

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Date Tuesday 11th January 2011 **Venue** Old Basing Pavilion **Commencing** 8pm

Present Chairman Roger Booth

Parish Councillors Jeff Ford, Nigel Bell, Ian Riley, Sue Mann, Sheyne Bauermeister

Clerk Susan Turner; **Guests** PC Andy Reid, Ward Cllr Sven Godesen, **Parishioners** 0

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE County Cllr Elaine Still, Ward Cllrs Stephen Marks, Onnalee Cubitt

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Interest

- 8. Newnham Road Footway: all Councillors.
- 14.3i Parish Planning Applications BDB/73674/5/6: all Councillors.
- 14.3i Parish Planning Application BDB/73665: Chairman and Cllr Ford.

Prejudicial interest

- 8. Newnham Road Footway: all Councillors.
Chairman, Cllrs Riley and Bauermeister granted dispensation to discuss.
- 14.3i Parish Planning Applications BDB/73674/5/6: all Councillors.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING agreed as a true record of the meeting of 16th November 2010; proposed by Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bell, carried unanimously.

4 BEAT OFFICER'S REPORT PC Andy Reid

4.1 Review of force and cost cutting underway. PC Reid is the only rural officer to have retained his mobile phone.

Chief constable has authorised speed guns with a limited number allocated per division. Signs are required when a police speed check van is operating but not for an officer with a hand held speed gun. The Chairman confirmed (agreed unanimously) that Newnham Parish Council would contribute up to £200 towards funding a hand held speed gun, provided other parishes also contributed.

The chief constable and HCC are also supporting volunteer 'Community Speed Watch' (PC Reid will forward an email regarding this).

4.2 Car accident at Newnham Green on Christmas day left debris lying in the grass in the verge and grass triangle at the top of Crown Lane. Clerk to request Borough Council street cleaning team to remove.

4.3 PC Reid to contact Ravenscroft Volvo re using passing place lane to Barracks for car parking.

4.4 Parish crime/incident report 2010

Newnham

Reported crimes 2008	6	
Reported crimes 2009	7	
<u>Reported crimes 2010</u>	4:	Theft of heating oil (Fosters Business Park); theft from a lorry of parts of the front of the vehicle (Fosters Business Park); car windscreen smashed (Crown Lane); metal container broken into, nothing stolen (Newnham Road).

Other reported incidents 2010 Four damage road traffic incidents (RTIs) (accidents) including one between a car and a sign, another between a car and a tractor; there was also a deer RTI.

Reports of six burglar alarm activations, a loose horse in a garden, a low tree branch and burst water main. A report of a suspicious male who transpired to be from the Railway Company working in the area and of an Asian man seeking money to buy petrol (similar to a report in Mapledurwell). Also reports of concern for welfare of an elderly lady, and a cyclist riding without lights in the dark.

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Reported crimes 2008	17	
Reported crimes 2009	7	
<u>Reported crimes 2010</u>	3	Theft from a car (Country Hotel); theft of a wallet (Country Hotel); theft from a van of tools while the vehicle was parked on the owner's driveway.

Other reported incidents 2010 Mostly on the A30, including sadly a fatal RTI. Also a damage only RTI as a result of ice on the road; a report of a lorry having come off the road, a man standing in the A30 carriageway, an obstruction on the A30.

Reports of eggs thrown at the hotel, door to door sellers, two reports of suspicious incidents, a telephone nuisance complaint and a reported concern for children at a house.

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Water End (including Andwell)

Reported crimes 2008 2

Reported crimes 2009 4

Reported crimes 2010 5

A spate of crimes were reported at Water End Park in the early part of the year. In March a front bumper from a car was stolen along with a garden ornament the same night. In April two garden statues were stolen, in May a further garden statue was stolen.

In August a John Deere tractor worth £37,000 was stolen from Priory Farm in Andwell.

Other reported incidents 2010

Reports of debris on the A30, a broken down car and a damage only RTI, a dead deer on the A30, a noise complaint from a party, a car in the ditch and a female selling Grand National tickets which when checked was found to be in order.

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**5.1 Planning Applications** (See 14.3i)

BDB/73674/5/6 Newnham Hill Cllr Godesen will consider calling in for review by the Development Control Committee.

BDB/72980/1 Newnham House Cllr Godesen will investigate why decision delayed, and Chairman will contact the owners. Cllr Godesen was made aware of the Conservation Officer's concerns too late to call in to Development Control.

CHAIR

5.2 Housing numbers consultation SOLVE and parish councils had done an excellent job in promoting awareness. Due to the high profile of environmental issues Cllr Godesen was hopeful that 102 and 103 would not be put forward for housing.

5.3 Cuts in Council funding BDBC is the seventh richest council in the country and has made senior staff reductions; it has sufficient reserves to avoid 'cuts' for the next 12 months despite 18% reduction in funding. Staff receiving <£18,000pa will have a 2.5% increase, those >£18,000pa will have a pay freeze. Full BDBC meeting on 10th February will confirm 2011/12 budget. In 2012/13 likely to be staff cuts but no reduction in services. Concern was expressed from the Parish Council that worry over keeping jobs would influence spending decisions. There will need to be more disclosure over how money is being spent, including transparency about senior executive salaries.

HCC will cut levels of services, including road maintenance and the police budget. There will be a reduction of one third in police personnel (1,200 of 3,700) in the next 15 months.

6 PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public were present.

7 MATTERS ARISING**7.1 Highways**7.1.1 Newnham Lane – Lyde Mill Cottage to river

- i. Gullies to be cleared next Friday 14th January, tanker and jetter provided by Dan Beasant.
- ii. Ditch & pond clearance opposite Lyde Mill Cottage. Paul Buckland liaising with Manor Farm.

7.1.2 Newnham Road ponds (Jetting culvert under Newnham Road, opening out roadside ditch from Ashmead driveway to Ashmead pond (requires Utility check), reconstructing verge degraded by traffic). Due to budget cuts will be delayed until April.

CLERK

7.1.3 Newnham Road manholes Referred to Street Works supervisor for relevant statutory authority to repair. Requested priority for the collapsing manhole outside the Meadows.

CLERK

7.1.4 Crown Lane was flooded on evening of Friday 7th January near A30, reported to Highways.

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7.1.5 Tylney Lane Water flowing down the lane, not from the ditch/pond. Appears to be coming up from the side of the lane (rhs going down the lane) about 20yds past Newnham Lodge gate. A spring or a leak in a water main? Clerk asked Highways to investigate. A channel with a grid covering is required down the side of Tylney Lane to take excess water.

7.1.6 Grit Bins Salt from Water End bin stolen as soon as first filled. Cllr Riley arranged to fit padlock and for Highways to refill. Highways reported no other problems and have routinely refilled all bins with grit. Waiting for Bob Gregory to screen bins at St Nicholas' and Baredown. Cllr Godesen commented that HCC is considering removing many bins as the grit is being used on private paths and driveways, not public paths and roads. Clerk to note in the *Villager*.

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7.1.7 Snow Shovels (four) provided to all Parish Councils by HCC. One to be allocated to each church and two to the Clubroom.

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7.2 Newnham Green

7.2.1 Newnham Green Pond Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers will come out on Sunday 16th January to pull the Typha unless too cold or icy. Estimated seven volunteers, cost £30; meet at 10am.

HWT will carry out a newt survey on the evening of Thursday 13th January. This will involve setting bottle traps to be collected Friday 14th morning.

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7.2.1 Newnham Green Tree No further news from Malmesbury Estate.

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7.3 Clubroom

7.3.1 Newbuild The Clubroom Committee expects to learn early this year whether or not the applications for funding to Borough and County Councils have been successful.

CHAIR

7.3.2 Parish Council meetings for the foreseeable future will be in the Committee Room in Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall (March 2011 onwards); the Parish Assembly will be in the main hall.

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7.4 **A30 Traffic Management** No further news since last meeting.

CHAIR

7.5 **Odiham Cottage Hospital** NHS Hampshire announced in November that the hospital's current provider of nursing services, Hampshire Community Health Care (HCHC), is to withdraw from the hospital on 31st March 2011. The Parish Council wrote to Maria Miller who is working with James Arbuthnot in support of Odiham Cottage Hospital (OCH). OCH Trustees have negotiated with NHS Hampshire and HCHC to extend their service to July 2011. NHS Hampshire has started a programme of community engagement; Clerk to email NHS Hampshire requesting that Newnham Parish Council be included in the consultation.

CLERK

7.6 **Barracks Willow tree** Confirmed by solicitor that Wyndham Curtis still owns the Common Land at the Barracks but, though agreeing in early December to undertake work required to the Willow tree, this has not been done. The Parish Council has suggested engaging a tree surgeon to make the Willow safe and forwarding the invoice to Mr Curtis. Contact BDBC tree officer.

CHAIR

7.7 **Kingsbridge End** Requested that BDBC (Barry Ford, Principal Engineer (Regeneration and Design) Neighbourhood Development) arrange to install a road name sign: 'Kingsbridge End' or 'Nos 1-6 Kingsbridge End'. Clerk to contact residents.

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8 **NEWNHAM ROAD FOOTWAY** BDBC (Jamie Daly, Neighbourhood Development) has confirmed by email that the £15,000 BDBC funding can be taken over to 2011/12. Jamie has prepared a plan for Option 3 which is on the Parish Council website. All Councillors have a prejudicial interest in the Footway as it affects a fellow Councillor. The Chairman and Cllrs Riley and Bauermeister (the minimum for a quorum) have been granted dispensations from BDBC Standards Committee (meeting 20th December) to discuss and vote on the project at this January and the March Parish Council meetings. Other Councillors have the same rights to comment as members of the public but can take no part in decision making.

The meeting was adjourned

8.1. Public discussion

Comments made 'Concerns that the footway does not have the function of linking two notable locations, and that any hedge or tree trimming associated with the footway will reduce the screening of Newnham Hill.' 'Most objections are from those who rarely walk along the road. Safety is paramount and Option 3 would be first choice.' 'Newnham Hill could be landscaped to make the nursing home less visible. It is a fact that there is more and more traffic and it is not safe for people to walk along the road. A footpath is needed and if Option 3 cannot be worked out it should be Option 1.'

Clls Bell, Ford and Mann left the meeting room and the meeting was reconvened.

8.2. Proposal for the footway

Observations from Councillors 'It is important to consider the majority of the people who live close by. The view is not the issue. The issue is safety from traffic, and the footway goes from one safe area to another safe area. Option 3 offered by Cllr Bell is the best option. Once this section has been installed, the footway can be added to in later years as funding becomes available.' 'The major issue is safety and preventing fatalities. The offer of Option 3 is a wonderful thing Cllr Bell has done for the Parish and it should go ahead.' 'The ultimate goal is a footpath from the Green to Old School Road; that is where children catch the school bus and it is the Parish Boundary. However the funding is not available to achieve this, so it makes sense to start with a section that can be done. Option 3 is by far the best option as it would have much less visual impact than Option 1 and provide greater safety.'

The Chairman proposed that:

'On the basis of confirmation that funding can be carried over to the 2011/12 financial year, the Parish Council will defer further decisions until the outcome of Planning Applications BDB/73674/5/6 is known.' Agreed unanimously.

Cllrs Bell, Ford and Mann rejoined the meeting.

<p>9 LOCALISM BILL The NALC briefing on the Localism Bill identified a number of good points if they could be brought into being. The Bill is more relevant to borough, town and larger parish councils. A big concern was the transfer of responsibility to lower levels of government without funding, not likely to encourage people to become Parish Councillors. Cllr Godesen commented that it was largely a mechanism to transfer expenses off the balance sheet to the lowest tier.</p>	ACTION
<p>Clerk to monitor developments particularly with regard to the Code of Conduct. The Standards Committee will cease to exist in July 2012 and the Code of Conduct with it. It will be up to each borough council to put its own code of conduct in place and give guidance.</p>	CLERK
<p>10 COMMUNITY PLAN In responding to the BDBC Consultation on Housing Numbers, the Parish Council drew upon residents' views on housing provided to the Community Plan questionnaire. Cllr Bauermeister will liaise with Martyn Glover to discuss collating Questionnaire data into a draft document. The purpose of the Plan is first to benefit the three villages of the Parish and provide goals for the Parish Council; and second to inform BDBC. Cllr Godesen advised that guidance should be sought in presentation and wording when preparing the document for the Borough Council.</p>	CLLR BAUER- MEISTER
<p>11 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY Reviewed and updated.</p>	
<p>12 PARISH ASSEMBLY Format to follow 2010 Assembly. To be held in the Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall (main hall). Clerk to liaise with Village Hall Committee re displays, refreshments etc.</p>	CLERK
<p>Agenda items <u>Guest Speakers / presentations</u> 1 County and Borough Councillors, PC Andy Reid 2 Rural housing (proposed Chairman, seconded Cllr Bell, agreed unanimously) 3 SOLVE. <u>Progress reports</u> 1 Clubroom 2 Community Plan 3 Footpath Officer's report. <u>Information Stands/Displays</u> OCH, St Michael's Hospice, PC Reid, Newnham Road footway; A30 traffic calming; Clubroom Plans.</p>	CLERK
<p>13 FINANCE 13.1 Cheques signed at meeting 460 £322.18 Clerk's salary x 2 months 13.2 Latest estimate 2010/11 on budget. Points of significance as follows: 13.2.1 All funds and costs allocated to Newnham footway transferred from 2010/11 to 2011/12 budget. 13.2.2 Green expenditure revised. No second verge cut required but additional £30 for Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers one day clearing the pond.</p>	
<p>14. PLANNING 14.1 Public Inquiries into South East Water's and Thames Water's (2008) Draft Water Resource Management Plans (DWRMP) <u>SE Water</u> Whitewater Valley Preservation Society identified harmful over abstraction from the Greywell aquifer in SE Water's deployable output forecast. The Inspector concluded that the Plan is not fit for purpose 2020 to 2035, but is fit for purpose up to 2020 and therefore should be published without amendment (other than the correction of mistakes) before 31st December 2010. Shortcoming would be addressed through the statutory review processes (every five years). <u>Thames Water</u> Awaiting direction from the Secretary of State (anticipated 2011). 14.2 Response to BDBC Housing Consultation submitted, posted on the Parish Council website, and copied to Ward and County Cllrs, MP Maria Miller, Country Watch, SOLVE and BDAPTC. 14.3 Parish Planning applications 14.3.i New applications <u>BDB/73614</u> (22nd December 2010) Home Cottage, Newnham Green. Erection of a rear conservatory, first floor rear extension with construction of front and rear dormer windows and a reduction in size of the rear balcony. <i>Parish Council response: 'No objection.'</i></p>	

BDB/73674 (20th December 2010) Newnham Hill, Crown Lane. Erection of one dwelling. Demolition of buildings to facilitate new footpath along Newnham Road.

BDB/73675 (20th December 2010) Newnham Hill, Crown Lane. Demolition of existing building known as Red Room off Newnham Road.

BDB/73676 (20th Dec 2010) Newnham Hill, Crown Lane. Demolition of existing buildings; chicken house, metal storage container and two hardstandings with associated structures.

Parish Council's response to BDB/73674/5/6

'1. Newnham Parish Council declines to comment: all councillors have a prejudicial interest as the application is from a fellow councillor.

'2. In 2009 a resident of Newnham Road organised a petition which requested Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to provide a footpath along Newnham Road. The Neighbourhood Development Team has prepared three options, Options 1 and 2 involving tarmac pavements replacing the verges on the south or north side of the road respectively, and Option 3 involving a footway behind the roadside hedge on the narrow strip of land immediately to the south of Newnham Road. A questionnaire covering the background and description of the three options was sent to all households in the parish; 34 households responded. Concerns about urbanisation in the Conservation Area were raised; however a majority (over 60%) supported Option 3.'

BDB/73665 (17th December 2010) Well Cottage, Newnham Green. Erection of a single storey front infill extension and part two storey, part first floor side extension involving construction of front and rear dormer windows and two roof lights in side elevation.

Parish Council response: 'No objection.

'Although the Parish Council does not object to this application, it does have concerns about changing the character and balance of this pair of semi detached cottages adjacent to Newnham Green in a Conservation area.'

14.3ii Applications awaiting decision

BDB/72980 (19th August) Newnham House, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Orangery and new bay window to rear elevation. New double garage following demolition of existing garage, and single storey rear extension to coach house to form store.

BDB/72981 (31st August) Newnham House, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Listed Building Consent for BDB/72980 of 19th August plus internal alterations to house and coachhouse.

BDB/73453 (23rd November) Land South of London Road, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Erection of fencing and various gates at Hook Common.

14.3iii Approved applications

BDB/73290 5th January 2011 (reg 7th October) Newnham Hill, Crown Lane. Variation of condition 25 of BDB/62090 for the erection of a 60 bed nursing home with associated landscaping, car parking and access arrangements (minor amendment to approved scheme to include alterations to internal layout, fenestration and new chimney).

BDB/73170 (1st October) Hunters, Newnham Lane. Erection of a rear orangery.

14.3.v Appeal BDB/72952 15th Oct (refused 21st Sept, reg 27th July) 1 Crown Lane, Newnham. Timber framed building to form additional B&B accommodation. Written appeal against BDBC decision that this third log cabin would overdevelop the site. No appeal decision yet made.

15 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Chairman Basingstoke Area Strategic Partnership Board, Sustainable Communities/Footprint Group: attended meeting on 9th December. Main Agenda item was preparation of a response on Borough Council's housing consultation. Main area of disagreement has been on water availability and sewage treatment on which the Environment Agency representative did not support the original line, which was based on Newnham Parish Council's response. Next meeting planned for 20th January.

BDAPTC Attended the Parish Conference on 29th November and issued a report to all councillors. Next meeting planned for 25th February.

Broadband Following contact from Anne Atkins, Clerk to Hook Parish Council, copy of a flier on BT Infinity was printed and delivered to all households.

16 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA Newnham Road Footway, Parish Assembly, Clubroom.

17 FUTURE MEETINGS in Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall
Tuesday 15th March
Parish Assembly revised dates Tuesday 5th or Thursday 7th April tbc
AGM Tuesday 17th May.

18 MEETING CLOSED at 10.10pm