

HYDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 14th April 2021 by Remote Access

Present: Cllrs Burden, Dolphin, McKenzie, Sevier (Chair), Tully and Woodley
Two members of the public

In attendance: Locum Mrs Cadman

The Chairman asked for a two minute silence in memory of the Duke of Edinburgh, who had died on the 9th April. The Duke had given a life of service and his great influence in the parish had been the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, which a number of Hyde young people had benefitted from.

- 1. Apologies:** none had been received
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Sevier will not contribute to or comment on the planning applications as a member of the NFNPA and NFDC Planning Committees. She will also not comment on the tree application, as the site is next door to her.
Cllr Tully declared an interest in the planning application for Oakdene, as she is next door neighbour.
- 3. Minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 10th March.**
Agreed by all present.
- 4. Matters arising from the meeting of the 10th February**
None were raised.
- 5. Update on recruitment of new Clerk.**
The position has been advertised in a number of places, also on the noticeboards and with HALC. It had not been advertised in the press because of the expense. So far 11 applications had been received by Cllr Woodley and one by the Chairman, although only two were local. It was agreed to interview the two local applicants and advertise again if neither of these were successful. None of the applicants had relevant experience.
Cllr Woodley asked for a date for the interview panel to meet to review the applications. The interview panel will be made up of Cllrs Dolphin, Burden and Tully.
It was agreed after discussion that all members should see the applications. Cllr Woodley will distribute them
- 6. Councillor vacancy**
The Chairman has put a piece in The Link advising that there will be more information in May regarding this post. Every resident in the Parish will then have the opportunity to apply if they wish.
Cllr McKenzie confirmed that the co-option policy was sufficient, but that the questions should be reviewed and that expectations should be emphasised. The co-option policy was reviewed in February.
Members noted that there had been no request for an election for this vacancy.
- 7. Format and date for APM and format for May Annual Statutory meeting 12th May**
There had been no APM in 2020 due to the pandemic. The Chairman asked for the agreement to defer the APM until later in the year. The Locum advised that the APM should be held between the beginning of March and the end of May but, as it was a meeting of parishioners, if they hadn't

asked for a meeting it was not mandatory to hold one. The event later in the year could be a social event.

The Chairman reminded members that the provision under the Covid Act 2020 for meetings to be held remotely comes to an end on the 6th May, and Government will not renew it. The Locum advised that it is not possible to meet on the 12th May and suggested that the Annual Meeting be held after the 17th May and it was agreed to hold the meeting on the 19th May. Cllr Woodley will research a venue big enough to enable social distancing.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Hester had attended with respect to planning application 21/00280, Oakdene, and explained the plans to the meeting. She hoped that the plans would improve the house as a family home and make it more aesthetically appealing and more environmentally friendly, as they planned to stay for many years.

Cllr Tully made a statement: 'on behalf of her family and of neighbouring properties, she would like the Parish Council to consider the impact of the double storey extension to Oakdene and the impact it will have on the surrounding area. The proposed development will have a very intrusive effect on the adjacent properties and the open aspect to the area. The extension will be seen from the lounge window of Scrummage, two properties further up Frogham Hill and the residents there would like it known that they are very upset by this extension. There are no other similar double storey extensions protruding into the garden in this way. The properties are all bungalows and one chalet style property with a single storey extension. The rear aspect of the area is a rural one, overlooking paddocks with an open aspect towards the Avon valley. This extension, in our opinion, contravenes policy SP16, which says 'do not harm the special interest, character or appearance of a conservation area, including spaces, street patterns, views, vistas, uses and trees which contribute to that special interest, character or appearance. The two storey extension would definitely change the character of the area, spoil the vista and views for everyone and would greatly impact on the adjoining properties. There is a proposal, also on the second floor extension, to have a very large window, much larger than at present, and this again would be very intrusive to the rural aspect and privacy and be much further into the garden, causing neighbours to be overlooked, which none of us are happy with. There is also a window in the second floor extension overlooking the adjoining property to the left and large patio doors facing that property, which my neighbour is very concerned about. From our point of view at Tullamore, we would be facing a very large blank wall and high roof structure, which is going to have an overbearing and impactful presence. From our bedroom window on the left, the open aspect would be completely lost and the view would be of the blank wall and roof of the extension. This is just not acceptable in a national park as one expects to keep views and vistas that have been there since the properties were built. One does not expect to have a view one day and for that to be obliterated the next day by a double storey extension. Hence the need for policy SP16 as above. It could also cause shadowing of our property in the evening. The proposed extension is going to have a suburbanising effect and hence is contrary to policy SP17 and, as no other extensions of this type are in the vicinity at present, it would set a precedent for more in the future. Policy DP18 also states that development is appropriate and does not harm key visual features, landscape setting or other valuable components of the landscape and enhances these where appropriate. The two storey extension in this locality does nothing to enhance the area and ambience and is not appropriate. There are no objections to the other works to be carried out and will improve the look of the property and indeed make it more in keeping at the front but there are strong objections to the two storey extension for all the reasons stated above and we will be strongly objecting to National Park Planning'

Cllr Tully showed some pictures of the impact.

8. Planning

a. Applications:

21/00280 Oakdene, Frogham Hill – two storey extension; single storey open extension; single storey extension under car port; porch; alterations to doors and windows; cladding; solar panels; cattle grid; gate, wall.

Cllr Tully removed herself from the meeting.

Cllr McKenzie was concerned that there were no measurements. The resident confirmed that the proposed extensions were within the 30% rule.

Cllr Dolphin asked: if the National Park authority imposed a condition which required the retention of the garage and car port as incidental space, would the resident accept such a condition. The resident agreed. Cllr Dolphin said that the extension would, in that case, be within the 30% limit and the Council would ask the National Park authority to impose that condition. Cllr Dolphin had done a site visit and was happy with all the application except for the two storey extension which is intrusive and would block out a large amount of sky for both the adjoining neighbours. Policies 16, 17 and 18 make it clear that this is not acceptable.

Recommendation: refusal for the reasons stated, but that the Council would accept the decision of the National Park Authority under their delegated powers. The Parish Council would wish to see an amendment that removed the upper floor. This recommendation was agreed by all present.

21/00226 Hillbury, Frogham Hill – single storey extension, porch, enlargement of terrace, demolition of existing conservatory.

Cllr Dolphin reported that this extension is within the 30%. It is not going to have an impact on the character of the conservation area, other than to improve it.

Recommendation: approval as this application enhances the property, but will accept the decision of officers. This recommendation was agreed by all present. Cllr McKenzie noted that there was no Design and Access statement and again no measurements. She felt that the Parish Council should complain about this lack of information.

21/00232 Dorridge Hill, Furze Hill – single storey extensions, demolition of existing single storey extension.

Cllr Tully this is an improvement on the previous application as it has a less adverse impact on the environment and the neighbours.

Recommendation: approval as this application has a less adverse impact on the environment and on neighbours than the previous application (DP18), but will accept the decision of officers.

b. Results:

21/00077 Little Thatch, Ringwood Road – dwelling (demolition of existing dwelling). Granted with conditions

Not yet decided:

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

21/00139 Rose Cottage, Blissford Hill – removal of condition 4 of planning permission 20/00823 for alterations to roof, doors and windows.

c. Tree Applications

CONS/21/0166 Lightlands, Blissford Hill, Prune 1 x Holly bush/tree Prune 1 x Leylandii.

Recommendation: accept decision of officers

Decided

21/0077 Seagars Farm, Stuckton Hill – fell 2 Conifers – Raise no objection

21/0108 1 The Cottages, Stuckton Hill – Fell 1 Silver Birch and 1 Ginkgo Tree – Raise no objection

21/0121 Glen Brook – Ringwood Road – raise no objection

21/0113 Beckys Orchard, Gorley Lynch – raise no objection

d. Other Planning Matters

- TEN – none received. Members noted a new glass verandah on Pentons Hill, which Cllr Woodley has reported and has been advised that the Parish Council will receive a response by the 5th May.
- Enforcement/Appeals – Honeysuckle Cottage on Hungerford Hill.
- Mast – Cllr Dolphin letters had been written to the Leader and CEO of HCC, the Chairman and CEO of the National Park authority and to our MP. They had all replied. HCC had said, in summary, that this was nothing to do with them. The NFPA response summarised what the Council already knew, but confirmed that they would investigate the two sites that they had been asked to look at, but nothing further has been heard. The MP said that he would talk to the NFPA, but nothing further has been heard. Mrs Mulcahy has written again to the operators asking them share the results of their studies of the sites and asking them why they were revisiting sites that they had previously turned down, and has received no response to date.

The two volunteers on the working group have been trying to make contact with the people in HCC that they had dealt with before when negotiating on the introduction of broadband, without any success to date. The technical paper had been updated and will be sent to the operators for their response regarding alternative technologies and the relevance of satellites in the future.

Cllr Woodley confirmed that the Parish Council's letters were available on the website. She will add the responses received.

Cllr Burden left the meeting at 8.11pm.

9. **Report from County Councillor**

No report had been received.

Cllr Heron will be asked to take action with regard to the reflector poles, which are in the wrong place. He will also be chased with regard to the leaflets he had promised. There had been discussion with regard to amalgamating all leaflets into one that could be used for all verge parkers, which will explain why the verges should not be used for parking, and showing a map of car parks.

Members noted that residents should also be encouraged not to park on the verges and the newsletter will be used for this purpose.

Members recorded their disappointment that it is almost summer time and there is still no leaflet.

10. **Report from District Councillor**

No report had been received

15. **Highways/Lengthsman**

- Nothing more had been heard regarding the flooding at the 3 Lions. There appears to have been workmen
- Operation resilience: Hern Lane was done on the 10th April.
- New Forest sportive is due to come through the village

- Complaint of rubbish at the bridge by Stuckton Yard. Members had spoken to the resident and carried out some tidying up.
- A broken salt bin at Abbots Well had been reported online.
- Foster Hurd had been in touch with a concern that the water was backing up. Investigation had shown this to be the case. This was reported on line, the report back said that a site visit had been undertaken and no work was required.
- A water leak and road damage outside Fir Tree Farm had been reported and the water board had come very promptly to repair it. The damage to the road will be followed up once the water has receded.
- Lengthman: a day on the 28th May has been allocated to the parish. It was agreed too early in the year, so a date in the summer will be requested.
- Someone had driven their car into the cattle grid at Stuckton. The repair was done the same day, but more work needs to be done.
- No work yet from Foster as to whether the drainage outside his place had been dealt with. Cllr Woodley would contact him.
- Dragon machine was at Frogham Hill on the day of the meeting, and was working down to the junction.
- There is an issue with Hyde Lane: water is still standing in the lane and has been reported. Highways had requested that Cllr Tully dig her ditches, but this is nothing to do with ditches, there is no ditch, there is a blocked pipe under the road and this needs to be jetted.

12. **Forest/Commons/Footpaths**

- A site meeting is still needed at North Gorley to confirm the sites and number of dragons teeth.
- the damage to the common from the siting of the mast had been reported and HCC had confirmed that they would monitor the site.
- Pride in our Parish and the Great British Spring Clean: residents have been doing regular litter picks down towards Ogdens North and have found evidence of drug use around the car park. This has been reported to the police. The Chairman has put a notice in The Link that she has tools for people wishing to do a litter pick.
- Ogdens car park has been opened up again and the gate removed, and there have been incidences of young people in there late at night. Cllr Woodley will report to the police after investigation and ask them to monitor all car parks after dark.
- Ambassadors scheme: Cllr Tully suggested that the Parish Council encourage residents to join this scheme, as there would then be more people to look after the area, and the amount of rubbish collected would be monitored. The Chairman reported on the Resource Management meeting, where she reported that the National Park was not communicating with residents as it should. Cllr Tully would take this forward.
- Cllr Dolphin referred to the headline: Footpaths set for restoration. HCC have £500,000 to spend to improve, footpaths across the county. This is welcome, but that amount of money will not go far across the county and they will have to prioritise. He suggested that they look at the less popular routes, which are not used because they are in a bad condition, and asked that the Parish Council contact Cllr Heron and the National Park Authority in this respect. Cllr Woodley took this action.

13. **Finances**

Lloyds/TSB Treasurer's a/c	£11518.12 (following current months expenditure)
Lloyds/TSB BIA a/c	£247.56
Post Office/NS&I	£2791.05
<u>Cheques:</u> JF Services (£52.56) already paid - upgrade noticeboards	

Joanna Cadman (£150.00) Locum Clerk fees

Other financial matters

- CIL – we received £1626.24 on 11/4/2019 – we have five years to spend from that date (so four now).
- NFDC Covid-19 Support Grant received £769 – need to agree how to spend this - date for informal meeting to discuss
- Draft AGAR prepared by Martine to present at May meeting once bank statements have arrived.
- VAT return submitted by Martine
- Employers pension account suspended until new Clerk recruited
- Annual pension return completed by Martine
- Annual audit date to be advised, in cooperation with Martine

14. **Coronavirus and Parish Response**

The Chairman and Cllr Woodley had attended a meeting facilitated by the church. People are still helping each other. The village hall are planning a get-together for local people in the open air, once possible. The organisers were considering working with the Frogham Fair team and using some of their facilities to make this a fun event. The Chairman asked if the Parish Council could provide some financial support and it was agreed to do this once more information was available, using the Covid grant.

15 **Parish Website review**

Cllr Woodley asked for a date for the Away Evening to discuss communication, the website redesign and how to use CIL monies. Cllr McKenzie asked all members to look at other Parish websites before this meeting. It was agreed to wait for the warmer weather when all members could meet.

16 **Consultations:**

- Snapshot survey update – Cllr Tully
- Hampshire Local Transport Plan
- Dorset Local Plan: the consultation finished on the 15th March. Cllr McKenzie reported that Dorset are going to use Green Belt land. Part of N.E Dorset is surrounded on 3 sides by New Forest District land, and this may well be affected. The New Forest District response had been very good.

17 **Correspondence**

- Parliamentary Petition to prioritise Brownfield sites had been circulated.
- Options for managing exempted campsites had been circulated. This will take another year before it is ready for consultation.
- Jane Arigho will continue as HPC representative on Village Hall Committee
- Egerton Family have requested a memorial bench. It is not likely that the Parish Council can provide a site for a bench, but other options have been suggested.
- Complaint from resident regarding not being able to contact EE. Cllr Woodley had provided him with EE customer support numbers.
- Defibrillator Grant of £200 has been offered by an organisation that is selling them. Part of the criteria for receiving the grant is organising some fund raising. The Parish Council will not pursue this. Cllr Woodley is seeking someone to service the two existing defibrillators and will ask the First Responders who had facilitated them.
- Marie Curie Local Legacy Promotion: asking for the Parish Council to promote this. It was agreed to put their poster on the noticeboard. Cllr McKenzie asked for a notice to be put on the board about the Hospice and this was agreed.

- Wood Green parish council had asked this Parish Council to advertise their clerk vacancy and it was agreed to do so, perhaps attracting someone who would want to take on two parishes.
- Concerned neighbour in Stuckton reported a large dustbin box outside the curtilage of Stuckton Farm. It was agreed to report this to Highways, NFDC and the National Park Authority.
- Rubbish tipped at Stuckton: report to NFDC as an eyesore.

18 **Reports of Representatives**

None had been received.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm.