

# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

**Date** Tuesday 15th March 2011 **Venue** Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall **Commencing** 8pm

**Present Chairman** Roger Booth

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

**Clerk** Susan Turner; **Guests** Ward Cllr Stephen Marks, **Parishioners** 0

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** County Cllr Elaine Still, PC Reid, Cllr Bell, Cllr Mann

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### Personal Interest

9 Newnham Road Footway: all Councillors

13.6i Parish Planning Application BDB/73771: Cllr Ford

13.6ii Parish Planning Applications BDB/73674/5/6: all Councillors.

### Prejudicial interest

9. Newnham Road Footway: all Councillors.

Chairman, Cllrs Riley and Bauermeister granted dispensation to discuss.

13.6ii Parish Planning Applications BDB/73674/5/6: all Councillors.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** agreed as a true record of the meeting of 11th January 2011; proposed by Cllr Bauermeister, seconded by Cllr Ford, carried unanimously.

**4 BEAT OFFICER'S REPORT** PC Andy Reid not present

## **5 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**5.1** Cllr Marks commented that BDBC's position with regard to planning policy was unclear and Ward Councillors were seeking clarification.

**5.2** Cllr Marks noted that he was generally not in favour of applications involving a *quid pro quo* but believed that the proposals in BDB/73674 were sensible. He considered it was a matter for the Parish Council and would support its view. The Chairman referred to the minutes of the 11th January meeting which detailed the Parish Council response to the application, plus the public discussion and councillors' comments from the meeting.

**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** Gullies cleared Friday 14th January.

**7.1.2 Newnham Road ponds** Under-road culvert cleared Friday 14th January. Additional work here still scheduled for post April.

**7.1.3 Newnham Rd manholes** Patched and repaired.

**7.1.4 Grit Bins** Bob Gregory has provided a written estimate to screen the bins at St Nicholas' and Baredown, using posts and willow screening.

**7.1.5 Tylney Lane** Keith Holdsworth made a site visit on Monday 14th March. The ideal solution of a covered gully down the east side of the Lane from Newnham Lodge to Woodside would cost £100 per linear metre, therefore c£10,000. In the short term Highways will continue to patch the road, currently scheduled for six-eight week's time.

It was concluded that some of the water coming into the Lane was seepage from Newnham Lodge land, but the majority was overflow from the ditch/pond, fed from surface run-off from higher up the Lane and overflow from the main pond on the Green.

Keith suggested creating dams with overflow pipes in the ditch between Newnham Green Farm front drive and Tylney Lane ditch/pond to hold a much greater volume of water before it spilled down Tylney Lane. Chairman and Clerk to investigate this possibility: the suggestion approved as potentially a low cost solution. Another suggestion was to enlarge the ditch/pond opposite the Old House for the same reason but this would be a bigger job to undertake.

**7.1.6 Kingsbridge End sign** Barry Ford (BDBC Neighbourhood Development) confirmed on 19th January that a street nameplate Kingsbridge End be in place within 4-6 weeks. Clerk to follow up.

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**7.1.7 Old School Road junction with Newnham Road** Old School Road residents wrote via email to Newnham and Hook Parish Councils on 13th March regarding their concern over pedestrian and traffic safety at this junction. Anne Atkins, Hook Parish Clerk, has contacted Highways (Hook) 'who are going to look at the road markings around the junction to see if anything can be done in the short term'. However Newnham Parish Council agreed that an effective long term strategy was required and supported the Chairman's suggestion that Network Rail should install a footbridge alongside the Hook side of the road bridge to join up with the footpath along the Hook side of Old School Road. Clerk to contact Network Rail.

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### 7.1.8 Community SpeedWatch

The Chairman attended the BDAPTC meeting on 17th December where PC Graeme Calver gave a presentation on the Community SpeedWatch scheme. The Parish Council has notified BDAPTC and PC Andy Reid of its interest in joining the scheme. Smaller parishes will need to join shared schemes as the equipment cost is c£2500. HALC and Hants Constabulary have offered training support. The SpeedWatch initiative encourages community involvement and the SpeedWatch volunteers can potentially be deployed far more frequently than an officer with a speed gun.

A Newnham Road resident approached John Cleverley (Safer Roads Officer, Northern & Western Traffic Areas, 8 OCU Operational Support, Hampshire Constabulary) with concerns about the speed of traffic in Newnham Road. Mr Cleverley arranged for a black box traffic recorder to be positioned in Newnham Road opposite Oak Cottage in February 2011 and, from the speed data, has confirmed that this a location he will recommend to the Local Safer Neighbourhood Team for enforcement and as a SpeedWatch Site.

#### **Site No 363 (Hants Constab) Oak Cottage, Newnham Road, 10th-17th Feb 2011**

##### Westbound (to Green)

daily average 961 vehicles mean av speed 33.7mph; 85%ile 39.8mph  
41-46mph - 73 vehicles per day av; 46-51mph - 13 vehicles per day av; 51-56mph - 0

##### Eastbound (to Hook)

daily average 1084 vehicles mean av speed 33.5mph; 85%ile 39.5mph  
41-46mph - 65 vehicles per day av; 46-51mph - 10 vehicles per day av; 51-56mph - 0

These figures are broadly consistent with traffic data received from HCC for April 2006 and May 2009, plus BDBC figures from the SLR recorder in December 2009. The February 2011 figures show a slight reduction in the numbers of vehicles travelling at higher speeds; however there are still on average 161 vehicles a day (approx 8%) travelling down the road at over 40mph.

### 7.1.9 Litter

7.1.9i Debris from car accident (Top of Crown Lane, Newnham Green) Darren Clapson (BDBC street cleaning) advised that his team, on 13th January, would clear the debris from the verge and grass triangle left by the Christmas day car accident. Cllr Ford confirmed that the majority had been cleared.

7.1.9ii Woodland adjacent to Old School Road Following the Litter Pick on Sunday 26th February, a member of the team sent an email to BDBC noting that 'it is clear that there is a major problem with litter and fly-tipping in the stream and woodland that runs to the west of and adjacent to Old School Lane, Newnham, between the A30 and Newnham Road.' This area is Common Land owned by Wyndam Curtis; nevertheless BDBC responded to the request. The Parish Council expressed its thanks to the Litter Pick team. Clerk to write to the Basingstoke Country Hotel requesting it makes staff and residents aware of the problem and assist in preventing litter being left in adjacent woodland.

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7.1.9iii Litter in Newnham The experience of the Litter Pick team indicated that levels of litter in Newnham were not decreasing. Clerk to contact BDBC street cleaning team for an update.

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## 7.2 NEWNHAM GREEN

**7.2.1 Newnham Green Pond** Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers (BCV) cleared a section of the pond on Sunday 16th January. The removed vegetation was left adjacent to the pond to allow displaced wildlife to get back to the pond. There is a patch of invasive *Crassula helmsii* which will need to be covered with black plastic to suppress it. BCV are booked again for 20th November to clear a further section and also start to clear the smaller pond by Naishes Farm if there is sufficient time/manpower. HWT will conduct a newt survey for the Thursday 17th/ Friday 18th.

**7.2.2 New Lime tree** was planted on Friday 11th March, it is staked and protected at rabbit level. Will need to be kept watered and protected against deer; Cllr Ford will have a look at the tree with regard to protection. Notice and thanks to Lord Malmesbury will be in the April Villager. The tree is a *Tilia x euchlora* (Caucasian Lime – a cross between *Tilia cordata* and *Tilia dasystyla*). BDBC Tree Officers have been notified for their records. The Caucasian Lime has an advantage over other limes of being aphid free but the flowers have a narcotic effect on bees.

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## 7.3 CLUBROOM

**7.3.1 Newbuild** The Clubroom Committee has secured required funding for the rebuild. The plan is to demolish the existing building in April and have the new Clubroom open later in the summer. Building costs will be revised and contracts placed early in April.

<p><b>7.3.2 Constitution</b> The Clubroom Constitution will be amended to limit the financial liability of the Trustees. Legal assistance is available via charities organisation; the cost to the Clubroom will be £100 to register as a limited company and the financial year will be changed to run from 5th April.</p>	ACTION
<p><b>7.3.3 Car Park</b> A finished car park prior to reopening the Clubroom is a condition of the planning consent. Grasscrete as originally considered is prohibitively expensive. A compressed crushed concrete hardcore topped with gravel (as used for the new car park at Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall) is a permeable and cheaper alternative to meet the planning conditions.</p>	CHAIR
<p><b>7.4 A30 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT</b> No further information.</p>	CHAIR
<p><b>7.5 BARRACKS WILLOW TREE</b> The dangerous tree is marked with warning tape; Chairman continued to chase Wyndam Curtis' solicitors but no action has been taken.</p>	ALL CLLRS
<p><b>7.6 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY</b> Cllr Ford has researched a document from East Sussex County Council as a potential model; Councillors to consider it for discussion at the AGM. Cllr Ford will simplify for the type of contract the Parish Council to likely to place.</p>	CLLR FORD
<p><b>8 ODIHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL</b></p>	
<p>8.1 The Chairman attended a meeting hosted by Trustees of OCH for Parish Council representatives (including Odiham, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Winchfield) on Wednesday 9th February. Feedback was that more information on the benefit of OCH to the community would help and that the most logical outcome would be a stay of execution for two years until the impact of the planned total reorganisation of the NHS was clearer. This would also provide time to prepare options for development of OCH.</p>	
<p>8.2 The Parish Council registered as a Stakeholder with NHS Hampshire on 11th February.</p>	
<p>8.3 The Chairman attended the public meeting on 3rd March in Mayfield School, Odiham. Very well supported (estimate over 250), very well chaired by a senior trustee of OCH. Very strong local support (including James Arbuthnot MP) to keep the beds open. Drop in session was arranged on March 8th, 10-12 pm at Hook Surgery.</p>	
<p>8.4 Cllr Bell attended the meeting/consultation at Hook Surgery on 8th March attended by Mel McKeown, Head of Communications Engagement, NHS Hampshire, and Amanda Hames, Project and Performance Manager, Hampshire Link. Points raised included:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NHS statistics concentrated on the wider Hart population but overlooked Basingstoke &amp; Deane parishes</li> <li>- What mattered was not from which surgery the patients were referred but from which community they originated - It had been stated that Odiham had poor public transport but public transport to Basingstoke Hospital is not easy from villages local to Odiham - The closeness of OCH for local residents who would use their cars (as rural residents must) is an important factor, as is the possibility of late visits - The carbon footprint of local people driving there will be smaller than those motoring to Basingstoke Hospital - The most important single action arising from the meeting was for everyone to complete the two questionnaires that were handed out and available on the line.</li> </ul>	
<p>8.5 The Chairman prepared a letter outlining the Parish Council views, approved unanimously, to be sent to Sarah Elliott, NHS Hampshire.</p>	
<p>8.6 Up-to-date information has been published on the Parish Council website and in the <i>Villager</i>.</p>	
<p><b>9 NEWNHAM ROAD FOOTWAY</b> Awaiting BDBC decision on the planning application for Newnham Hill, BDB/73674, called in for consideration by the Development Control Committee meeting of Wednesday 6th April; the site visit is scheduled for 1st April. As all Councillors have a prejudicial interest, the Clerk will represent the Parish Council.</p>	CLERK
<p><b>10 COMMUNITY PLAN</b></p>	
<p>10.1 Advice received from Carole Ruse, Community Planning Officer... 'A Neighbourhood Development Plan is not a Community Plan as such; it just looks at Planning issues. A Parish or Community Plan encompasses a much wider raft of issues. BDBC Planning Department is advising that even if this part of the Localism Bill is enacted, a Neighbourhood Plan will sit beneath all the current planning policy. There is also no resource, either financial or staffing, that can support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan at this current time. 'Advice to the Council would be to continue to develop the Community Plan and have a Neighbourhood Plan (re planning issues) alongside it, should the time come that there is scope to develop one. This is akin to having a Community Plan and then developing a Village Design Statement.'</p>	
<p>10.2 Cllr Bauermeister will liaise with Martyn Glover to retrieve the Questionnaire data and prepare a statement for the Parish Assembly.</p>	CLLR BAUER- MEISTER
<p><b>11 ANNUAL REPORT AND PARISH ASSEMBLY</b></p>	
<p><b>11.1 Annual report and flyer for the PA</b> Approved for printing. Annual Report to be distributed with April <i>Villager</i>. Councillors to distributed the flyer weekend of 19th/20th March.</p>	CHAIR ALL CLLRS
<p><b>11.2 Parish Assembly Agenda</b> approved. Clubroom AGM will not follow as Peter Brown will be away. Clerk to confirm with SOLVE that they will be able to attend.</p>	CLERK

## 12 FINANCE

### 12.1 Cheques signed at meeting

466	£322.18	Clerk's salary x 2 months
467	£175.98	Clerk's expenses 2010/11
454	£600.00	Clubroom donation, approved now rebuild finance confirmed.

### 12.2 Draft 2010/11 year end accounts. Significant deviations from budget:

- Footpath expenditure of £2,000 (grant) deferred.
- £420 hire of SLR considered not cost effective. £360 of these funds allocated to footpath legal costs, also deferred.
- Green maintenance costs £70 below budget as only two cuts. Ditching not required around the Green, but Tylney Lane pond cleared.
- Training and Community Plan both £150 below budget.
- Subscriptions below budget as Society of Local Council Clerks membership cancelled.
- Repairs £62 below budget; some bus shelter maintenance deferred.
- Unbudgeted expenditure for meeting room hire.

### 12.3 Parish Council funds held by Country Watch £1,050.

## 13. PLANNING

**13.1 BDBC's 'New Homes in your Area' Consultation** It is understood that over 75% of the over 2,400 respondents to BDBC's 'New Homes in your Area' said 'No' to more housing. Many residents responded that, given a satisfactory infrastructure, houses should be built in units of no more than 10 dwellings of two or three bedroomed houses on the outskirts of existing villages.

**13.2 Best for Basingstoke** Maria MP called a meeting on 5th February of various voluntary groups to try to coordinate a common approach to the OSCOM reviewing BDBC's Housing Consultation (Planning & Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting (P&IOSCOM) of 17th February.)

Cllr Bell represented Country Watch at the meeting. John Fleming represented Whitewater Valley Preservation Society (see reports circulated).

**13.3 Public Inquiry into Thames Water's (2008) Draft Water Resource Management Plan (DWRMP)** The Inspector has found that the Thames Water DWRMP does not meet the statutory requirements primarily because the supply of water during 2010-2035 would not be 'efficient and economical'. The Secretary of State has accepted the Inspector's conclusions and directed Thames Water to 'seek technical advice from the Environment Agency on work required to deliver a WRMP that meets the requirements recommended by the Inspector'. The Inspector unfortunately does not address our local sewage discharge concerns in the report.

**13.4 HWT Enclosure of Hook Common** The Parish Council has written – based on Cllr Bell's letter – in support of HWT's application to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for consent to construct works under The Commons Act 2006: Section 38. (Submitting April 2011.)

However concerns about the proposed fencing were raised at the meeting:

- The Common as it is evolving is a natural habitat and very good for reptiles and amphibians
- The fences will prevent the passage of deer across the Common
- The Common is too marshy for cattle grazing
- If cattle are introduced they should be for the use of / benefit of the community.

Clerk to present these concerns to HWT.

**13.5 Planning for Hampshire's Minerals and Waste consultation** (ends 24th March). The only site which may potentially affect Newnham and Nately Scures is the current HCC Highways depot on Hook Common, listed by the Waste Authority as a potential waste handling site. This would only become an issue if HCC vacated the site. Access would be from the M3 but there are houses on the lane to the site. Planning permission would be required and the site is in Hook. Decision taken that no action was required at present. Concerns have been raised that a second incinerator could be proposed for the site but Councillors considered that this would not be viable in such close proximity to Chineham.

### 13.6 Parish Planning applications

**13.6.i New application BDB/73771** (1st February 2011) Brambles, Newnham Road. Construction of a first floor involving raising the roof, plus dormer windows and roof lights in the front and rear elevations. Erection of side and rear extensions and new front porch. Parish Council response: 'No objection. Although the proposed extension increases the footprint and shape of the original bungalow, it has been very thoughtfully designed and would have many similarities to other properties along Newnham Road. BDB/62785, Highbank, Newnham Road, was a similar application and was approved on 29th March 2006. Highbank is also in the Conservation Area and only about 250 metres from Brambles.'

**13.6.ii Applications awaiting decision**

BDB/73729 (& 73730 listed building consent) (19th Jan) Newnham Green Farm. Ground and first floor rear extensions. Parish Council response: *'No objection. The existing kitchen is small for the size of house. The proposed development is in proportion with the rest of the building, will not be visible from the road and thus will not affect the front elevation which is one of the main attractions of the house.'*

BDB/73614 (22nd December 2010) Home Cottage, Tylney Lane, 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.

BDB/73674 (20th December 2010) Newnham Hill, Crown Lane. Erection of one dwelling. Demolition of buildings to facilitate footpath along Newnham Road. (Obligation Status: Legal Agreements - SS.)

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

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

**13.6.iii Approved applications**

BDB/73636 8th March (reg 20th Jan) Hunters, Newnham Lane. Single storey side extension.

Parish Council response: *'No objection. As a small single storey extension (debatable whether side or rear) this is a borderline case as to whether permitted development or requiring planning permission. Whichever the case, it is at the rear of the property and will not be seen from the road.'*

BDB/72981 8th February (reg 31st August) Newnham House, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Listed Building Consent for BDB/72980 of 19th August plus internal alterations to house and coachhouse.

BDB/72980 4th February (reg 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/73453 18th January (reg 23rd November) Land South of London Road, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Erection of fencing and various gates at Hook Common.

**13.6.iv Refused application** BDB/73665 10th February (reg 17th December 2010) Well Cottage, Tylney Lane, Newnham Green. 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.

**13.6.v Appeal dismissed** BDB/72952 3rd February (appeal 15th October, refused 21st Sept, reg 27th July) 1 Crown Lane, Newnham. Timber framed building for additional bed and breakfast accommodation. Written appeal against BDBC decision that this third log cabin would overdevelop the site.

**14 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS****14.1 Chairman**

14.1i Basingstoke Area Strategic Partnership Board, Sustainable Communities/ Footprint Group: Attended meeting on 20th January; main agenda item was a discussion with a Planning Officer on water abstraction and sewage issue; further decision expected at next meeting scheduled for 28th March.

14.1ii BDAPTC: Attended meeting on 17th December; main agenda item was the Community SpeedWatch scheme. Further presentation on Council funding and it is clear that we will probably face reduction or total loss of the grant(s) we have been getting from BDBC. Strong support from HALC and BDBC for grouping of neighbouring parishes. Next meeting planned for 16th June.

**14.2 Cllr Ford**

14.2i Report from Incinerator Committee meeting. The Incinerator could be modified to produce District Heating, but very unlikely this will be implemented due to prohibitive costs. If the facility was installed as part of a new development it may be financially viable. However modifications required to install the system are too costly and existing infrastructure would need to be modified/replaced. The incinerator cannot therefore be cited as a potential source of heat for new housing.

14.2ii Pot holes: Newnham Green crossroads by manhole; top of Crown Lane; South side Newnham Road opposite bungalows where electricity cable for Newnham Hill installed. Clerk to refer to Highways.

**14.3 Cllr Bauermeister** Crisis in bee population; action needed re use of insecticides. Unable to lobby via Maria Miller, attempting to contact James Arbuthnot. Clerk to forward Simon Cavill's contact details.

**15 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA** (AGM) Election of Chair, Deputy Chair, Acceptance of Office, Allocation of Duties, Review of Parish Assembly, Audit, Odiham Cottage Hospital, Newnham Road Footway, Clubroom, SpeedWatch, Community Plan, Health & Safety Policy.

**16 FUTURE MEETINGS** in Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall  
Tuesday 5th April (Parish Assembly); Thursday 19th May (AGM); Tuesday 12th July.

**17 MEETING CLOSED** at 10pm.

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