



REPORT OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Date Monday 14th May 2018 **Commencing** 8pm for 8.15 **Venue** Clubroom

Present: Councillors June James (Chairman) John Ashworth, Paul Gaskell, Pauline Hedges, Gareth Wilson, Richard Wilson. Clerk Susan Turner; PC Andy Reid; Ward Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Revd Linda Scard. Parish residents 37

1 WELCOME AND MEETING OPEN

2 PC REID REPORT

2.1 Nately Scures reported crime – 2017

REPORTED CRIME 2015 = 12

REPORTED CRIME 2016 = 18

REPORTED CRIME 2017 = 13

A good reduction of reported crimes on the previous year. Those reported comprised:

- Five assaults, all at the hotel
- Five thefts, two at the hotel and three in the parish. Two were at the same venue and although a clear CCTV photograph was taken the offender was never identified, his face appeared at a garden centre in Surrey which was also broken into some time later.
- We had a theft from motor vehicle linked on the same night with similar offences at the Hollies in Mapledurwell
- A man was stopped on the A30 and found in possession of a large amount of class A drugs, money etc.
- A quad bike was stolen from a garage as part of a non dwelling burglary.

2.2 Nately Scures reported incidents – 2017

As with A339 in Herriard, the A30 is usually the main area of reported incidents from within this part of the parish. During 2017 we had two damage-only Road Traffic Incidents (accidents), a report of loose dogs on the A30, a new car driven with no registration plates being fitted, a wheelie bin in the road and a dangerous-driving allegation.

Away from the A30 we had a report of a man poaching with a firearm, when checked he was found to be authorised by the land owner who had not informed the local Game Keeper who saw him and rightly called the police. We also had a road related incident in Blackstocks Lane and two false burglar alarm activations.

2.3 Newnham reported crime – 2017

REPORTED CRIME 2015 = 11

REPORTED CRIME 2016 = 7

REPORTED CRIME 2017 = 11

Crime in this half of the parish rose back to 2015 levels after dropping in 2016.

The reported crimes comprised:

- Two sexual related incidents, both were linked to and involved people from outside the parish, full investigations took place resulting in no further action being taken and there was no concerns for safety of people within the area
- We also had three non dwelling burglaries, one at a tyre company, one of a garage where a garden tractor was stolen and of a shed of a house in the village
- Later at this venue two cars also had items of property stolen from inside
- We had two public order incidents one at the Old House at Home public house and the other at a house where later a UKIP flag and pole was stolen
- plus criminal damage to crops when the garden tractor was stolen.

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2.4 Newnham reported incidents – 2017

Other events included two reports of black ice, one at each end of the year, one injury and four damage road traffic incidents (accidents), two deer incidents, report of youths on the railway line, a report of a man poaching but was found to be in order, again we had not been informed that he was lawfully out shooting. We had a report of low hanging BT cables, a cow in Newnham Lane, two trees across roads, a high risk missing man who was found to be in hospital, someone shining laser lights at aircraft, an abandoned 999 call and an injured deer. A report of rubble including bricks in the carriageway and four false burglar alarm activations. We also had five sudden deaths reported from the care home.

I carried out speed enforcement on four occasions and issued several warnings to motorists slightly over the speed limit, I am aware that the camera van also attends this village.

2.5 2018 to date

Newnham – Reported incidents

I have carried out speed enforcement – 12 warnings issued and one enforcement notice for taxi at 40mph. Also had reports of a tree down in Newnham Hill, a suspicious incident, a large bang was heard in Ridge Lane one evening, a sudden death at the Residential Home, two false burglar alarm activations, a concern for a person on the railway bridge – left prior to Police arrival. Unlawful Pedlars in the village. I issued a fixed penalty notice for obstruction of the footpath to a car on Old School Road and several checks made of the church after a recent incident.

Newnham – Reported Crime

One crime – a non dwelling burglary in the village.

Nately Scures – Reported incidents

Two abandoned 999 calls both in order, a sudden death at the residential home, a dangerous driving allegation on the A30 and a damage road traffic incident also A30.

Nately Scures – Reported Crime

A vehicle crime reported - at Basingstoke Country Hotel. An assault on a child at a local farm. Two domestic assaults reported at the Basingstoke Country Hotel.

2.6 Questions

Residents' question regarding fly-tipping along Tilney Lane on the left hand side going out of Newnham. (Note this is into Rotherwick Parish and therefore Hart.) But Andy advised to always notify him. If identifying material can be found the borough (or district) council can prosecute – and BDBC has made successful prosecutions. Onnalee advised that flytipping was a borough council issue – but only if affecting the Highway. Otherwise it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove.

PC Reid left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council and the Assembly.

3 PRESENTATION The Portable Antiquities Scheme

Arwen James and Edwin Wood represented the Portable Antiquities Scheme, Edwin providing 15 minutes (exactly) of expert and entertaining insight into the Scheme and local finds. Local finds should be reported to the Finds Liaison Officer (Hampshire) Hampshire Cultural Trust in Winchester. For information go to <https://finds.org.uk/>

Edwin noted that digging in, or removing objects from, the site of a heritage asset is a heritage offence and the police should be called. Heritage assets include listed buildings, conservation areas and registered parks and gardens – also undesignated but acknowledged heritage buildings and sites.

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4 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

June James thanked Arwin and Edwin. She introduced the Parish Council and new Councillor Pauline Hedges from Waterend. The Parish Council is fortunate to have co-opted Pauline to the Council. However this is sadly due to the resignation of Ann Blyth. Ann resigned due to poor health and is much missed. Apologies for the evening were received from Gareth Wislon, Ann Blyth, Harry Hayden, Chris and Jenny Pomroy, Nigel and Nancy Bell and County Councillor Elaine Still. Elaine is to be appointed Chairman of the County Council 2018/19.

5 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ONNALEE CUBITT

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt said she would encourage anyone to consider joining the Parish Council, particularly younger people. It is the best way of helping and protecting the community.

Onnalee mentioned development in Basingstoke. She said the borough has an obligation to provide new housing, the current Local Plan requirement being 850 dwellings per annum up to 2029. The borough presently has a deliverable five-year housing supply.

Manydown which is jointly owned by the borough and county has large housing potential but is still at application stage. Onnalee said the private sector development partner for Manydown Urban & Civic (partnered with the Wellcome Trust) have an exiting and innovative approach. BDBC also owns Basing View which is receiving huge investment.

New Government proposals for calculating housing need, if confirmed in the revised National Planning Policy Framework, will increase BDBC's housing figures (while reducing the figures for Hart). This will be taken into account at the Local Plan five-year review (2021) and extra sites may be needed.

6 REVD LINDA SCARD

Linda gave an update on St Swithun's which has been closed since February 2018.

Since 2016 the church has been fundraising (coffee mornings etc) for repairs and raised an amazing £35,000 to repoint the exterior which was no longer weather-proof, allowing damp and water leaking. Local contractors have made good, but discovered that one of the bells was about to fall from the tower – St Swithun's has for a time been ringing a single bell!

It's also been known – and confirmed in the quinquennial report – that urgent repairs are required to the ceiling. This was overtaken in priority, but the church had to be closed after a section of ceiling fell on the organ and other loose patches are evident.

Seeking funding, quotes and approval for repairs therefore started over. Winchester has approved the works and a quote for £28,000. This time there will be an application to the Lottery fund and Linda welcomed any suggestions for other funding sources.

Linda thanked St Nicholas' for hosting the St Swithun's services in the meantime and the Newnham church yard gang for keeping the churchyard well mown and tidy.

7 OPEN FLOOR QUESTIONS

7.1 Owens Farm

A question was raised regarding the progress of the Owens Farm planning application: *17/02317/OUT Land at Owens Farm Owens, Newnham Road Hook Hampshire RG27 9NG Outline permission for the development of up to 700 dwellings, a 2ha site for a primary school, a 0.5ha site for a nursery, a 245m2 retail facility, a 284m2 community facility, together with associated vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access, open space and landscape works. All matters other than access are reserved for consideration at a later date. Full planning permission for the provision of 9.68ha Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace and means of access. (Revised Transport Assessment x 2 submitted).*

It is understood the Hart Case Officer is minded to refuse the application (which is against Submission Local Plan policy) but has to consider all information provided by the

applicant. The application includes full planning permission for access and many transport and Highways issues remain resolved with HCC Highways continuing to request further information unless the application be refused.

On the face of it HCC accepts the applicant's assertion that the traffic impact on Newnham village and the wider rural road network will be negligible, but in accepting that almost all traffic will go over Kingsbridge, has issues with all three of Bellamy Roberts' proposals for the Newnham Road / Old School Road bridge junction. Highways are advising that a wider or additional bridge is needed and the applicant should liaise with Network Rail.

Other important unresolved issues include Bellamy Roberts' proposals to widen Newnham Road, Hook, by taking in Common and Village Green land.

Time taken in resolving these issues will give the time for the Submission Hook Local Plan to proceed to adoption and so carry more weight with an Appeal Inspector. However Hart will be one of the first Local Plan's to base its figures on the new Government housing need calculation yet to be confirmed within the revised NPPF. Hart is proposing adoption of its Local Plan in November 2018 but this is subject to the progress of the NPPF.

7.2 Millars Ark

Residents noted that Millers Ark are extending the hardstanding in the field by Manor Farm Cottages – with machinery working in the early hours.

There is no planning permission for a permanent car park here. A retrospective application was submitted in November 2016 for Manor Farm as a visitor centre which then included overspill parking at various sites under the 28-day rule. Inclusion of a permanent car park in the present site across the road was added in January 2017 and the application remains undetermined.

It was noted that once a planning application has exceeded its target resolution date, officers will, for the sake of their 8-12 week targets, prioritise other applications still in time. Cllr Cubitt commented that this is a 'story of a successful local business'. Councils will wish to support local businesses. The Case Officer has assured she will make a site visit with Highways Officer in next two weeks.

Residents commented that Millers Ark does employ a 'parking warden'. However cars are prevented from entering the Manor Farm lane to the permanent parking provision shown in the planning application. Residents cited issues of parking on Blackstocks Lane as far as the M3, cars blocking residents' access – gates, driveways and to woodland – danger to pedestrians particularly children walking down the lane, localised flooding in adjacent woodland caused by the hard standing. Residents were given to understand open days with large visitor numbers would be occasional; it is now almost every weekend.

Onnalee advised that as many residents as possible should make a formal complaint to the Case Officer, BDBC planning department, quoting the case reference. It was noted that all household members can write separately. The consultation period is long over but given the length of time the application has been pending it may be reasonable to revisit it and suggest taking the application to Development Control.

7.3 A30 speed limit – deputation

As previously suggested by Cllr Still, a deputation will be agreed by residents to take to the Hampshire County Council Full Council meeting, the next being 10am on 19th July. A residents' meeting will be arranged to discuss. A coning trial consultation was held by HCC in 2011/12. It is now time to revisit and discuss an holistic strategy for road safety for residents and drivers from Hatch to Hogget.

Quiet surface Residents noted that the recent surface dressing on Scures Hill is not a 'quite surface' as promised. Also noted that quiet surfaces aren't used on hills.

7.4 Broadband Matthew Morris reported that expressions of interest from Newnham Village had been forward to Openreach who would meet shortly to discuss.

Nately Scures requires similar initiatives. A representative of Hampshire Superfast Broadband was unable to attend this Parish Assembly but should be able to advise in the near future. Note: an additional meeting likely to be requested.

7.5 Newnham Litter Pick Grateful thanks from all of Newnham Village to John Broughton for co-ordinating the Litter Pick for so many years. It seems John has found a new volunteer to take on the task.

7.6 Clubroom and Newnham Open Gardens

On behalf of Philippa Heffner and Jackie O'Regan (and the Clubroom Committee) Nigel Downes requested as many helpers as possible on the day for the Open Gardens.

He said that funds raised by the Open Gardens are held in the Clubroom account on behalf of the Community. (The Clubroom is a Community Asset held in Trust and a registered Charity.) Any member of the Community should please contact the Clubroom Committee if they require help in funding a project in the Parish.

The Chairman thanked Nigel, and Philippa Heffner and Jackie O'Regan for organising the Open Gardens.

7.7 Newnham's wedding street party

Joanna Bell noted that the street party would be from 3pm with teas, sandwiches and cake – including the wedding cake competition and tombola. With thanks to Carolyn Peck for the bulk of the organising and Virginia Shuttleworth for the tombola.

8 THANKS, NOTICES AND CLOSE

The chairman thanked everyone for attending, all who give so much time and effort to looking after the Villages and Churches and organising events, and the Parish Councillors and Clerk. Peter James will be taking over the role of Tree Warden and also advising on Pond maintenance.

Meeting closed 9.35pm

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