



Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

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**Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022
At 7.30pm at Ellingham Church Hall, Ibsley BH24 3PJ**

Present:

Cllr Wilson (Chair)
Cllr Errington (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Blake
Cllr Burtenshaw
Cllr Loader
Cllr Taylor

In attendance:

CCllr Michael Thierry
DCllr Emma Lane
Parish Clerk, Joanna Ramsay
Speaker, Elizabeth Loving
2 members of the public

The Chair decided to alter the agenda and asked that item 1 be discussed after items 2, 3 and 4 of the planned agenda

- 2. 22/02/202 To accept and receive apologies for absence**
None received.

- 3. 22/02/203 Declarations of pecuniary and other Interests in relation to the agenda**
Cllr Burtenshaw declared an interest in agenda item 9 (iv) in relation to the Welcome to Harbridge signs.

- 4. 22/02/204 To agree the minutes of the Council meeting of the 23rd November 2021 a true and accurate record**
It was **proposed** by Cllr Burtenshaw and **seconded** by Cllr Taylor that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd November 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

- 1. 22/02/205 Rural Affordable Housing Presentation – Elizabeth Loving**
Elizabeth Loving and Matthew Steele attended the meeting to talk to the Parish Council about affordable housing in the parish area, indicating that a housing needs analysis/survey would have to be undertaken. The Chair asked what the role of the Parish Council would have in relation to that. The interest and initiative should come from the Parish Council in discussion with Catherine

Chairman

Date

Bonnett (Housing Initiatives Manager) at NFDC as well as possibly a financial contribution to the survey.

A brief discussion was had about the data available already and how to capture the data of some specific groups. Question was raised about locations and whether the survey would cover the NFNPA area as well as the NFDC areas. The previous housing needs analysis/survey, what issues arose last time and how/why the approach should be different this time was also discussed.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Blake and **seconded** by Cllr Burtenshaw that a sub group be created to work with NFDC on affordable housing. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

5. 22/02/206 Public Forum

All members of the public present left after the discussion on affordable housing. Nothing further raised.

The Chair decided to alter the agenda and asked that item 11 be discussed ahead of item 6 of the planned agenda

11. 22/02/207 County/District Matters

DCllr Lane reported that NFDC have set their budget, the precept will rise by £5.00 per annum for a Band D property (an increase of 2.75%). DCllr Lane also wanted to raise awareness of an air quality consultation that is currently underway, ending 1st April and wished to provide a reminder that sky lanterns are banned in the New Forest (since 2015). This could perhaps be put into a newsletter to remind residents. NFDC are also thinking of hiring a Climate Officer for the future. DCllr Lane thanked the Parish Council (as a resident) for sorting out the tree on Shaves Green which would have probably fallen down this weekend if it had been left.

The Chair decided to alter the agenda again and asked that item 9 (iii) be discussed ahead of item 6 of the planned agenda

9. 22/02/208 Community Matters

(iii) Kent Lane Traffic Issues

DCllr stated that a stakeholder meeting was held recently, and the concerns put forward by Cllr Burtenshaw this week have been raised directly with Ian Ackerman (NRSWA Permit Scheme Manager/Traffic Manager) at Hampshire Highways.

Unsuitable vehicles are using the road as well as an excessive amount of traffic who are using the road as an alternative route. The problems have been exacerbated since the start of the A31 improvement works. The road

is narrow, with unplanned passing areas and bends with poor visibility. A discussion was had about how to resolve/reduce the issues raised. The Parish Council can not forbid traffic to use the road but request that width white lines are painted on the road and that the promised verge protection posts are put in place as a visual deterrent. It is apparent that the current signs in place are having no effect. The Parish Council would rather see a weight restriction on the road and 'No HGVs' signs put up instead. It was accepted that ditch renovation could not be undertaken at this time because of other highways priorities following storm damage and the work on the A31.

Action: Cllr Thierry to follow up with Hampshire Highways

Cllr Errington raised that the Highways departments have known about Kent Lane and its appropriateness as an alternative route to the A31, however it was never addressed. The feasibility study done in relation to the A31 roadworks was not extended far enough locally.

6. 22/02/209 Finance

(i) Payment of Accounts Nov - Feb 2021

Payments to be sanctioned are:

24/11/2021	All Saints Church	Grant	£1,000.00
24/11/2021	St Martin's Churchyard	Grant	£400.00
24/11/2021	Crosslanes Chapel	Grant	£400.00
24/11/2021	Ellingham Church Hall	Grant	£600.00
24/11/2021	Ibsley Village Hall	Grant	£336.00
24/11/2021	Ibsley & District Hort Society	Grant	£400.00
24/11/2021	New Forest Disability Service	Grant	£500.00
29/11/2021	RTS Fencing	Ditch & Dragons Teeth work	£5,880.00
06/12/2021	Joanna Ramsay	Clerk Salary (monthly)	£787.48
06/12/2021	Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual Support Contract 18/10/21 to 18/10/22	£151.20
06/12/2021	Treemenders	Fell tree on Shaves Green	£420.00
14/12/2021	NFDC	GIS Payment (Oct 21 to Sept 22)	£125.00
30/12/2021	Unity Trust	Service Charge	£18.00
06/01/2022	Joanna Ramsay	Clerk Salary (monthly)	£724.65
06/01/2022	Friends of Ellingham	Hall Hire for Qtr Oct to Dec 2021	£100.00
06/01/2022	Greenbarnes Ltd	Noticeboard Replacements	£4,663.29
13/01/2022	HMRC	PAYE (October to December 2021)	£307.45
13/01/2022	ICO	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
06/02/2022	Joanna Ramsay	Clerk Salary (monthly)	£724.65
22/02/2022	Joanna Ramsay	Clerk Expenses	£111.97
22/02/2022	Cllr Errington	Cllr Expenses (Oct to Dec)	£279.93

TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY

£17,969.62

It was **proposed** by Cllr Taylor and **seconded** by Cllr Loader that the above payments listed be sanctioned. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

(ii) To review bank account balances

Clerk advised that the bank balances are as below:

Current A/C as at 17 th February 2022	£6,744.71
Instant Access A/C as at 17 th February 2022	£57,435.43
Dodington A/C	£851.36

The Reserve Account and the Dodington Trust account balances have increased very slightly due to the payment of interest in line with the recent changes to the interest rate. The Current Account has significantly decreased since the last meeting due primarily to the payment of the grants, the noticeboards and the dragon's teeth works.

It was noted that the four new noticeboards look very good, and thanks are recorded to Cllr Errington and the Lengthsman, Marcus Noke, for their efforts on this.

7. 22/02/210 Parish Council Matters

(i) To agree Planning Committee recommendations from 14th December 2021 and 8th February 2022

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Loader to accept the recommendations from the Planning Committee from 14th December 2021. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Taylor to accept the recommendations from the Planning Committee from 8th February 2022. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

Cllr Burtenshaw raised that the recommendations have no discussion notes as such and requested this be reviewed. Chair stated that comments have been received from residents about the number of Planning Committees we have had to cancel this year, and it is not giving us a good image. We are constrained by the statutory guidance and the future format of the committees will need to be discussed.

Action: Clerk to put on next agenda

(ii) To agree a corporate format for Letterheads, Templates, Etc – Design Book

Thanks were recorded to Cllr Blake for creating the Design Book which had previously been circulated by email.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Taylor and **seconded** by Cllr Errington to adopt the Design Book. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

(iii) Newsletter and Annual Parish Meeting Plan

It was agreed that the newsletter should follow the Design Book style and that the number of pages will have to be increased to cover all that needs to be included, as it has been over two years since the last newsletter. Chair requested all Councillors write and send in their pieces by 15th March 2022 so that they can be collated into a newsletter by the Clerk.

Clerk stated that approaches have been made to NE, the National Trust and the Safer Neighbourhood Team so far to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. Chair reminded Councillors that there is only one meeting between this one and the Annual Parish Meeting.

8. 22/02/211 Environmental Matters

(i) To review the ditch digging work undertaken, decide what needs to be done in the future and determine if any permissions are needed

Cllr Errington provided an update on the ditch work that has been completed and stated that the corner around Newtown Lane would need to be done next. Clerk reminded Councillors that this item is also about communication with residents, there has been both negative and positive feedback to the ditch work. It is prudent to write to all the residents in the nearby areas when the work will happen. Cllr Burtenshaw stated that ditch work should be classed as routine maintenance and it should be done every year, using the newsletter to inform residents.

On that subject of informing residents, Chair stated that a meeting was held with NE at the end of January and options were discussed about how to protect the verges along South Gorley Road and up to/including South Gorley Green. Cllr Errington explained the proposals but NE consent is required.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Errington to create a mapping plan and NE consent request

(ii) Moyles Court Oak

Cllr Loader reported that the ditch around the Moyles Court Oak needs to be cleared again, he has been in contact with Malcolm Lambert and further investigation is needed. Cllr Loader has also received a quote for the biochar work from Apex, at £1,800.00 including VAT. Apex are confident that injecting the biochar will work, it is considered to be a last attempt to try and rescue the historic tree.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Loader and **seconded** by Cllr Burtenshaw to accept the quote provided by Apex and go ahead with the biochar injection. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

(iii) Lengthsman Tasks - March

Cllr Errington stated that a quote should have been received from the Lengthsman to stabilise the ditch outside of Hockeys Farm by the 'Brambles' gate end by putting in a low level concrete fencing system.

Action: Clerk to chase up and add to the List

Cllr Loader requested that the ditch next to the Moyles Court Oak be cleared again by the Lengthsman.

Action: Clerk to add to the List

9. 22/02/212 Community Matters

(i) RunThrough Events x Hampshire Running Festival – Potential 2022 Opportunity

The Chair stated that this refers back to a request we received before Christmas about holding a running event ending in Rockford. Councillors discussed the request and felt that with the A31 roadworks encouraging more cars and people into the area would not be a good thing.

Action: Clerk to advise the event hosts accordingly.

(ii) Tree Felling in Mockbeggar Lane

Cllr Errington stated that the trees have been cutback due to Ash dieback, it does look rather rash but it has all been cut back at once. It was work that needed to be done as it was overhanging the road, hopefully it will not be long before new growth (but not the ashes) is seen coming through again.

(iv) Welcome to Harbridge signs

Cllr Burtenshaw explained that currently there are no signs in Harbridge, the idea being to put one at the top of Kent Lane, one near the church, one on North End Lane and one on Bleak Hill. Cllr Burtenshaw shared pictures of the proposed signs. All signs are to be placed on private land, which does not need HCC approval. Mandy Ware from HCC has been consulted and they have no objection if the Parish Council is in full agreement with it. The next step is to get planning permission for the signs as they are bigger than 0.3 sq.m. It will cost £460 for the application but half that if the Parish Council apply. Harbridge Protection Society want the signs to go ahead as proposed.

Cllr Taylor questioned whether the places of the signs denoted any boundaries, was there any significance in their location? Cllr Burtenshaw stated that the locations were chosen due to landowner agreement and it helps delineate the built up area. Question was also raised about the style of the sign and whether there was a need to keep a consistency across the parish. It was felt the sign style would give Harbridge a unique identity.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Burtenshaw and **seconded** by Cllr Blake that the Parish Council should apply for planning permission for these signs. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

Cllr Blake left the meeting at this point, 9.28pm

*Chair requested that Standing Orders be suspended, proposed by Cllr Loader and seconded by Cllr Taylor at 9.30pm. **ALL IN FAVOUR.***

(v) Queens Jubilee Event

Clerk raised this is an agenda item to determine if the Parish Council are going to partake in an event of some description. A discussion was had and it was noted that the Parish Council could offer support to an event through a grant. CCllr Thierry stated that there is also some County funding available, but to be mindful about planting trees as the Verderers have raised some resistance to this idea.

Action: Councillors to send any ideas for an event to the Clerk and Clerk to put on March agenda

10. 22/02/213 Crime in the Parish

Nothing reported.

12. Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 7.30pm

There being no other business to be transacted the meeting closed at 9.38pm.

Dates of 2021/22 EH&I PC meetings starting at 7.30 pm:

Planning Committee
8th March

Council
22nd March

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council Recommendations
From Tuesday 8th February 2022

Planning Applications

- (i) **NFDC 21/11569 Darvole, 37 Harbridge Green, Harbridge, BH24 3PT**
Side extension and remodel

Recommend PAR1 (PERMISSION, for the reasons listed, but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated power) to NFDC.

Reasons for recommendation:

- The Parish Council feels the remodelling of the proposed extension is generally less over-bearing to the thatched element than that proposed in 20/1117
- Concern was raised about the ridge height of the proposed extension, however, which was thought should not exceed that of the higher part of the thatched roof. Despite the hip roof and reduced width of extension on the streetscene (S elevation) it was felt the roof height / ridge still creates over-massing on this elevation
- No floor area calculations are advised and the Parish Council want to be assured that the net increase in habitable floorspace does not exceed the 30% limit of DM20
- It is disappointing that neither a D&A statement or CMS were submitted. As with the previous application, the Parish Council believes they should be required to advise how the project would be managed. As a minimum, the Council request a condition that all materials, equipment, spoil and contractors' vehicles should be stored/parked within the site boundary, to minimise damage to the adjacent verges
- The Application Form (5. *Materials*) advises that the external walls will be 'white painted brick'. If this is the intention, it would draw unwarranted attention to the extension and detract from and be out of keeping with the bare brickwork form of the thatched element. Information about other proposed materials / finishes is very limited, which is also a concern. A more sympathetic solution is suggested using reclaimed bricks and roof tiling
- Any external lighting design should incorporate PIR control and be subject to NFDC approval to give minimum spill and minimise light pollution

- (ii) **NFDC 22/10070 Land at Hamer Warren, Somerley**
Variation of Planning Permission 20/11073

Recommend PAR4 (REFUSAL) to NFDC in principle, subject to conditioning as below.

Reasons for recommendation:

- The proposed rectangular battery storage containers and peripheral additional equipment would add further a further alien element to the rural area
- The Parish Council requests that the containers should be painted in an appropriate camouflage scheme with permanent hedgerow planting to

screen the compound from viewpoints, subject to NFDC approval and confirmation of completion

Note: On discussion with the Planning Officer, it has been agreed to change this recommendation to PAR1 (PERMISSION, for the reasons listed, but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated power) to NFDC. Subject to their given assurance that hedgerow screening/suitable painting of the compound area units will be conditioned. This will be subject to NFDC approval and oversight.

(iii) NFNPA 21/01101 Fetlocks Farm, Linford Road, Shobley, BH24 3HT

Replacement dwelling; 1no.detached outbuilding; demolition existing dwelling and 1no. attached outbuilding

Recommend Option 1 (PERMISSION for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated power)

Reasons for recommendation:

- It was considered that the existing dwelling did not have any significant architectural merit
- A revised elevation drawing (*ST767-04b, 08.02.22*) was produced by the planning agent at the Parish Council planning meeting showing a reduction of proposed ridge heights and small reduction in floor area from the previous proposal. The Council understands this comes from discussion with the planning officer. While the changes are welcome in helping reduce the massing of the proposed dwelling, some concern was expressed about the impact of the building on the setting despite largely being within the footprint of the existing dwelling
- It was also considered to not particularly reflect a design traditional to the area
- Assurance that the proposed habitable floor area would comply with DP36 is requested
- Any external lighting should incorporate PIR control and be subject to NPA approval, to give minimum spill and minimise light pollution
- A condition requiring all materials, equipment, spoil and contractors' vehicles to be stored/parked within the site boundary to minimise damage to the SSSI verges is requested