown Honey Fm –single storey building (Hyde Band) going to committee on 15th September. It was agreed that Cllr McKenzie would attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council in support of the application.

- b. **Tree applications:** 20/0380 Baskets and Blooms – fell 1 group of 120 cypress (hedge) part-retrospective; 20/0407 Rose Cottage, Hungerford Hill – prune 1 Oak and 1 Beech; 20/0408 The Knapp, North Gorley – fell, prune & pollard mixed tree species; 20/0426 Meadow View, Stuckton Hill – fell 1 Silver Birch/prune 4 Willow; 20/0431 Dove Cottage, Chilly Hill – fell and prune various trees; 20/0454 Pippins, Blissford Hill – prune 1 Oak; TPO/20/0437 Walnut Cottage – prune 1 Walnut. Cllr Woodley had reviewed the applications prior to the meeting and circulated a report to members. It was agreed to leave the decisions to the officers as there was no loss of public amenity and the applications appeared reasonable maintenance.

Tree Results – 20/0313 Buddle Cottage, Buddle Hill – fell 1 dead tree (exempt works); 20/0353 Whistles, Buddle Hill – fell 1 dead tree (exempt works); 20/0304 Dorridge Farm – prune 1 mixed hedge, fell 1 Acer and prune 1 Willow and 20/0305 Dorridge Gardens – fell 1 Norway Spruce; 20/0380 Baskets and Blooms – fell 1 group of 120 cypress (hedge) part-retrospective; 20/0407 Rose Cottage, Hungerford Hill – prune 1 Oak and 1 Beech; 20/0408 The Knapp, North Gorley – fell, prune & pollard mixed tree species; – all raise no objections.

Tree Issues – concerns raised about trees being felled without applications (Baskets and Blooms, The Merrie Thought) – lack of response from the Tree Team to both a resident and the Clerk. The Clerk had been in contact with Head of Planning and a response had been received from the Senior Tree Officer agreeing that the site would be reviewed and a response supplied.

c. Other planning matters

- **TEN** (several received for Film Nights and Temporary Bars – all dates have passed)
- **Enforcement** (list in file plus encroachment on Stuckton Green – reported to NFDC)
- **Appeal** APP/B9506/D/20/3253202 High Hazely, Frogham Hill – retention of conservatory, hard landscaping, ponds, decking, terrace and raised beds, timber and brick retaining walls and stair case (application 19/00853);
- **Temporary Campsites** – concern over 28 day rule in future years – discussed and actions agreed during public session.

- **Mast Update** – progress report: site has been found and negotiations underway with landowner – NE have agreed the works required to restore the temporary site with Waldon and it is hoped this will all be concluded by the end of the year. The Clerk to follow up with NFNPA regarding planning before further information is sent to residents.
- **VDS** – Cllr McKenzie will forward a copy of the revised VDS to members for review and comment. It was agreed that how the revised document is communicated to residents will be discussed at a later meeting.

It was agreed that Cllrs Woodley and Dolphin would consider the applications for October prior to the meeting. Cllr Dolphin would take the lead on the mast application if one is submitted.

6. Report from County Councillor Edward Heron (HCC) – nil further to report.

7. Report from District Councillor Emma Lane (NFDC) – item taken earlier.

8. Highways/Lengthsman

- Stuckton: Clerk to report water on road to Highways
- North Gorley culvert – HCC are still working on the scheme to resolve the flooding: Clerk to follow up with Cllr Heron
- Lawrence Lane – tree/visibility works have been completed
- Willow tree overhanging at Stuckton: vegetation has been cut back
- Broken temporary road signs – reported to HCC/placed compound for HCC to remove
- Surface dressing – road sweeper noted discharging water within parish, this was reported to Highways and it was confirmed that this should not have happened and they are requesting an environmental report from the sub-contractor to Skanska (RMS)
- Track repaired (Chapel to Pentons Hill) - resident sent thanks
- Request for help from resident at Hollybank (mirror) – Giles visited and suggestion made
- Youtube video from HCC for Riparian Landowner responsibilities:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an4KpfaRwBg&feature=youtu.be>
- Next lengthsman visit due Monday 5th October – please note works to Clerk. Cllr Mulcahy agreed to review the PCL footpaths. Footpath opposite Hyde Farm requires entrance cutting back.
- Concern was noted about continuing verge parking – particularly at Ogdens (in river bed). Clerk to continue to collate reports for future review.

9. Forest/Footpaths/Commons

- Flytipping – NFDC response to flytipping removed by resident noted; residents leaving chippings outside their property noted.
- NPA Ambassador Scheme – Cllr Tully has a pack and noted that we should continue to report verge parking to the scheme.
- Volunteer days – not discussed – to move forward to October meeting.
- Gate keys/replacing barriers – HCC confirmed that there is an issue with the locks not working – but they are working to replace them and will provide keys when this has been done.
- Car park at Ogdens – re-opened for the summer period only.
- Fireworks – complaint from resident: not discussed – to move forward to October meeting.

10. Finance

Balances in the accounts

Lloyds/TSB Treasurer's a/c	£10621.89 (following current months expenditure)
Lloyds/TSB BIA a/c	£247.56
Post Office/NS&I	£2771.10

Cheques: M Coatham (July 2020 Clerks Salary, £405.41), HMRC (tax & NI, July 20, £7.00), Hampshire Pension Fund (July 2020, £106.48), Viking (stationery, £40.67) and HMRC VAT repayment (£2175), IAC Internal Audit 19/20 (£180), M Coatham (refund wix.com premium plan, annual fee, £111.75) M Coatham (Aug 20 Clerks Salary, £405.41), HMRC (tax & NI, Aug 20, £7.00), Hampshire Pension Fund (Aug 20, £106.48),

Other financial matters

- CIL – we received £1626.24 on 11/4/2019 – we have five years to spend from that date (so four now). Members agreed to give some thought to the use of these funds.

Members approved the cheques and noted the financial report.

11. Coronavirus and Parish Response

As guidance has changed to limit social gatherings to “the rule of six” it was noted that the Parish would be unable to restart coffee mornings at the current time. This would be kept under review.

There had been a review of the support network via email and in summary it was noted that not much happening at present (some shopping still being done informally) but complaint regarding surgery from elderly residents – they understand that they are expected to complete an online form prior to any consultation with their GP and not everyone has access to a computer (post meeting note: it is possible to speak to a receptionist but the process is lengthy and involves listening to long messages on the telephone, so this needs to be simplified for elderly residents). One of the team agreed to raise this with the surgery but it was agreed that the Clerk would also write expressing concern for those who are not computer literate on top of being unwell.

12. Consultations

- Boundary Review Draft Recommendations – a response has been submitted by Cllr McKenzie on behalf of the parish. Thanks were noted for her hard work.
- Planning for the future (29/10/20) – to be discussed at the October meeting.

13. Correspondence To note NPA Revised Habitat Mitigation Scheme adopted in July 2020; NPA Partnership Plan (Ann mentioned this in an email, no further info at present); NPA Annual Review

14. Reports of Representatives

- Consultative Panel (3/9/20) – electronic recording available (Cllr Sevier was unable to attend) – a report will be circulated.

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

The meeting closed at 21.25

It is likely that the October meeting will also be a virtual (Zoom) meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 14th October – further details will be available online nearer to the time.