



# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 10th March 2021, 7pm, Remote meeting via Zoom

Present: Parish Councillors June James (Chairman), Chris Alliston, John Ashworth, Paul Gaskell, Pauline Hedges, Gareth Wilson; Clerk Susan Turner. Guest PC Andy Reid.

No members of the public present.

- 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES** Thanks to Pauline Hedges for hosting the meeting. Apologies Nick Walker.
- 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 6th January – agreed and to be signed.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda – none.
- 4 ELECTIONS – Thurs 6th May – Parish, all Borough, all County, PCC**
- 4.1 Borough** This year, as postponed from last year, the new ward boundaries will be put into effect – each with three Ward Councillors and all seats for election. Basing Ward will become Basing & Upton Grey and incorporate half the Parishes from the former Upton Grey and Candovers – **APPENDIX I**.
- 4.2 Parish** All Parish Council seats for election this year. The Notice of Election will be published on Monday 22 March. Close of nominations / **deadline to submit form, will be 4pm Thursday 8th April.**  
NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, DATED AFTER THE 8TH MARCH.  
Sections 1a, 1b part 1, and 1c only need completing. Sections 1b part 2 is to be completed if candidate wishes to withhold home address.  
Two registered electors need to nominate and second in Section 1a.  
The person named in Section 1b can be anyone, elector of parish or otherwise, can be but need not be the same person who nominated or seconded in Section 1a.  
But the person named in Section 1b MUST sign Section 1c.  
Completed Sections 1a, 1b part 1, and 1c – PLUS THE PAGES OF LEGISLATION ACCOMPANYING 1c – must be printed and delivered by hand – (guidance still say this).
- 5 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY**
- 5.1 Water End Lane**
- NOTED The ditch bordering the football grounds needs clearing, is contributing to flooding. Water End Lane is in Newnham but the land immediately to the South West – the football ground – is in Old Basing, as is the verge and ditch. Landowners are responsible for their ditches. This has been brought to the attention of Old Basing Parish Council and County Councillor Elaine Still.
- NOTED Flytipping on the verges has been cleared by BDBC.
- 5.2 A30 speed limit reduction signs** Should be installed this next financial year.
- TO NOTE Councillor Still expressed her support for the proposed white gates (post Covid).
- 5.3 Baredown bus shelter**
- AGREED Quotation accepted from Assert Property Services for £440 plus VAT (materials and labour) to repair the bus shelter and re-bolt it to the ground.  
'Replace roof - reboard, new felt and new trim/facia; Replace rotten feather edging on bottom 5/6 rows; Re-attach shelter to steel bolts at rear.'  
Work to be scheduled asap.

For signature .....

**5.4 Rights of way**

**i** Dedication plaque for Nigel Downes

TO RECORD – Angela Downes supplied two small square plaques, recording the dedication of the 'Strings Bridge' on Newnham FP3 to Nigel Downes, Footpaths Warden for Newnham Parish from 2000 to 2019.

THANKS to Chris Alliston, present Footpaths Warden, for affixing the plaques.

**ii** Footpaths Warden report

1. Flooding on FP 3 by Tithe Barn, reported but not yet been fixed. The water is deep, not going to dry up by itself, not happened in previous years.
2. HCCCS are undertaking a survey of bridges on rights of way. Question raised as to whether there is a bridge on Green Lane?

**iii** Green Lane BOAT 6 (Byway Open to all Traffic)

Reported big lorry, apparently some type of work being done, at the Water End end of Byway 6. Also noted the Network Rail contractors are using the other end of the Byway in Crown Lane as part of their access track to the railway.

**5.5 Parish Lengthsman** Funding guaranteed from HCC for 2021-22.

AGREED Unanimously to continue, the Parish very much depends upon the scheme.

**5.6 Buildout and signage by the Clubroom** HCC Safer Roads (Traffic) will revisit the Clubroom buildout (after Easter) and reassess the planned signage changes, hopefully now to take place this coming financial year.

**6 PUBS**

**6.1 Old House at Home** – report in March *Villager*

Donna and Chris have reported that: 'Now that we have a "road map" and the end is in sight, we have revised our opening times for April and May. We will be ending the takeaway service at the end of March to enable us to concentrate on getting the Old House at Home ready to open safely once again. We have the "Amber Light" to open from 12th April serving outside only, under the rule of six or two households, and it is table service only.' Four large canvas gazebos alongside the car park will give some shelter.

**6.2 Iron Bull Roadhouse** The website reports that the pub...

'Opens 12th April 2021. Iron Bull Roadhouse is a bar/café/diner... It offers premium coffee, tasty breakfasts, hot meals and a range of beers/wines/ciders. An ideal stopping point for passing motorists, motorcyclists and cyclists.'

*PC Reid joined the meeting*

**7 REPORT FROM PC REID**

**7.1 Reported incidents since last meeting**

- 12.02.21 Report of person having mental health issues at the Basingstoke Country Hotel
- 26.02.21 Concern for welfare for resident in Newnham – all in order
- 27.02.21 Suspicious car seen at Hale Farm, Newnham, linked with criminality
- 06.03.21 Suspicious vehicle seen in Nately Scures – under investigation.

**7.2 Crime** One crime reported since January 2021, recorded as 'Other Crime', involving an internet based crime in Newnham.

**7.3 Speed enforcement** Hoping to carry out speed enforcement in next couple of weeks.

*PC Reid left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council*

**8 NEWNHAM GREEN**

**8.1 Bulb planting** – report in March *Villager* **APPENDIX II.I.**

THANKS to County Cllr Elaine Still for £350 grant funding, thanks to three Robert Mays Year 7 students for planting bulbs as part of their half term 'Energiser' task. On the Sunday the three girls 'worked like trojans' planting over 550 bulbs – 250 native bluebells, 250 single snowdrops (both RHS pollinator friendly accredited) plus c50 aconites and wood anemone. Thanks to June James for advising and supervising. Planting plan at **APPENDIX II.II.**

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**8.2 Ditching** – Tylney ditch bordering Newnham Green Farm and the 'holding pond' opposite the pub. Hedge cut back, ditch and holding pond cleared by Parish Lengthsman Sunday 28th Feb. In discussion with Old House and Newnham Green Farm. This is the first time in many years that the ditch and holding pond has been cleared.

To landscape as agreed with Old House. This verge area is part of the Green.

**8.3 Verges** – to apply for a Cultivation Licence from HCC.

**8.4 Grant funding requests** S106, Rural Communities Fund to be progressed.

**8.5 Community Broadband**

NOTED

1. Community Broadband Voucher application submitted for all houses around the Green without fibre (ie those not included in the 2018-20 Hants Superfast Broadband scheme). Includes properties along Newnham Road RG27 9AF with current speeds under 30mbps.  
2. Fibre to Water End was scheduled as part of the 2018-20 scheme. A coil of wire was fixed on the Park telegraph pole some time ago, disappeared two months ago but fibre not yet installed to homes.

## 9 FINANCE

### 9.1 Payments

#### Regular payments since last meeting

(33) Clerk	Salary Jan 2021	SO	£309.25 (old rate)
(34) Roy Wood	Moles Jan 2021	SO	£50.00
(LM) PGGM	PGGM LM Jan 2021	SO	£1,300.00 (old rate)
(35) Clerk	Salary Feb 2021	SO	£309.25 (old rate)
(36) Roy Wood	Moles Feb 2021	SO	£50.00
(LM) PGGM	PGGM Feb 2021	SO	£1,300.00 (old rate)

#### Payments for approval

(37) PGGM	PGGM ditching (opposite pub see 8.2)	BACs	£825.00
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### 9.2 Accounts and budget update 2020/21 **APPENDIX III**

## 10 PLANNING

### 10.1 Parish Planning and Tree applications for discussion

T/00106/21/TCA (Validated 08 Mar) Cromwells, The Barracks. T1-Oak, crown raise to 5m all round. This is to allow more light over the garden and two limbs over common land. T2-Pine, Fell. Tree is heavily ivy clad and approximately 4-5m tall, heavily suppressed. T3-Apple, reduce beyond previous pruning points to give future branch structure for fruit production and easier management. T4-Ash, cut back to boundary. Tree shows extensive signs of ash dieback. T5-Ash, cut back to boundary. Tree has possible historic root heave or suppression as now situated into large neighbouring macrocarpa. T6-Ash, fell. Previous root heave and leaning heavily towards listed property. T7-cypress, reduce to suitable height below rubbing of T6 between 7-10m. *Parish Council response – content to be guided by Tree Officer.*

21/00025/FUL (Validated 25th January) Nately Place, Scures Hill. Erection of replacement detached dwelling house and detached ancillary accommodation building, following demolition of existing detached dwelling house and garage building. Erection of acoustic fencing to front/road side boundary and landscaped retaining bank inbound of south boundary to facilitate localised leveling within rear garden. *The Parish Council considered neighbour concerns that the proposed house will be taller than that previously approved. The plans submitted seem to show it will be similar – and in terms of height and potential overlooking.* **APPENDIX IV.I**

See **APPENDIX IV.II** for current applications relating to the Parish.

**10.2 BDBC Local Plan Update** – Issues and Options Summary Report as considered by BDBC Economic, Planning and Housing Committee on Thursday, 4th March. The Committee agreed to return the Report to Officers for further work. Request submitted by Clerk:

'To question consistency of approach when recording comments, and the criteria for attribution.

'1. In many cases where Parish Councillors have made comments these are attributed, but in some cases they are not.

'For eg there are instances in responses to Q4b where Parish Councils made these specific points, but the Parish Councils are not referred to.

'2. Whether increased weight is given by attributing comments?

'3. In many instances responses are quantified, but in some cases not.

'4. Can the summary be shown to be consistent and unbiased in the way comments are recorded?

'Also – separate issue – that three Parishes certainly requested Chalk Streams be included as Environmental Assets in Q4b and this is not mentioned.'

### 10.3 Hook – Newnham Gap

21/00400/EIA Decision 3rd March, no Environmental Impact Assessment needed – Land at Owen's Farm. Screening opinion request for a **retirement care living (C2) development of up to 160 units**, along with ancillary uses.

20/03101/PREAPP (Answered 1st March) Fairfields, Newnham Road, Hook. Demolition of existing stables / buildings / sheds and replacement with 1 dwelling, a mirror image of Fairfield.

Strong response from Case Officer: 'In summary... the principle of development for a dwelling in the countryside unrelated to agricultural functions of the land would be likely to be unacceptable.' Citing encroachment into 'Gap' as designated in the Hook Neighbourhood Plan, change in character and appearance of the present development, intrusion into countryside, impact on landscape / views / sense of place, impact on amenity value of public right of way. Hook can show a land supply of over nine years.

## 11 FURTHER REPORTS

### 11.1 Water End

- i Crossing point Highways have installed a new footway across the central reservation by Water End Park – at the crossing point to the bus stops. However the path is wide enough to accommodate a vehicle and so 'invites' drivers exiting the Park to cross at that point if turning right, see **APPENDIX V**. Referred to Councillor Still and the Highways Engineer.

AGREED Posts (passive safety posts) needed to close the path to vehicles but to allow sufficient width for push chairs, wheel chairs etc.

- ii HCC sign re unlawful encampments Noted sign in Andwell Lane displaying County injunction to prevent unlawful encampments(?)

- iii Residential Mobile Home Parks Owners Public Liability Insurance

NOTED That the insurance certificate displayed on the Park noticeboard is years out of date.

Noted post meeting that.. 'Unlike employer's liability insurance, public liability insurance isn't a legal requirement' (moneysupermarket.com). As such, there won't be a requirement to display a certificate.

- 11.2 **Barracks** New Parish hedge Since the verge has been cleared, Kingsbridge End residents have installed a new fence, and so damaged sections of the new hedge. However the fence did need replacing, the hedge can be replenished next year as needed.

- 11.3 **Clubroom update** - The Clubroom can be 'selectively' open from 12th April, fully from 17th May. May 6th is polling day. During the most recent lockdown single users have occasionally used the hall to make educational videos. The finances are in good order and outgoings presently minimal, the solar will soon have more input.

Peter Brown will retire as Treasurer at the end of this financial year to be replaced by Alastair Jeffries. Peter has been Treasurer (and acting Chairman) for many years. Chris Alliston is Secretary and now Chairman.

- 11.4 **Villager delivery** Water End Park volunteers are keen to deliver the April issue.

- 11.5 **Ward Councillor report** Paul Gaskell reported the Budget had been agreed, some cuts will be required, but BDBC is in a reasonable financial position. There are problems regarding Common Land purchase in Old Basing – and whether the new owner has the right to build?

**12 NEXT MEETINGS**

**12.1 Parish Council AGM** – Regulations allowing remote meetings remain in force until election day.

'The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 enable all local authority meetings to be held remotely, including allowing remote access by members of the public. The Regulations came into force on 4 April 2020 and apply to meetings taking place before 7 May 2021.'

However, because Newnham is in an election year, the AGM must be held between 10th and 24th May.

'Local Government Act 1972 c. 70 SCHEDULE 12 Part II (Parish Councils) 7(2) In a year which is a year of ordinary elections of parish councillors, the annual meeting of a parish council shall be held on, or within fourteen days after, the day on which the councillors elected at that election take office.'

AGREED To schedule the AGM on 12th May and await updates. Whether the Local Authority Covid Meeting Regs will be extended?

**12.2 Parish Assembly** – Legal requirement is to hold the Parish Assembly by 1st June.

'Local Government Act 1972 c. 70 SCHEDULE 12 Part III Parish Meetings 14(1) The parish meeting of a parish shall assemble annually on some day between 1st March and 1st June, both inclusive, in every year.'

NOTED HALC guidances is presently to hold a remote 'Assembly' before 7th May.

TO CONSIDER Holding and advertising a short Parish Assembly as required by statute and then hold an extraordinary Parish Council meeting in the Summer as and when restrictions lifted.

**12.3 Next Parish Council meetings**

Parish Assembly TBA, AGM 12th May, 7 July, 1 Sept, 3 Nov.

*Meeting closed at 8.32pm with thanks to all present*

For signature ..... Date .....

**APPENDIX I**



**APPENDIX II.II – PLANTING PLAN**

**APPENDIX II.I**



Grant funding for the bulbs was allocated by County Councillor Elaine Still from her devolved budget



**GIRL POWER...** Islay, Olivia and Roxy, friends from Newnham Road and all in Year 7 at Robert May's, completed their half term 'energiser task' planting spring bulbs on the Green

The girls were tasked with 'doing something good and helpful for their community' by some means that complied with lockdown restrictions.!

Between them they planted over 500 bulbs, all in a day's work. Mostly native bluebells and snowdrops with a few aconite and anemone thrown in.!

In future anyone walking by Church Path will be able to enjoy the colour and scent of the spring flowers around the trees which should naturalise, and can be added to, over time. All are pollinator friendly, the bluebells and snowdrops being accredited RHS 'Plants for pollinators.



### APPENDIX III.I ACCOUNTS TO DATE

#### NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL INCOME 2020/21 - 06 MAR

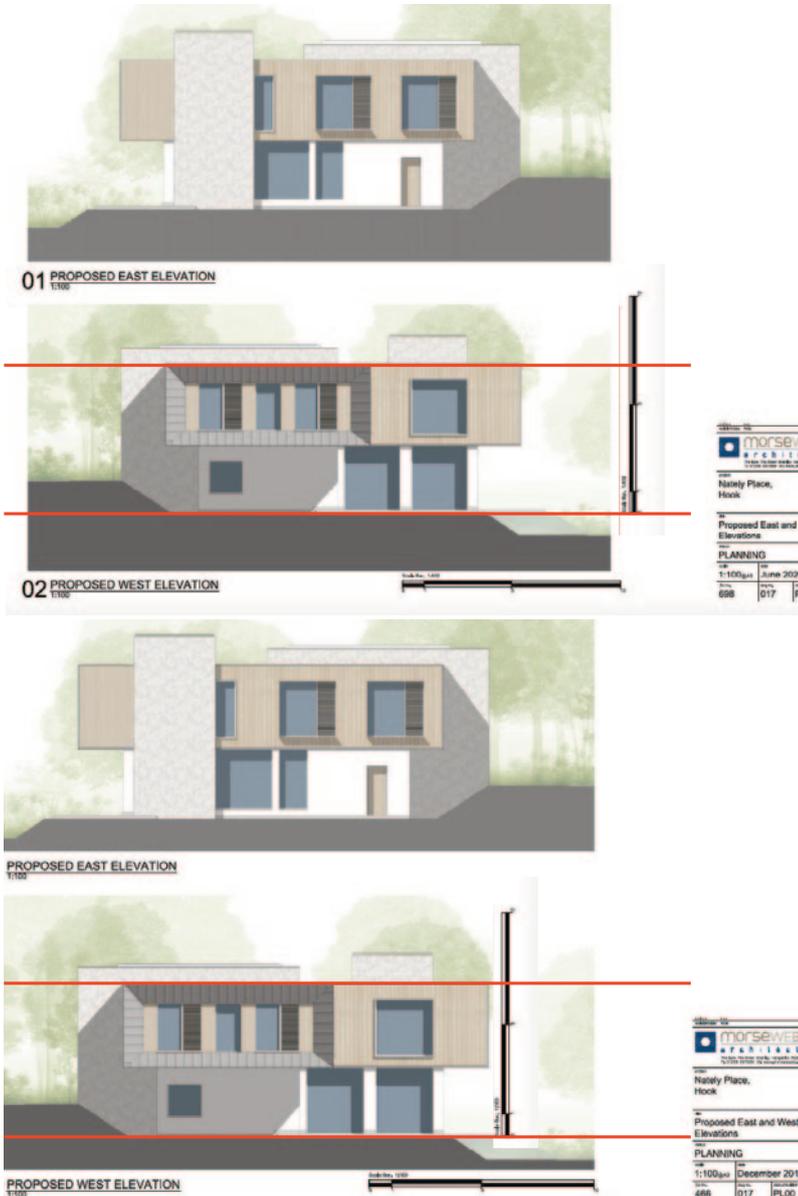
Balance brought forward 1st April 2020								£5,779.37
Date	Item	Paid by	Precept	Other grants	Covid grant	VAT	Interest	Total Receipts
24/04/20	LM contribution to external audit	BACS		£200.00				£200.00
27/04/20	Parish Precept 6 months	BACS	£5,422.50					£5,422.50
27/04/20	Grass Cutting Grant	BACS		£342.00				£342.00
03/06/29	SSEN				£2,000.00			£2,000.00
14/09/20	Parish Precept 6 months	BACS	£5,422.50					£5,422.50
08/01/21	VAT reclaim 20/21+£29					£314.22		£314.22
12/02/21	Elaine Grant			£350.00				£350.00
2020/21	Bank interest						£3.41	£3.41
<b>Total</b>			<b>£10,845.00</b>	<b>£892.00</b>	<b>£2,000.00</b>	<b>£314.22</b>	<b>£3.41</b>	<b>£14,054.63</b>
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## APPENDIX III.II

NEWNHAM Y/E & BUDGET		20/21 TO DATE	20/21 budget Jan2020	20/21 latest estimate March 21	21/22 budget DEC2020
Item	19/20 Year End				
Precept	£9,862.00	£10,845.00	£10,845.00	£10,845.00	£11,929.00
Covid-SSEN Clubro		£2,000.00		£2,000.00	
Grass cutting grant	£339.00	£342.00	£342.00	£342.00	£345.00
Elaine grant	£500.00	£350.00	£1,000.00	£350.00	£500.00
Insurance bus shelt	£3,500.00				
NGPA Contribution					
Interest	£2.36	£3.41	£2.00	£3.50	£1.00
Returned funds	£331.00				
LM income	£200.04	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00
VAT reclaim	£925.41	£314.22	£1,000.00	£450.00	£1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£15,659.81</b>	<b>£14,054.63</b>	<b>£13,389.00</b>	<b>£14,190.50</b>	<b>£13,975.00</b>
Expenses	£216.00		£400.00	£216.00	£400.00
Finance / Admin	£1,269.18	£909.89	£1,200.00	£909.89	£1,000.00
Training	£160.00		£200.00		£200.00
Salary	£3,711.00	£4,010.75	£4,320.00	£4,320.00	£4,320.00
Capital					
Maintenance	£242.04	£122.00	£500.00	£600.00	£1,000.00
Clubroom					
PROJECTS'			£2,000.00	£150.00	£3,000.00
Community/litter-pick		£208.85		£208.85	
NewnhamRd signs		£70.83	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
Project- Barracks		£461.00		£461.00	
Covid - SSEN-PPE		£2,000.00		£2,000.00	
Project -Green planting				£350.00	
Project - bus shelter	£3,000.00				
Project - planters	£904.00				
Project - noticeboard					
Green	£874.99	£2,001.33	£1,300.00	£2,001.33	£1,300.00
Villager	£626.78	£659.50	£659.50	£659.50	£500.00
VAT	£954.41	£422.82	£1,000.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
LM hours over 16/17					
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£11,958.40</b>	<b>£10,866.97</b>	<b>£12,579.50</b>	<b>£12,376.57</b>	<b>£13,720.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFECIT</b>	<b>£3,701.41</b>	<b>£3,187.66</b>	<b>£809.50</b>	<b>£1,813.93</b>	<b>£255.00</b>
<b>BALANCE TO T/O</b>	<b>£5,779.37</b>	<b>£8,967.03</b>	<b>£6,588.87</b>	<b>£7,593.30</b>	<b>£7,848.30</b>

**APPENDIX IV.I NEW DWELLING**

21/00025/FUL (Validated 25th January) Nately Place, Scures Hill. Erection of replacement detached dwelling house and detached ancillary accommodation building, following demolition of existing detached dwelling house and garage building. Erection of acoustic fencing to front/road side boundary and landscaped retaining bank inbound of south boundary to facilitate localised leveling within rear garden.



**Nately Scures House previous application to replace the existing house which is single storey.**

Ref. No: 18/00087/HSE Granted  
 Erection of various extensions to main dwelling and creation of first floor to provide additional living space.  
 Extension to detached garage to form 3 bay garage with the creation of workshop and gym below the garage.

**NOTES**

Looking at the two sets of drawing for proposed E & W elevations, they look pretty similar. Using scale provided not very accurate, maybe a bit taller? (Don't know if ground height will be made higher of course.) Do we know how much taller it is thought to be?

The side windows may be a cause for concern. But looks over Snipes Wood driveway, not angled towards the house. And so not directly overlooking new plot either?

The 'ancillary accommodation' doesn't have first floor windows facing SW.

More impact on Nately Lodge to other side??

However, case officer previous application concluded overlooking not an issues - as copied below from Report.

**Impact on neighbouring amenities**

The proposal would be located approximately 21.5 metres from the neighbouring property to the east of the application site. Given the distance and boundary treatment (trees and fencing) to the east, it is considered that it would not have a significant overbearing effect or result in a loss of privacy or outlook.

Given the distance of the proposal to the boundary of the neighbouring property to the east (approx. 35 metre), it is considered that the proposal would not have a significant impact on the amenities of this neighbour.

The proposal would be located approximately 44 metres from the neighbouring property to the west of the application site. Given the distance and screening (trees) to the west, it is considered that it would not have a significant impact in terms of an overbearing effect or result in a loss of privacy or outlook.

**APPENDIX IV.I: PLANNING UPDATE – MARCH 2020****Parish Planning Applications**

T/00106/21/TCA (Validated 08 Mar) Cromwells, The BarrackS. T1-Oak, crown raise to 5m all round. This is to allow more light over the garden and two limbs over common land. T2-Pine, Fell. Tree is heavily ivy clad and approximately 4-5m tall, heavily suppressed. T3-Apple, reduce beyond previous pruning points to give future branch structure for fruit production and easier management. T4-Ash, cut back to boundary. Tree shows extensive signs of ash dieback. T5-Ash, cut back to boundary. Tree has possible historic root heave or suppression as now situated into large neighbouring macrocarpa. T6-Ash, fell. Previous root heave and leaning heavily towards listed property. T7-cypress, reduce to suitable height below rubbing of T6 between 7-10m. *Parish Council response: content to be advised by Tree Officer.*

21/00025/FUL (Validated 25th January) Nately Place, Scures Hill. Erection of replacement detached dwelling house and detached ancillary accommodation building, following demolition of existing detached dwelling house and garage building. Erection of acoustic fencing to front/road side boundary and landscaped retaining bank inbound of south boundary to facilitate localised leveling within rear garden. *The Parish Council considered neighbour concerns that the house was considerable taller than that previously approved, but the plans submitted seemed to show it was similar – in terms of height and potential overlooking. To consider acoustic fence.*

21/00038/FUL (Validated 06 Jan 2021) Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of 1 no. dwelling. To replaced 20/01666/FUL withdrawn 7th Dec. *PC response submitted.*

20/02920/RET (Granted 19th January) 1 Kingsbridge End, Old School Road. Removal of Condition 13 of Planning Permission BDB/57678 to allow for installation of a gate to form pedestrian access to the rear of the property.

T/00500/20/TPO (Pending, Validated 23 Sep 2020) 3 Kingsbridge Copse Newnham. 2 Oak and 1 Ash tree: prune.

20/01974/FUL (Granted 3 Mar) Chapel House, Newnham Road. Change of use of agricultural access to residential curtilage. Brick wall 1m high to frontage to replace metal railings. Renovation and alterations to chapel building. Change of materials to dwelling and extensions (amendment to 19/02613/HSE).

20/01597/FUL (Refuse 26 Feb) Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of 2 no. dwellings and associated parking.

16/03282/RET (Pending, Validated 15 Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. 'Change of use from solely agricultural to mixed agricultural use to include the diversification of farm open days for no more than 100 days in a year with ancillary tea room and associated car parking.' Consultation on new description only. This application will be decided by Development Control Committee, date tba.

**Hook Planning Applications**

21/00400/EIA (Decision issued 3rd March, no EIA needed, Validated 10 Feb 2021) Land at Owen's Farm. Screening opinion request for a retirement care living (C2) development of up to 160 units, along with ancillary uses.

20/03101/PREAPP (Answered 1st March, validated Thu 14 Jan 2021. Fairfields Newnham Road Hook. Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Demolition of existing stables / buildings / sheds and replacement with 1 dwelling, an identical mirror of Fairfield (handed).

**APPENDIX V: WATER END CROSSING**

