



# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

**Date** Tuesday 12th July 2011 **Venue** Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall **Commencing** 8pm

**Present Chairman** Roger Booth

**Parish Councillors** Jeff Ford, Nigel Bell, Ian Riley, Sheyne Bauermeister

**Clerk** Susan Turner; **Guests** PC Reid; Ward Cllr Stephen Marks; Mr Neil Young, Commissioning Manager of Rowan Lodge Care Home **Parishioners** 1

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Mann
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None
- 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** agreed as a true record of the meeting of 19th May 2011; proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Chairman, carried unanimously.
- 4 BEAT OFFICER'S REPORT** The Chairman thanked PC Reid for attending on his day off.
  - 4.1 Clubroom opening** PC Reid has accepted the Clubroom Committee's invitation to officially open the Clubroom, planned for Friday 7th October at the Harvest Supper.
  - 4.2 Recent incidents and crime report**
    - 4.2.1 Reported incidents since 19th May 2011**
      - 19 May Report of railway clothing at Nately Scures; stolen from London, returned to Rail Track.
      - 20 May Report of suspicious van at house nr Hotel; found at hotel, all in order.
      - 24 May Complaint of dangerous driving on A30.
      - 26 May Bedroom broken into at hotel; staff living accommodation so classed as burglary dwelling.
      - 06 June Suspicious man asking directions on building site at Newnham
      - 17 June Report of dog attacking another dog in Nately Scures.
      - 27 June Abandoned 999 call from house in Newnham.
      - 28 June Digger seen at 0230 by resident in Crown Lane; all in order, HCC staff.
      - 05 July Falling tree branch smashed car windscreen on A30 at Nately Scures.
    - 4.2.2 Crime report**

Newnham (two):

      - i Criminal damage to vans at building site
      - ii Non dwelling burglary Manor Farm, garden tractor stolen; two men arrested but insufficient evidence to prosecute.

Nately Scures (nine).

      - i Theft from the hotel of necklace, staff bedroom broken into – staff living accommodation so classed as burglary dwelling.
      - ii Car broken into in hotel car park
      - iii Criminal Damage to door in hotel
      - iv-ix Five sheds broken into along A30.
  - 4.3 Speed limit reminder signs** Upton Grey Parish Council is seeking partners to purchase a flashing '30' reminder sign. Chairman to contact Upton Grey Parish Chairman.
  - 4.4 Community Speedwatch** The Chairman said estimated costs for the scheme had been reduced (see 7.7) and the Parish Council was keen to proceed quickly – in partnership with other parishes. This is a HCC initiative so parish partnerships can be cross-district. PC Reid will contact Mr John Cleverley to discover the minimum order he has to place for speed recorders to obtain a bulk discount.
- 5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

**Financial cuts** Cllr Marks warned that the financial situation was to get worse as many BDBC cuts were yet to be implemented and many jobs were not secure.
- 6 PUBLIC SESSION** Neil Young, Commissioning Manager of Rowan Lodge Care Home, talked about plans to integrate the Home into the local community and the schedule of work and events up to opening on 5th September. (See Appendix A for full details.)

ACTION

CLERK

PC REID

<b>7 MATTERS ARISING</b>	ACTION
<b>7.1 HIGHWAYS</b>	
<b>7.1.1 Newnham Road ponds</b> Nothing to report since last meeting.	CLERK
<b>7.1.2 Grit Bin screening</b> Nothing to report since last meeting.	CLERK
<b>7.1.3 Tylney Lane</b>	
7.1.3i <u>Road surface repaired</u> Mon 20th - Wed 23rd June.	
7.1.3.ii <u>Potential longer term solutions</u> to deal with surface water. Chairman's suggestion of a 'dished channel' has been used in Basingstoke and is potentially half the cost of the box culvert and grid previously suggested. Keith Holdsworth is investigating.	CLERK
<b>7.1.4 Kingsbridge End Street nameplate</b> installed 3rd June.	
<b>7.1.5 Signpost top of Crown Lane</b> Basing arm attached 8th June.	
<b>7.2 NEWNHAM GREEN</b>	
7.2.1 <u>Lime tree</u> Martin Gosling has put up a 45 degree support post.	
7.2.2 <u>Highway verges</u> cut 31st May.	
7.2.3 <u>Mowed</u> 1st June, with thanks to Richard Fouracre.	
7.2.4 <u>Edges</u> strimmed by Martin Gosling 8th June.	
7.2.5 <u>Further grass cutting and ditching</u> to be reviewed.	CLERK
<b>7.3 CLUBROOM</b>	
7.3.1 <u>Official opening</u> Scheduled for 7th October, Harvest Supper (see 4.1).	
7.3.2 <u>Car parking</u> Clubroom Committee negotiating with BDBC Planning re surfacing material for disabled parking areas and for area to rear of Clubroom (plastic matting to allow grass to grow through) as this will also be a communal outside space for eg BBQs, with some marked parking bays.	
7.3.3 <u>Parish Council meetings</u> Clerk to request block booking for Parish Council meetings, second Tuesday of alternate months.	CLERK
<b>7.4 HEALTH &amp; SAFETY – REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS</b>	
7.4.1 The Parish Council has a duty in law to demonstrate that it has taken reasonable steps to ensure its contractors comply fully with Health & Safety requirements. Cllr Ford has prepared a Health & Safety Questionnaire (based on document from Sussex CC) which asks contractors to explain how they ensure work is carried out in a safe manner and in accordance with relevant regulations without unnecessary risk to themselves, their employees or the public.	
7.4.2 The Clerk has contacted HALC for advice; the email has been forwarded to Jeff Wickens HALC's Health & Safety Adviser.	CLERK
7.4.3 The Chairman will contact Ron Darley, Clerk for Cliddesden, formerly Tadley Town Council.	CHAIR
<b>7.5 ODIHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL</b> The HCC HOSC (Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee) met on 24th May. The Chairman and Cllr Bell prepared a letter (circulated to councillors) criticising the papers prepared by NHS Hampshire, one of which clearly showed NHS Hampshire had decided before the consultation that it was going to close the Cottage Hospital. Further indication of this was the repeated changing of stated reasons for withdrawing nursing care as the consultation process overcame each initially stated reason. Odiham Cottage Hospital – in its current form – will close on 31st July 2011. The meeting of the Stakeholder Group scheduled for June was postponed at the request of the GP Commissioning Consortium, Calleva, to give them time to explore the 'hybrid' option for OCH which might include nursing care but with a different provider.	
<b>7.6 COMMUNITY PLAN</b> Nothing to report since last meeting.	CLL BAUER- MEISTER
<b>7.7 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH</b>	
7.7.1 <u>Update from BDAPTC meeting of 16th June</u> The volunteer team will need a basic Speed Indicating Device (SID) without a recording function, the lowest price quoted so far (with bulk order discount) is £1,870. Parishes can join to buy one or BDBC potentially has one available for hire. The Police will provide training free of charge. Each Parish team will need a volunteer to take the session records to a police station (presently Basingstoke, Tadley or Whitchurch) and load the details onto police computers. The data is uploaded and matched to the national computer records. The next day the volunteer can print letters to any offenders – on police kit, posted at police cost.	

**8 RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING** provides a lower cost housing option for people with a strong and proven connection with the Parish – it is not a social housing scheme.

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A need for Rural Affordable Housing in Newnham was demonstrated in the survey eight years ago which informed the current Local Plan, also in the housing survey for the current SHLAA. Councillors agreed that the possibilities for a scheme should be investigated, starting with the need for comprehensive and up-to-date data; Chairman will contact BDBC.

CHAIR

A site near to the A30 would give access to public transport. Chairman will contact Lord Malmesbury to ask if he would be willing to offer any land for sale as an 'exception site'.

CHAIR

Clerk to contact Community Action Hampshire (John Lancaster) for more information and with an invitation to the next Parish Council meeting of 13th September.

CLERK

## **9 TRAFFIC CALMING**

### **9.1 A30 coning trial**

9.1.1 Meeting of 6th June in Hook was attended by the Chairman. A report is being prepared as a basis for discussion on the way ahead.

9.1.2 A30 resurfacing has been delayed until 2012, removing pressure for an immediate decision.

9.1.3 Parish Council position The clerk prepared a statement explaining the Parish Council position on the A30 coning trails; the Parish Council is a consultee in this HCC trial.

'The aim of the Parish Council is to reduce traffic speed and the number and severity of accidents on all roads in the Parish. However it believes that reducing the A30 to a single lane in both directions on Scures Hill is not the right way to achieve this, and would have unintended and unwanted consequences. The Parish Council has to consider road safety with respect to the whole Parish and all road users. The Parish Council was initially supportive in principle of Hampshire County Council's traffic calming proposals. However, since the original scheme was discussed, the narrowing scheme on the A30 between Murrell Green and Phoenix Green has come into use and has given a better insight into the unintended and unwanted consequences of such schemes.

'While the narrowing might reduce speeds through the affected section of road it does build up resentment in drivers who are held up by a very slow vehicle through that section, and is likely to lead to dangerous behaviour as soon as two lanes are restored. In particular the eastbound carriageway up Scures Hill is likely to cause serious frustration in this way. Conditions which encourage driver frustration and unsafe overtaking are likely to make roads more dangerous for all users.

'A further concern is that, when road maintenance is required, the A30 would have to be closed in one (or both) directions, forcing all affected traffic onto long diversions or minor roads.

The Parish Council believes that narrowing roads can be a mistake, and supports the installation of a 50mph limit, and the use of a permanent speed camera for the downhill section, as the optimum way to safely moderate excessive speeding on the A30 at Scures Hill.'

**9.2 Newnham Road** BDBC Neighbourhood Development no longer has a Traffic Calming Programme; this is now delivered from HCC. Our new contact is Simon Found; correspondence has been redirected to him with request that he attend a site visit to consider options, including two chicanes in Newnham Road, one in the region of Gardenia to Brambles, one on Newnham side of the Clubroom.

CLERK

### **9.3 Old School Road / Newnham Road Junction**

9.3.1 Site Visit by Keith Holdsworth Wednesday 15th June. Low cost solution suggested by Chairman as follows:

- i Clear weeds and vegetation both sides bridge (including small tree Hook side) and level road edge to give maximum walking space and maximise sight lines. To be kept clear in future as regular maintenance.
- ii Continue line of footpath on Hook side with painted white line over bridge on Hook side to mark off pedestrian area and encourage pedestrians to cross bridge on Hook side.
- iii At the broken white lines where cars give way turning onto the bridge from Newnham Road Hook, redraw these lines to allow the pedestrian white line to continue to the Newnham Road (Hook side) verge.

#### 9.3.2 Timescale

- i Strimming / clearing work has been ordered, schedule within eight to 10 days.
- ii Highways has to commission a minimum amount of white lining work in the area, so this has to be tied in with other jobs... estimate six to eight weeks.

9.3.3 Review of measures Hook Parish Council has asked for the effect of these measures to be monitored, then reviewed later in the year due to concerns about the potential for collisions between vehicles turning right from Newnham into School Road and vehicles wanting to turn right into Newnham Road towards Hook.

ACTION

CLERK

## 10 FINANCE

10.1 Internal audit Completed by Peter Brown on Monday 23rd May.

10.2 External audit form sent to Auditors 15th June (Special Delivery) for 20th June.

10.3 2010/11 accounts available to view from 15th June to 13th July. Electors' rights to inspect the accounts advertised from 1st June on noticeboards, Website and in June Villager.

10.4 2011/12 Accounts Clerk presented summary of this year's accounts to date and bank reconciliation as at 11th June 2011.

10.5 Cheques signed at meeting

474 £40.00 Peter Brown – Internal Audit

475 £40.00 Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall – Meeting room hire for July & September

476 £328.52 – Clerk's salary x 2 months.

10.6 2011/12 Internal audit payment will be increased to £50, agreed unanimously.

## 11 PLANNING

### 11.1 P&I OSCOMs

11.1.1 P&I OSCOM 6th June Cllr Bell presented a paper to the meeting on behalf of the Whitewater Valley Preservation Society; he also circulated reports of presentations/reports by Country Watch, SOLVE, the Save Oakley group, Best for Basingstoke and the prepared motion tabled by the Conservatives. The Committee resolved that:

- i. The 594 homes pa is the maximum figure for house building in B&D.
- ii. The Officers should fully investigate the lowest option presented in the paper (ie 400 homes pa) and report back to the Executive Member for consideration.

11.1.2 P&I OSCOM of 20th and 21st July postponed

Reasons given by Chris Guy in email of 8th July as follows:

- i To allow for consideration of the Government's draft National Planning Framework and the implications for the Core Strategy – expected to be published by the Government in mid-July.
- ii In response to the recommendations of the Planning and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to allow time for officers to investigate the implications of the housing numbers recommended and the Portfolio Holder to consider the officers' findings
- iii In light of the two points above, to allow officers to undertake further work on the options for the distribution of development including more consultation with parish and town councils.

### 11.2 Beehive Farm, Tylney Lane

11.2.1 Pre planning enquiry submitted in Aug 2010 – details forwarded by Hart District Council under the Freedom of Information Act. The proposals are for a new (larger) dwelling, with three options:

- i. a replacement dwelling on the site of the existing cottage,
- ii. a replacement dwelling on the site of existing cottage and a second dwelling at the stables site,
- iii. a new dwelling on the stables site only – this is indicated to be the preferred option.

11.2.2 The Chairman proposed, agreed unanimously, that should a formal application be submitted the Parish Council would request a S106 payment to cover the costs of implementing an effective drainage system to deal with surface water in Tylney Lane.

11.3 **Enquiry re brickworks landfill site** from Ian Heyburn, Basingstoke Radio Car Club on 15th June, seeking permission to use part of the site as an RC Car Track. The Clerk responded that the site belonged to HCC but advised that due to hazardous substances still present (detail provided by Cllr Bell) the Parish Council believed it was not a suitable site for public use and urged extreme caution.

11.4 **New proposals with regard to significant planning applications** The Parish Council emailed a letter on 1st July (copied to HALC) to Cllr Ron Bailey in support of proposals (7th June 2011) of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council and (13th June 2011) Suffolk Coastal Area of Local Councils, under the Sustainable Communities Act, that:

'Major planning applications should, if so requested, be (a) critiqued by a parish-council-appointed expert at the cost of the developer and (b) the developer be expected to respond to questions from the public at a parish council meeting.'

## 11.5 PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 11.5.1 New applications

New application submitted for Brambles, Newnham Road via Planning Portal; no BDB no. as yet.

BDB/74529 & BDB/74530 (listed building consent) (2nd (20th) June 2011) Tylney Lodge, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Erection of single storey side extension (part retrospective).

*Parish Council Response: The slight modification of adding a porch is totally in keeping with the property and this part is not visible from Ridge Lane. The retrospective approval is for the replacement of a wing which was there already before 1999 and the replacement was a considerable improvement in terms of quality of design and materials.*

BDB/74425 (18th May 2011) Hunters, Newnham Lane, Newnham. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential (Area 1) and from agricultural to equestrian (Area 2).

*Parish Council response: Area 1: The Supporting Document cites BDB/69370 in support of the proposed change from agricultural to domestic use. The Parish Council has no objection to the change of use provided the following conditions, also imposed on BDB/69370, are met.*

*'Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (modified 2008) (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) the change of use of the land hereby approved does not benefit from the following permitted development rights: Schedule 2, Part 1 Class A, E, F, H; Schedule 2, Part 2 Class A.*

*Reason: To ensure the appearance of the countryside and the character and appearance of the Conservation Area in accordance with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Local Plan Policies E1, E3 and E6.*

*Area 2. The supporting document states that 'It is proposed to be used for equestrian use, but its character and appearance as a paddock will be unchanged.' The Parish Council understands that 'Equestrian Use' covers the keeping of horses on the land throughout the year but no associated development – which would require further planning permission – and therefore has no objection.*

### 11.5.2 Approved applications

BDB/73919 (9th June, reg 14th April) Unit B, Fosters Business Park. Variation of condition 2 of BDB/39938 to allow revised parking layout and retention of shipping container for storage (retrospective).

*Parish Council Response: No objection subject to the condition that the container must be removed either when SLS vacate the premises or at the end of the lease on 23rd June 2015, whichever the sooner.*

BDB/74165 (19th May, reg 31st March 2011) Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Listed building consent (alter/extend). Reconfiguration of internal layout and upgrading of current heating system, existing fenestration and external pipework. Installation of replacement windows and doors.

*Parish Council Response: Newnham Parish Council supports the conclusions of the Heritage Design & Access Statement. It is the Parish Council's opinion that the changes have been very carefully thought out. The changes to the front of the building will be a significant improvement to the facade facing the Green. The rear changes to the provide French windows will provide significantly more light to what is a rather dark interior and as long as the materials and design is in keeping with the rest of the building the character of the rear exterior will be retained. The internal changes will not have an impact on the locality and will make the home far more suitable for a family in the 21st Century.*

BDB/74131 (18th May, reg 21st March 2011) The Old Rectory, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of a new hardwood orangery to the rear elevation.

## 12 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 Cllr Bell

**12.1.1 The Natural Environment White Paper: Natural Choice securing the value of Nature** (see Defra website). Cllr Bell (with John Fleming of the Whitewater Valley Preservation Society) attended a 12th July conference on the White Paper on behalf of Country Watch & Solve and the WVPS. 'The conference was probably better gone to than not, but was rather disappointing.'

12.1.1.i Prior to the meeting Cllr Bell prepared a critique of the White Paper circulated to all Parish Councillors and Ward Cllrs Godesen and Cubitt. The critique was fully supported by the Parish Council; councillors agreed it should be forwarded to Maria Miller MP.

Cllr Bell commented that it must be recognised that one can't put a value on nature. Developers can assess their costs of building on Green Belt land but it is impossible for environmentalists to put a cost on the loss of that land. The Chairman commented that it is wrong to put a monetary value on environmental and social issues because this gives 'cost' the higher status; sustainable development requires a balance between the needs of the economy, society and the environment.

12.1.1ii There will be no legislation drawn up as a result of the White Paper.

12.1.1iii Cllr Bell will look further into the Rivers Trust with regard to the Lyde/Loddon and also the Whitewater.

ACTION  
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BELL

**12.1.2 Telegraph article of 9th July re a leaked draft of the *National Planning Policy Framework*** due to be published this month. According to the *Telegraph* article the leaked draft: ‘...threatens to unleash development – such as housing and windfarms – across the countryside on a scale never previously contemplated... Planners would be obliged to “proactively drive and support” development and to look to “approve proposals wherever possible”.’

Cllr Bell will email Maria Miller as follows: ‘This forthcoming Government initiative – if true – will completely negate the best intentions in the Natural Environment White Paper: it would be disastrous.... I very, very strongly hope you and other environmentally orientated ministers and MPs will ensure it does not go forward. It indicates a "builders' charter" akin to the Land for Housing Draft Circular X/83 that seemed to bring down the Minister then responsible for housing in 1983/4.’

CLLR  
BELL

## **12.2 Cllr Riley**

### **12.2.1 Bus shelters**

12.2.1i Maintenance Andwell Lane Shelter: the felt at the edges of the roof is breaking and the timber edging is rotting. Clerk to contact Bob Gregory.

CLERK

12.2.1ii Fly tipping Garden waste has been tipped behind the bus shelter at Water End. Clerk to contact Darren Clapson, BDBC Environmental Services Manger to ask the street cleaning team to remove.

CLERK

**12.2.1 Parish Wildlife Map Toolkit** cheese and wine evening, Friday 16th September, 6.45pm, St Leonard’s Centre, Oakley. Invitation from HWT for two Parish Council representatives, circulated by Clerk, 4th July. Clerk to circulate to Parishioners who may be interested in attending; book by 19th August.

CLERK

**12.3 Cllr Ford** Incinerator Panel meeting of 5th July cancelled due to lack of topics for discussion.

## **12.4 Chairman**

12.4.1 The Country Land & Business Association has a number parish council members. Details of membership available at: [http://www.cla.org.uk/Members\\_Area/Joining\\_the\\_CLA/](http://www.cla.org.uk/Members_Area/Joining_the_CLA/). Agreed unanimously that the cost of membership cannot be justified at this time.

12.4.2 BDAPTC meeting of 16th June Discussed Community Speedwatch, estimated costs have be revised downwards, see 7.5. There was an update on Broadband; HCC believes that 80% of Hampshire will have high speed broadband during the life of this Parliament. There are small amounts of government money being made available to Counties. Next meeting 15th September.

**13 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA** Traffic Calming, SpeedWatch, Rural Affordable Housing.

**14 FUTURE MEETINGS** Tuesday 13th September, in Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall; Tuesday November 15th (Clubroom tbc), Tuesday 10th January 2012.

**15 MEETING CLOSED** at 9.50pm.



## APPENDIX A

### PRESENTATION BY NEIL YOUNG, COMMISSIONING MANAGER OF ROWAN LODGE CARE HOME, TO THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 12TH JULY

Mr Young said he believed it to be important to integrate the Care Home and the Community. He had communicated with Roger Booth and Jane Leese and liaised with Robin Howard regarding a regular presence in the *Villager* to keep local people informed. He worked flexible hours and would not live on site but there would always be a member of management staff present in the Home.

Staff The Home had received 700 applications, had been interviewing for the three weeks up to 12th July and will be appointing c 45 staff over the following three weeks. Approximately half the staff live less than 10 miles away. There was a good local response from the *May Villager* notice that the Home would soon be recruiting. New staff will start on 22nd August; for the first week on a training course, then a further week's training at Rowan Lodge.

There will be a second phase of recruitment; when fully staffed the Home will employ c100, with approximately 25 staff working at one time.

Cllr Bell noted that the planning permission had included 20 bedrooms in the roof for staff accommodation, but Mr Young said to date there were no plans to make use of this facility and no staff would be living on site. As Rowan Lodge had received mostly local applications it was content to take this route and contribute to the local economy. Mr Young hoped that in the second round of applications, those who had not been successful the first time would re-apply.

The building will be visited by the Care Quality Commission, to be signed off, on 10th August. The application is for a particular type of registration: 'To provide residential and nursing care for older people.' This usually means 65+ but they can be younger if they have nursing requirements. The Care Quality Commission considers the building's suitability for these residents including Health & Safety.

Traffic The nursing home would use local suppliers who already deliver to the area, for example to Tylney Hall. A minibus, initially supplied by a local taxi firm, would bring staff to and from the Home – following the next recruitment phase, the Home will purchase its own staff transport. Only six to eight key staff would be allocated parking spaces, the remainder were for visitors. There would be about three members of staff arriving at about 7am, and the night shift was 8-8 so there would be no night traffic.

Note: There will be a very busy period w/c 15th August when the beds, furniture and interior decoration is installed. The Chairman requested that the drivers be asked to respect the speed limits. Mr Young said that the interior design company had visited the site and was aware of the restrictions of the roads: he had requested they take the route from the A30 via Crown Lane. The Chairman suggested operating a one way system, approaching via Crown Lane and departing via Newnham; Mr Young will relay this suggestion.

Mr Young also said, in response to Cllr Ford's request, that he had made a point of asking contractors to park on site rather than on the verges at the entrance.

Opening schedules The keys will be handed from the construction company to Forest Care on 12th August. Installing beds and interior decoration would take up to 10 days so by the last week in August people will be able view the Home. The first residents will move in w/c 5th September. An informal buffet lunch and also an evening event is planned for the first week in September for local people to meet staff.

Residents In response to a question from Nancy Bell, Mr Young said he would be very happy if any local residents could find the time to visit and befriend someone in the Home, it was a sad fact that some people did not get visitors – and Heather, the chef made very good cakes.

The Home will provide social activities, three full time staff will be allocated every day to this provision, be it the theatre, the pub, or just reading, gardening, doing housework. In response to a question from Cllr Bauermeister, Mr Young said that the Home sought to replicate the activities and routine the residents followed before they moved in, to help avoid them seeking to return to their previous lives. They were visited in their original homes to help the Home mirror the life they had before: if they liked to rise early in the morning to

work in the garden or do some housework, their activities package and care plan would include these things. There would be areas of the Home with keypads on the doors to prevent residents who suffered from Alzheimer's for example from leaving unattended.

There would be four different communities of residents in the home.

- 1 Twelve people with some memory loss, or in the early stages of dementia.
- 2 Thirteen with dementia requiring nursing care and medication.
- 3 Five requiring residential care.
- 4 Thirty requiring general nursing care.

The Home had arranged with the Hook surgery for a male and female GP to visit on alternate weeks. The home was not registered for people with mental health problems which is very different from dementia.

Security and Lighting In response to a question from Cllr Riley, Mr Young said yes the Home would have CCTV. Also, from 12th August when Rowan Lodge took over the keys, to 5th September when the Home opened – covering the period when all the fittings and fixtures were being put in – there would be security guards on site 12 hours a day. The Chairman said that concerns had been raised at the planning stage about light pollution and could this issue be visited at a later date? Mr Young commented that this was a Home and lots of spotlights would also be disruptive to residents, but would look at feedback as the nights drew in.

The Chairman thanked Mr Young for taking the time to talk with the Parish Council.