

MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY 2023

Friday 12 May 2023, Village Hall 7.30pm

Present – Parish Councillors Alan Tyler (Chairman), Simon Barker, Mark Gifford, Alison Mosson; Clerk Susan Turner; Guest Ward Cllr Kate Tuck, Members of the Public 15.

Apologies: Dave Rudge, County Cllr Juliet Henderson, Ward Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, PCSO Andy Jones

1 WELCOME from Parish Council Chairman Alan Tyler

2 REPORTS TO THE MEETING

- .1 Ward Councillor Kate Tuck All Ward Councillor work well as a team. Since the Local Elections, Conservatives have lost their majority, no overall control; next Thursday's Full Council meeting will give clearer picture of where we stand. Anticipating the Local Plan Update Reg 18 consultation in autumn of this year. In the meantime undertaking a lot of training via the Planning Advisory Service; committed to natural environment and Nature Recovery Networks. Happy to be contacted at any time.
- .2 PCSO Andy Jones sent his apologies; his written report read by Chairman. **APPENDIX I**
- .3 Chairman's Report Recent Local Elections included Parish Council elections; all Parish Councillors standing again elected unopposed. To stress the Parish Council needs residents' help, urge you to come to Parish Council meetings and put your ideas forward. Cliddesden now has three Independent Ward Councillors, hoping for a change in attitude from BDBC.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY Accepted by all as a true record

4 PLANNING DECISIONS AND LOCAL PLAN UPDATE *Chairman report*

There are 14 sites around the Village submitted to the SHEELA as potential development sites, with potential for 413 houses if all went through. Clearly we live in an area where developers want to build. Wish to see our village develop in ones and two, and this has largely been the case with a total of 24 houses during this Plan Period. However all of these are counted as 'windfall'; none are recognised by BDBC as counting towards the Parish's allocation of 10 houses. The policy requires developments of 10 or more within the settlement boundary or five or more outside and adjacent to the settlement boundary in order to qualify. The Parish Council is strongly opposed to this Policy which mean that, according to BDBC figures, Cliddesden has not contributed any housing.

On a more positive note, two PIPs – Planning in Principle applications – for Woods Lane and behind Manor Farm, have been refused by BDBC.

Regarding the recent application for a new house on the car park of the Jolly Farmer, the Parish Council has submitted an objection. The proposal would affect the way the way Jolly Farmer works as a pub and as listed building relating to its environment.

Looking to the Reg 18 Consultation, as Kate mentioned, scheduled for the Autumn.

5 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN *Mark Gifford report*

To summarise the Neighbourhood Plan Teams' work which has been going on for a long time – the benefits of the Plan are that it is shaped by people with local knowledge and local aspirations; gives an opportunity for the community to make a difference.

A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) can't stop development. At some point in the Local Plan (LP) period the houses allocated in the LP need to be built and / or the sites allocated. If the NP doesn't allocated sites, they will be allocated via BDBC's planning process. The NP team didn't wish to get involved in site allocation; not feeling had the right to do this. What can be done is shape what those developments will look like, for eg people want smaller houses, and to protect areas agreed most important to the Village.

The NP can't shape issues to do with transport and traffic as these are governed by legislation and Hampshire Highways policy. It can put forward the community's consensus – aspiration – for what it feels to be important – eg to reduce road-side parking.

The NP responds to consultation feedback from parish residents, also local businesses, landowners and those with interest in land within the Parish. Have to demonstrate the Plan is responding to and weighting the concerns in the Parish, and putting forward policies reflecting what the community has put forward. Have made sure we have hand-delivered, as well as emailed, consultation documents and questionnaires.

The NP Team has been working, for five year, through a ladder of tasks to achieve a Draft Plan that now needs to be tested – our homework needs to be marked. The NP Team has for now achieved all it can; now need professional help to more the NP forward. Very fortunately after a couple of false starts have found a good consultant who has highlighted areas where the NP is likely to be challenged. Unfortunately due to his company restructuring he has been unable to continue work on the Plan and we have lost much of this year. A good consultant has proved invaluable, took the decision to wait for him.

So have gone through the Reg 14 'pre-submission' consultation – the stage before the Plan can be submitted to BDBC and then eventually to the examiner. The Draft Plan has received much feedback including from developers and their agents who challenge; need professional help to navigate this. Have to respond to every comment that comes in to say have read and discussed and why agree or not, why will consider changes or not.

Submission to BDBC requires a Reg 15 consultation statement, and a basic conditions statement to show the Draft Plan meets all legal conditions, eg adheres to National Policy and conforms to Environmental obligations. Good consultant input is now crucial given the work the Team has put in; Alison Mosson has done masses of work on environmental and landscape policies; Brian Karley has kept us and everything together, would never have delivered the Plan without this. Now frustration that waiting to deliver; but as long as it is in place before the new Local Plan is adopted. Truly hoping, given the amount of work, the NP will protect Cliddesden against the wrong kind of development.

6 **STANHD UPDATE** *Simon Barker report*

The potential for Upper Swallick has not gone away; but crucially has not been put forward as a potential site in any Local Plan public consultation document. It did not appear in the first draft of the Reg 18 consultation which was put on hold last autumn.

Stanhd has spoken to local councillors whose Wards would be directly affected – Brighton Hill and Kempshot. And in the meantime carried on generating and accumulating technical data; expecting a planning application at some point whether or not the site is accepted in the Local Plan. Also speaking with local MPs and engaging at National Policy level.

AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) proposal – to link North Wessex and South Downs and both those organisations keen for this to happen; have large majority support from Parish Councils affected. This is a challenge – like all volunteers, limited in time and technical expertise. Stanhd working with CPRE to get the process rolling, looking for background and experience in business planning – need a well structured business plan to successfully apply for grant funding; potential to pay for part time professional help. Anyone who may be able to help please come forward.

7 **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE** *Simon Barker report*

Dave Rudge now manages the SIDs but sent his apologies for the meeting.

Dave monitors the SIDs, moves them as wanted, recharges batteries and downloads data. We have a lot of data on traffic flow which shows a third of vehicles travelling above the speed limit; speeding traffic coming into the village is 46%. The two worst instances of speeding are recorded between 70 and 75mph. (The SID is set up to show data in five mph blocks). Dave sent the last quarter's data to Hants Police who said they had no interest in acting upon it. This is contrary to the messaging from PCC Donna Jones, to making her aware the police are not showing support.

Hants Police & Crime Commissioner The Chairman noted that Cliddesden will be hosting another meeting with Donna Jones in the autumn, everyone is encouraged to attend. To engage with the PCC; when she came here last year the subject of speeding was brought up – that in the past the police camera van was deployed to Southlea; PC Andy Reid used

to do speed checks. Message from the PCC then was 'send us documentation and we will make something happen'.

Community Speedwatch was set up in Cliddesden some years ago and worked for a short while; ended due to lack of volunteers.

Reporting to Police – To stress the importance of reporting every incident, even if seems no action taken. Without reports of anything happening in Cliddesden, no police resources will be allocated to Cliddesden. Only if need is demonstrated will resources be allocated.

8 **CONSERVATION PROJECTS** *Presentation from Alison Mosson*

- .1 Wildflower bank opposite the Village Hall Needs to be correctly managed and cut at the right times; a lot of volunteer work gone into raking off the cuttings. Previously subject to the vagaries of HCC cutting, the Parish Council now has a license to manage.
- .2 Spring clean – Thank to everyone who helped, every year this makes such a difference.
- .3 Village pond and floating islands HCC cleared much of the silt from the pond, but it is fast building up again. Floating islands help improve water quality, roots take up nutrients and pollutants and trap some of the silt. The islands are made from a plastic frame supporting coir matting planted with native marginal plants. This project has been funded by S106 Open Space developer contributions from the Broadview development (Cleresden Rise).
- .4 Station road verges – Trying to get wild flowers established on verges both sides, will be a long term project, made more difficult by nutrient run-off from the fields, cars do drive over but not so much as to be the main problem. All the seed collected seed from Cleresden Meadow and sowed by hand, won't see much difference this year, hopefully in time. Every council has a duty to improve biodiversity in their area. As mentioned for the wildflower bank, the Parish Council now has a Cultivation Licence from County so they don't cut, the Parish Council will maintain.
- .5 No Mow May Please leave a section of your lawn to grow. If everyone across the Village leave a little patch, it can make a big difference. Having stopped mowing 10 years ago – the result, a list of flowers which have come up and lots of insects.

9 **FUNDING – S106 AND CIL**

Some development results in S106 developer contributions, now including CIL, the Community Infrastructure Levy. Outstanding S106 contributions from Broadview (Cleresden Rise) have been for Open Space (as 7.3 above) now all used for the Floating Islands and also the small information board on the back of the noticeboard.

There was also for 'Equiped Play'; but while the Parish Council considered and reconsidered, there is no opportunity for, or available community land, to make best use of the funding. The S106 specification is for the nearest qualifying site. As such BDBC has put the funds towards new provision for the Hatch Warren play area.

Use of the Community Infrastructure Levy funding is less prescriptive: funding so far has been used for new village entrance signs, road name signs and new village noticeboard. Please come forward with suggestions for other community projects which may be funded.

Question raised re other grant funding which may be available for community groups, for eg BDBC's Strengthening communities grant; small grants are also available from the Ward Councillors' Community Grant. To contact Ward Councillors for further information.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and contributing

APPENDIX I POLICE REPORT FOR CLIDDESSEN

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Assault without injury x 1

A member of the public has apparently misunderstood hand gestures beckoning him forward whilst the road was partially blocked by a tree cutting company. The person beckoning has been unnecessarily unpleasant and while waving his hands the member of public initially thought they would be struck.

Criminal Damage x 1

A car owner has returned to their vehicle after going for a walk. On her return she has heard the car alarm sounding and noticed their rear window smashed.

High end keyless cars in general are being targeted for theft. Criminals use a device which amplifies the signal from the device used to start the car within the residence, allowing the car to be started and driven off without the owner being aware.

Sus incidents x 4

A report was received of a vehicle parked up on Northgate Lane containing 4 occupants, believed to be drinking alcohol and or smoking cannabis. Police unable to attend.

Vehicle said to be driving in the village with no Tax / MOT

Theft from car x 1

A window was smashed on a car which was parked up in the area of Cliddesden School. A blanket was stolen from within oddly.

By using a faraday bag / box to store key when not in use prevents a signal from being transmitted. This can be purchased from various high street stores and online.

Apple Air Tags & Samsung Galaxy Tags are a very good at tracking belongings if lost / stolen. Recently someone had their car stolen and left one of these devices within it. This allowed the Police to locate it as well as in excess of 70 other cars that had previously been stolen.

Other devices such as TILE remain on the market for owners of SMART phones that are not Samsung or Apple. Always read the specifications on the product to ensure your mobile device is compatible.

Your local point of contact remains as PCSO 13301 Andrew Jones and can be contacted by email Andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.police.uk

Do Not report crime direct to me initially but continue to use 101 or report online for non-emergency matters & 999 for crimes happening at the time and a suspect still on scene.

I cover a huge area but I am always willing to meet in person if crime prevention advice is wanted etc.