



# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date** Wednesday 31st July 2019 **Commencing** 7pm **Venue** Clubroom

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

**1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES** Apologies Nick Walker

**2 PC REID Report**

**2.1 Incidents since last meeting**

- 28.06 Damage road traffic incident Newnham crossroads
- 30.06 Fight, Basingstoke Country Hotel, one arrested
- 05.07 Missing teenager from Surrey, found BCH
- 07.07 Minor injury road traffic incident Newnham crossroads
- 12.07 Two suspicious men seen looking into garage Newnham Green
- 15.07 Scam call to resident, the Barracks
- 18.07 Garage burglary Tylney Lodge (repeat of two years ago).

**2.2 Crime since 1st June 2019**

Newnham Public order incident – ‘Other’ crime (Rowan Lodge) – Non-dwelling burglary  
Nately Scures Hate crime, racial abuse of General Manager, BCH  
Theft of car BCH – Theft of batteries, Blackstocks Lane.

**2.3**

1. Re accidents at Newnham crossroads
  - 28th June – damage only – involving a taxi driver turning right into Ridge Lane
  - 7th July – slight injury – involving a learner pulling out of Ridge Lane.
2. Regarding the dogs at Kedron, enforcement action has been taken.
3. PC Reid said fly-tipping was becoming a major problem, not one the Police technically deal with, incidents such as at Upton Grey exceptional.

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

**3 PUBLIC SESSION**

- 3.1 Dogs** It was noted that the Kedron dogs must only be walked in public places muzzled and on leads. If found in breach the dogs could be taken away and put down. The incessant barking has recently reduced slightly. Records being kept as advised.
- 3.2. Circular Walk leaflet** (*see also 8. below*). Harry Hayden circulated printed draft of leaflet. Map based on GPS phone App, tagged the pubs on the walk, ie Old House at Home and Coach and Horses. Both pubs with hold copies of the walk leaflet. HCC will promote. Suggestion could ask to be added to the Hook Parish Council App.
- Arranged for friends not familiar with the area to ‘trial’ the leaflet. NB The walk is part of the Brenda Parker Way \_ a long distance path across North Hampshire from Aldershot to Andover developed by the North Hants Downs Rambling Group.
- Question regarding origin of the name ‘The Strings’. Also question re hedgerow thought possibly to have once been a ‘double ditch-hedge’ apparently evidence not conclusive. Noted that a double ‘ditch hedge’ involves two hedges, not two ditches. Suggestion to search old photos – arial photos show Water Meadows.

**4 CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR** Chris Alliston on 6th June 2019 confirmed.

**5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of Wednesday 29th May AGM agreed and signed.

**6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** In items on the Agenda – none.

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**PLANNING****7.1 Parish Planning Applications for consideration**

See **APPENDIX I** for all current applications relating to the Parish.

19/01977/FUL (Validated 22nd July) Land Adjacent To Nately Towers, Scures Hill. One 5-bed dwelling with double garage and creation of a new access. *Consultation to 15th August.* See **APPENDIX II** for previous and draft responses. **APPENDIX III** for note on land supply.

19/01832/HSE (Validated 11 July) Roshbearton, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of first floor to form two-storey dwelling with annexe accommodation and extensions to the front and rear. *Parish Council comment – 'No objection providing concerns of neighbours are reasonably addressed.'*

**Miller's Ark re-consultation**

16/03282/RET (Reconsultation 6th June 2019 – 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 DC, date tba.*

NOTES from case officer

- The revised consultation letter has gone to everyone who previously responded, and BDBC officers and Highways re-consulted.
- The application will go to Development Control Committee due to the number of initial objections (2016). Committee schedules busy at present, likely to take a few months.
- With regards to the field parking, reference to this being overflow parking and 28-day rule in previous documents no-longer relevant.
- Planning permission for up to 100 days of farm open days also includes 100 days for the field parking. Case officer's position is that despite the hard standing and car park use, the primary use of the field remains agricultural – the gates can still be closed and animals grazed on the field.
- Case officer's primary concern is road safety. She has been pleased to see more signage warning drivers, and seen attendants on the gates directing pedestrians.
- Apparently some drainage has been put into field to alleviate run-off.

Parish Council response – Initial response in 2016 was in support – but reality of open days and parking became removed from the basis of the original application. With regular parking in the field across the road, frequency of Open Days and high visitor numbers, issues of field parking and drainage, road safety and impact on residents became apparent. Also noted concerns re animal welfare (this not a planning issue).

Agreed draft response to include:

- 1 Request mixed native hedging be planted in Autumn along southern boundary to shield cottages and to reinforce existing boundary hedging. (Complication here as Millers Ark is tenant, requires consent of land owner). So request Millers Ark negotiates agreement from Malmesbury Trust so hedge can be planted in Autumn.
- 2 Request information on measures to improve drainage / reduce surface run-off from field.
3. Ongoing concern re road safety.

**Development Control decision** Land at Nately Scures House – 19/00028/FUL (Granted 17th May – DC decision 15th May – Validated 14 Jan 2019, subsequent multiple amendments) Land At Nately Scures House. Scures Hill. Erection of one 5-bed dwelling and attached garage with accommodation over. Erection of a detached garage with store, swimming pool and associated landscaping. Creation of a new access. (Retrospective replacement application for 15/04234/FUL approved March 2016: Erection of one detached dwelling and detached double garage with associated landscaping and new private driveway.)

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This application was granted retrospectively – contrary to the Parish Council response and Parish Planning statement ref impact on amenity of neighbouring properties – and contrary to the representations of Ward Cllr Paul Gaskell.

Reasons for objection – increased size involving living space encroaching on neighbour’s boundary and privacy, size and dominance overbearing, plus impact of swimming pool, amenity area immediately adjacent to neighbours. Cllr Gaskell requested and achieved request that swimming pool pump be moved away from boundary.

## 7.2 BDBC Local Plan

- i Five-year land supply BDBC cannot currently show a five-year land supply. Hopefully it may be re-gained in November, but until such time its housing policies are considered out of date. The exception is for Neighbourhood Plan areas adopted within the last two years who have undertaken their own site selection.
- ii The Local Plan Review process has formally begun and the Call for Sites completed. (See **APPENDIX IV** for current timetable.) BDBC don’t yet know by how much the Government methodology for calculation will increase the borough housing figures – they are modelling most-likely scenarios. An increase is expected and, particularly with Manydown behind schedule, it is likely more sites will be needed.
- iii Paul Gaskell reported the reduction of phosphate levels in the Loddon. Following a successful trial at the Chineham sewage works, the process to remove phosphates from the water has been made permanent with test result showing levels to be down on previous. This would seem to reduce an argument – in this respect – that increased housing impacts negatively on the Loddon. There remains direct run-off from phosphate sources such as car washing, septic tank overflow and agricultural fertilisers.
- iv The incinerator is 25 years’ old. Paul Gaskell said that there are some emissions but the Borough is responsible for dealing with its own waste (as well as that imported). He noted that many modern plastics are designed to burn – and once the incinerator reaches a critical heat the combustion is self sustaining. He also noted there had been two major fires at the site due to batteries being dumped in the waste.  
NOTE Incinerator open day on 21st September.
- v ‘A climate crisis’ was declared at Full Council meeting on Thursday 18th July. BDBC councillors voted unanimously to declare a climate emergency in the borough in a bid to reduce its carbon footprint... the borough council has pledged to work towards making Basingstoke and Deane a zero-carbon area by 2030.

AGREED: To seek feedback on means for Parish Councils to help work towards this.

## 7.3 CountryWatch

Reforming with new members. Meeting Wednesday 14th August. John Ashworth representing Newnham Parish Council, Peter James will also attend.

## 7.4 Hart Local Plan – Final consultation on Inspector’s recommendations

Hart DC has published ‘Proposed Main Modifications’ to the ‘Local Plan Strategy and Sites 2016-2032 (Proposed Submission Version) February 2018’ for consultation between 5th July and Monday 19th August 2019. Further details including consultation material at [www.hart.gov.uk/local-plan-proposed-modifications](http://www.hart.gov.uk/local-plan-proposed-modifications).’

This is the final consultation, prior to adoption, to confirm the Inspector’s recommended changes to the Submission Local Plan as agreed with Hart. These include removing the Gap Policy and removing the New Settlement Policy SS3.

## 7.5 Shapley Heath Garden Village

Hart has achieved funding from Government’s Garden Communities programme to progress with its proposed new settlement (**APPENDIX V**).

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**8 THE GAP****8.1 Heritage Footpath Leaflet** *See public session* (and **APPENDIX VI**)

AGREED The Footpath leaflet has the full support of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council wishes to thank Harry Haydon and Nigel Bell for the work and time put into preparing the leaflet. Thanks also to members of HAAO for their support.

**8.2 Report from Hook Neighbourhood Planning team**

- i Parish Boundary – Hook Neighbourhood Planning Team and Hook Planning Officer have discussed the request and agreed – that it would not impact the Neighbourhood Plan and that Hook PC should do whatever necessary to support it. Intention to discuss with Ward Councillors – awaiting return from holiday etc.

ACTION Clerk to follow up with Hook PC and Hook Ward Councillors.

- ii Hook Neighbourhood Plan – Feedback from the Inspector. The Plan remained pretty much intact once he had reviewed it which is amazing given most are significantly changed. It is hoped that Hook Cabinet meeting of 1st August recommend that the Plan go to referendum so it would be made in the next few months.

- iii Hook Parish Sign – Moving the Hook sign is more troublesome than expected as Highways cannot find a piece of land big enough for the sign. Request to Highways to move the sign and leave the legs so a Newnham sign can be added in due course.

**8.3 Lengthsman** Clerk seeking agreement with Hook for LM hours to assist with 'GAP' projects. Also to maintain Old School Road triangle and bench.**9 ROADS AND HIGHWAYS****9.1 A30 Speed limit** – Jo Wright continuing to seek updates, waiting on news from HCC.**9.2 SE Water** – Replacement main in Newnham, Newnham Rd officially closed for three months.**10 FINANCE****10.1 Income received since last meeting**

Grant from Cllr Still's devolved budget towards Water End Planters – £500.00

**10.2 Regular Standing Orders**

28/06/2019	SO	Clerk salary June 2019	£309.25
28/07/2019	SO	PGGM LM July 2019	£1300.00
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**10.3 Cheques** i. agreed and signed prior to meeting

22/06/19	HALC	HALC+ NALC subs	749	£261.00
22/06/19	ST for NFU Mutual	Mower (tractor) insurance	750	£179.45
22/06/19	ST for Came&Co	PC Insurance	751	£537.69
22/06/19	Roy Wood	Moles 21 Mar - 20 June 2019	752	£150.00
22/06/19	Peter Brown	Internal audit 2018/19	753	£50.00
22/06/19	Assert Property Services	Bus shelter modification	754	£180.00
18/07/19	ST for Go Daddy	Internet name registration two yrs	756	£41.04
18/07/19	ST for Altay Ali	Waterend sleepersx15-postsx4	757	£214.00
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18/07/19	PGGM	Waterend planters less LMhrs	758	£768.00
18/07/19	Richard Fouracre	Green mowing July 2019	759	£126.00

ii. agreed and signed at meeting

31/07/19	Pauline Hedges	Plants for raised beds (contribution)	760	£50.00
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**10.4 Accounts to date** see **APPENDIX VII****10.5 Audit 2018/19** Newnham subject to full audit (random 5%). Noted the pub planning appeal costs made 2018/19 accounts out of the ordinary. External auditors PKF Littlejohn.**10.6 Clerk's Salary**

AGREED Clerk's salary to be increased to £15 per hour.

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**11 GREEN AND POND**

- i. Maintenance – Richard Wilson reported Parish Council mower isn't sufficient powerful to cut the Green, been using Richard's own mower but problems with breakdown. Thanks to Richard Fouracre for stepping in to cut the Green, and Steve Brookes for strimming the sightlines. The 'moles' contract has been suspended for July and August. Now at £50 per month, this is a big percentage of the Green budget.
- ii. Pond project – Peter James is drafting a Ponds project – required to claim for S106 funding – with the help of the National Amphibian and Reptile Recording Scheme (NARRS).

AGREED A Plan is needed for the Green which relates to the Parish Council's duty to promote biodiversity, and to BDBC's climate emergency and pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030.

**12 WATEREND**

**12.1 Bus shelter** Design modification – the gaps around the base have been boarded due to feedback that draughty and cold. The shelter is awaiting an application of wood-treatment.

**12.2 Raised beds** Pauline Hedges has reported the raised beds to be a success with thanks to County Cllr Elaine Still for a contribution of £500 from her devolved budget. Thanks also to Jason Ebury of Premier Grounds and Garden Maintenance for sourcing the reclaimed sleepers. Paul Gaskell and Pauline Hedges will submit photographs and a report to Cllr Still. **(APPENDIX VIII)**

*'Adding the raised beds has created an extra garden space as well as making a dismal bit of scrub land into a pleasant place to linger whilst waiting for a bus.*

*'It is also performing another function – giving people a common point of discussion and comment and in time bringing people together physically – with plans for monthly coffee morning at the Y Knot Inn for a general chat followed by a slight – very slight! – detour to look at the beds, pull out any weeds and pinch the fragrant herbs to enjoy the aroma and even take a sprig or two to add to that night's cooking.*

*'I have bigger plans to create a raised bed area on a piece of scrub land inside the Park and grow a salad crop free to all passing by but becoming a focal point for people living alone or feeling alone to meet up to share a common purpose and moments of companionship.*

*'That donation of hard cash is turning into a genuinely living testament to the generosity of the council and our councillor, Elaine Still, in particular and can be enjoyed not just by those waiting for a bus but all those travelling past on the busy A30. In Water End money does grow – maybe not on trees -but certainly on lavender and sage bushes!' Pauline*

June James noted that for new raised beds she can donate seed from her Plant Heritage project (which cannot be kept after the end of the year).

**13 BARRACKS**

**13.1 General** – Paul Gaskell reported all the new houses at Highfield to be occupied. Complaint received regarding car parking in the lane from business premises. Noted difficult to avoid when car businesses located there. Re Furze Platt, owner Ken Woodland recently died, grandsons racing Minis (stock cars) up and down the drive.

**13.2 External lighting / security lighting** – Question raised by resident earlier in the year as follows (check present situation).

*'Security lights from Fosters Business Park... These are several very large LED type lights... They are not shielded or blinkered so the light does spread a great deal... Foster's Yard is now a bright light in the dark sky and detracts from the general area. The bright white light spreads upwards into the trees creating an urban glow that affects the dark sky and reduces star visibility. Whilst only a small section in comparison to street lighting, in an area with little other lighting it has a big effect.'*

**14 NEXT MEETING** – tba

*Meeting closed 9.05pm with thanks to all present.*

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