

## Minstead Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of Minstead Parish Council  
The Surgery, Minstead Village Hall  
**Monday 1 December 2014**

**Present:** Cllrs W Andrews (Chair), H Bennett, M Bridle, S Cattell, A Ferguson, P Glover, R Taylor.

**In attendance:** Cllr K Mans (HCC), Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC), P Osborne (Clerk), PC Rob Morant, Mr G Peacey, Mr R Nicholas, Ms D Wakelin, Mr S Fisher, Mr S Barriball, Mr A Banks, Mr J Stanwyck, .

### 1. Public Participation Period

PC Morant reported that there had recently been one burglary from a dwelling in Minstead and four from outbuildings in Fritham. Alarm padlocks can still be purchased from NFDC. Regarding the recent killing of four donkeys on Forest roads, only one motorist has reported hitting one donkey. It is hoped that animal deaths will be reduced by the recent introduction of infrared cameras to catch speeding motorists at night in the New Forest.

*[PC Morant left meeting at 19.38]*

Mr Glenn Peacey (Broadband Programme Manager, HCC) and Robin Nicholas (Project Manager, BT) had been invited to explain the delays in delivery of Faster Broadband to Minstead residents. Mr Peacey presented an overview of upgrade programme that promises 90%+ coverage by end 2015. Mr Nicholas gave details of what is involved in providing fibre cable. 'SuperFast Broadband' is > 24Mg/s and will be available to households within 1.2km wire length of the cabinet at Malwood. There is provision for self-funding for householders outside the area covered.

There was criticism expressed by those present re lack of information and unrealistic completion dates. Cllr Mans emphasised that HCC is the client of BT and HCC is embarrassed and dismayed by the overrun in BT's schedule.

*[Mr Peacey, Mr Nicholas, Mr Fisher, Mr Barriball, Mr Banks and Mr Stanwyck left the meeting at 20.20]*

### 2. Apologies for Absence

None

### 3. Declarations of Interests

None

### 4. To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3 November 2014

These were agreed and signed.

### 5. Matters Arising

- Precept Request for 2015-2016 [Item 14]: Request had been submitted for £9,500 Spending Requirement (£9335 Precept + £165 Grant) as agreed at last meeting.
- Refurbishment of Footpath 5 [Item 16]: Work is finished, path can now be walked in ordinary shoes and many plaudits have been received. Clerk to inform John Cartwright (HCC) that refurbishment is completed. Clerk will finalise accounts for this project when final invoice (for gravel) is received.

### 6. Items Ongoing

- Parking for Trusty Servant customers: No progress. **Ongoing**
- Possible defibrillator in Minstead: Research ongoing. There are no 1st Responders in Minstead so need to know response time of 1<sup>st</sup> Responders from elsewhere. Council will support purchase if cost not too great. It is hoped that local businesses might contribute. Decision to be made at next meeting. **Ongoing**
- Cleaning War Memorial: Cllr Cattell to do steam cleaning. **Closed**
- Bridleway 15 – consideration of grant for improvements: No progress. **Ongoing**
- Spoil from new ditch along Lyndhurst Rd (above Old Court House): Cllr Bridle explained that ditch is too close to road so spoil has collapsed and blocked culvert - solution would be to extend pipe. Cllr Cattell to ask Lengthsman to clear pipe as short-term solution. **Ongoing**

- Eroded edges on roads: No response from R Bastow. Clerk to send reminder, cc R Millar, Cllr Mans. **Ongoing**
- Bridleway 10 Phase 2: No progress. **Ongoing**
- Drainage – mapping to show culverts and where standing water on roads: **Ongoing.**

## 7. Reports from County and/or District Councillor

### Cllr K Mans (HCC)

- HCC currently has two active consultations seeking consumer feedback on *Short Breaks for Disabled Children* and on *Youth Support Service*.

### Cllr Mrs Andrews (NFDC)

- UK has one of the highest rates in the industrialised world of children living in poverty - one in three. *Hampshire Child Poverty Needs Assessment (2011)* shows that the New Forest appears 10 times in the top 20 areas with high levels of child poverty in Hampshire. Knowing the profound impact of poverty on the child, their family, and the rest of society, Cllr Mrs Andrews has joined a task and finish group to see how NFDC can determine the extent of the problem and how to combat it.
- She has attended a training session for *Dementia Friends*, a national initiative run by *Alzheimer's Society*. Funded by government, *Dementia Friends* aims to improve people's understanding of dementia and its effects, in order to create dementia-friendly communities. She recommends this training.

[Cllr Mans left meeting at 20.56]

## 8. Report from Lengthsman

During November jobs done included:

- At War Memorial (prior to Armistice Day): weed stone and well cap; tidy and clear fallen leaves.
- Two mobile wet-weather patrol checks of Minstead.
- Clear blocked drain at Woodside and ditch at Woodside.
- Check drain at Furzy Gardens.

Cllr Bennett reported redundant iron poles by roadside that Hampshire Highways should collect. She will take photos which Clerk will send to R. Bastow, cc R Millar, Cllr Mans.

## 9. Report from Councillors' Surgeries

Appreciation of improvements to Church Footpath. Otherwise very quiet recently.

## 10. Reports from Parish Representatives

- Village Hall – Management Committee confirmed that they are responsible for Recycling area. NFDC cleaned this recently but there is now broken glass on the ground plus abandoned cardboard boxes.

## 11. Planning

### **NPA Decisions**

**00741** Land south of Thatched Cottage, Blackwater. Replacement field shelter with hay store. **Grant**

**00791** Belwood Cottage, Emery Down. Two storey extension including balcony; single storey extension; roof alterations; replacement 3bay garage block. **Grant**

**00807** 1 Seamans Cottage. Garage conversion to create study/store; insulation, render and rear canopy to main dwelling. **Grant**

### **New Planning Applications**

None

### **Trees**

R14/15/14/1261 **Old Off Licence. Fell or make safe one oak tree.** [For information only]

## 12. Correspondence

E-mail correspondence previously circulated:

- HALC: Election of new Board Members at AGM (6 Dec 2014).
- HALC: Information on small grants available from HCC’s *Community Challenge Fund*.
- NFNPA: Tree work applications - clarification of consultation process.
- HCC: Proposed removal of lay-by at junction A337/ Brockishill Road.
- HCC: Police and Crime Panel Report on Rural Crime. **Comment – Clerk to ask PC Morant what purpose Hampshire Alert serves – why has it been introduced?**

**Other correspondence:**

- None

**To Read:**

- *Local Councils Update* (November 2014)

**13. Finance**

- Receipts & Payments for November 2014:

		£	£
<b>Bank Balance at 30.11.2014</b>			<b>15,741.63</b>
<b>Standing Order payments for November:</b>			
Salaries and expenses		390.88	
<b>Cheques to pay:</b>			
New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau: Donation		50.00	
Lee Byford: Restoration work on Church Footpath		1,300.00	
P.Osborne: Expenses during Sep, Oct, Nov			
Admin expenses for September	34.10		
Admin expenses for October	33.90		
Admin expenses for November	20.90		
Union flag (purchased September @ £80.19 + £16.04 VAT)	96.23		
Total	185.13	185.13	
<b>Total payments for November</b>		<b>1,926.01</b>	<b>1,926.01</b>
<b>Balance after payments</b>			<b>13,815.62</b>

Payments proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Glover and agreed.

**14. Proposal for Update to NFNP Management Plan 2015-20: To evaluate and develop a strategic cycle network through the National Park**

Draft response from Parish Council with individual covering letters to NFNPA plus distribution list had been circulated by Cllr Taylor. Agreed that this response be sent as per draft and that it be posted on Minstead Village Website together with information on how others can comment.

**15. Glebe Field**

A proposal for installation of removable/lowerable bollards to prevent illegal vehicular entry had been put to Council last year by the owners of Glebe Field [See page 789 Minutes September 2013, Item 3]. The owners were then going to find out whether this would require planning permission, but they have not reported back. Cllr Glover has now drafted a letter to CDA for discussion with owners initially; Cllr Bennett will contact owners.

**16. Matters raised by Councillors**

- Next *Minstead Mail* planned for January. Contributions requested.
- Flooding in Seamans Lane after rain probably due to blocked drain. Cllr Cattell to report to Rob Millar.
- Mud on road by Greenacres caused by vehicles pulling over on verge to get past a car that is frequently parked there: Cllr Bridle to ask owner of field to ask tenants not to park where they cause an obstruction. Cllr Cattell to ask Rob Millar to dig drainage channel there and also outside Perry’s Farm.

- Broken dragons teeth: Cllr Bridle to check and replace where necessary at Seamans Corner. Cllr Andrews on behalf of the Hall Management Committee asked Cllr Bridle to replace those broken or missing outside Village Hall.
- New street light on Village Green has been on continuously, 24 hours/day: Clerk to report this to HCC.
- Cllr Bridle has rodded culvert under road from Castle Malwood Park Farm to Top Green and water now flowing. Cllr Cattell to ask Rob Millar to keep it clear.
- Inspection of Parish Council trees has been carried out by Geoff Green. His report lists two actions. Cllr Cattell to ask Daniel Roberts to quote for this work. If quote is acceptable, Clerk to contact NFNPA Trees Officer.
- Village Christmas tree – Cllr Cattell to contact Mike Abbott re tree. Andy Chatwin has lights ready.

**17. Date of next Ordinary Meeting: Monday 5 January 2015 at 19.30**

Meeting closed at 21.45