



Minutes of the Parish Council AGM

Date Thursday 19th May 2011 **Venue** Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall **Commencing** 8pm

Present Chairman Roger Booth
Parish Councillors Jeff Ford, Nigel Bell, Sue Mann, Sheyne Bauermeister
Clerk Susan Turner; **Guests** PC Reid, **Parishioners** 0

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE County Cllr Elaine Still, Ward Cllrs, Ian Riley

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Prejudicial Interest

11 Newnham Road Footway, Cllrs Bell and Ford.

12.4 Insurance, Cllr Bell.

Personal Interest

11 Newnham Road Footway, Chairman, Cllr Mann.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

3.1 Chairman Roger Booth nominated by Cllr Bell, seconded Cllr Ford, carried unanimously.

3.2 Deputy Chairman It was suggested that the role of Deputy Chairman should be taken by a Councillor who may be standing for election in 2012 to give continuity into next year. However due to work commitments – Cllr Mann – and the daytime scheduling of meetings and training, and now living outside the Parish – Cllr Bauermeister – both Councillors demurred. Jeff Ford therefore agreed to stand for a further year; nominated by Chairman, seconded Cllr Bell, carried unanimously.

3.3 Acceptance of Office forms were signed and dated by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, and signed and dated by the Clerk as witness.

3.4 Allocation of duties

Planning.....	Roger Booth	Incinerator	Jeff Ford
Clubroom.....	Ian Riley	<i>Villager</i>	Roger Booth
Transport.....	Jeff Ford	BDAPTC	Roger Booth
Country Watch	Nigel Bell	Hook Liaison	Roger Booth
	Sheyne Bauermeister	Community Plan	Sue Mann
NGPA	Sue Mann		Sheyne Bauermeister

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING agreed as a true record of the meeting of 15th March 2011; proposed by Chairman, seconded by Cllr Ford, carried unanimously.

5 BEAT OFFICER'S REPORT

5.1 Recent incidents and crime report

Newnham 7th April, road traffic accident involving two vehicles on Newnham Green. Two crimes: tampering with a motor vehicle and a non-dwelling burglary (sheds and outhouses), both in February.

Nately Scures 11th May, reported concern for the welfare of a staff member at Heatherside Rest Home. During January and February, theft from car at the Country Hotel, criminal damage and five non-dwelling burglaries (sheds and outhouses) all in one night in February.

Water End 10th May, concern for the welfare of a resident but all in order.

5.2 Community Speedwatch Newnham residents had asked about progress. PC Reid will request an update from John Cleverley.

5.3 Travellers Currently residing by the new housing at Popley near to the hospital, PC Reid will inform the Parish Council when they move or are about to be moved on.

5.4 A30 There had been a further fatality on the A30 near Conkers on March 11th. PC Reid hadn't been involved with the single lane coning trial on Scures Hill. The Parish Council felt that a four-day coning exercise was an insufficient length of time to show meaningful results, particularly during the Bank Holiday week

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Committee appointments Ward Cllrs Godesen and Cubitt are on the Development Control Committee and Cllr Godesen is Vice Chair (with Cllr Rhydian Vaughan Chair), and are also on the Planning and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee (P&IOSC) along with (notably) Cllrs Paul Harvey and Martin Biermann (with Stephen Reid Chair and Mark Ruffell Vice Chair).

7 **PUBLIC SESSION** No members of the public were present.

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 TYLNEY LANE

8.1.1 Road surface repair work is scheduled to start in Tylney Lane on 20th June for two to three days. During the work, pedestrians will be able to get by at all times but the road will be closed to vehicles from 8am to 4.30pm. All residents were advised on 20th April, asking them to contact the Clerk if they had any queries, difficulties with these dates, or would like to meet Keith on site to discuss.

8.1.2 Longer term solutions

8.1.2i Potential solutions that involved routing the water onto private property did not seem feasible as they would require the full support and co-operation of the landowner plus the funding to pay for them. It was unlikely that there had ever been a drain from the Tylney Lane ditch leading under the Newnham Green Farm tennis courts as the ground here sloped upwards away from the road; a trench or drain leading away from the road further down the lane would be more feasible.

8.1.2ii Funding and responsibility Drainage in Tylney Lane is beyond the remit of NGPA. 'The Parish Council will not contribute significant expenditure to drainage in Tylney Lane', proposed Chairman, seconded Cllr Ford, carried unanimously. Hampshire County Highways has a responsibility to keep the road surface in good order, and although annual patching may not be the ideal solution, at least it is being done, and grit bins provided for icy conditions.

8.1.2iii Highway's suggestion of damming the ditch from the front to rear drive of Newnham Green Farm to hold more water on the Green has been considered but rejected. There is already a natural rise which holds a considerable amount of water, the ditch/pond opposite the Old House at Home has been cleared and further damming could flood the driveway to Newnham Green Farm.

8.1.2iv Channeling the water down the Lane The Parish Council believes that historically there would have been ditches all the way down Tylney Lane, probably on both sides. The water does not only come from the Green and the Green Pond but also seepage from Newnham Lodge grounds.

The Parish Council's preferred solution would be channel the water away down the side of Tylney Lane to the existing ditch and culvert at Bridleway. The current proposal for a narrow box culvert to be laid down the edge of the road at a cost of £100 per metre (c £10,000 total cost) is not a Highway's priority. Potentially cheaper alternatives resembling upside-down ridge tiles in three foot sections to form a gully beside the road have been seen; Clerk to discuss possibilities with Highways.

CLERK

8.1.3 Potential planning application at Beehive Farm, see Planning 13.2.

8.2 OTHER HIGHWAYS MATTERS

8.2.1 Newnham Road ditching, Ashmead to Ashmead Pond Opening out the roadside ditch from Ashmead driveway to Ashmead pond; rebuild the verge (degraded by traffic) back to the road edge – scheduled for post April 2011. Awaiting gas, water, telephone, electricity searches prior to opening ditch work. (Under-road culvert cleared in January.)

CLERK

8.2.2 Grit Bin screening Bob Gregory advised on 17th May that he will do the work in a two weeks' time. The estimated £138 was taken over from the 2010/11 to 2011/12 budget.

CLERK

8.2.3 Kingsbridge End Barry Ford (BDBC Neighbourhood Development) confirmed on 19th January that a street nameplate had been ordered for Kingsbridge End, should have been put up within four to six weeks. Referred to Darren Clapson who ordered the sign in January; apparently instruction to install it misplaced and received email from Darren that now will be done asap.

CLERK

8.2.4 Old School Road / Newnham Road Junction Clerk has written to Network Rail with Parish Council's proposal for a foot bridge over the railway. The letter was immediately acknowledged but have heard nothing more. Anne Atkins from Hook Parish Council is following up her letter to Highways to consider alternative solutions.

CLERK

8.2.5 Signpost top of Crown Lane – missing Basing arm Liam Houghton who covered this area before Keith ordered the sign, but it's gone missing so Keith will re-order.

CLERK

8.2.6 Street cleaning in Newnham Newnham and Nately Scures get a weekly visit which is usually on a Monday with The Barracks receiving a full litter pick every eight weeks. The team do continue to brush out the bus shelters as and when they are reminded.

8.3 NEWNHAM GREEN	ACTION
8.3.1 Lime tree Clerk asked Martin Gosling to put up a more permanent post & wire protection.	
8.3.2 Highway verge cutting Likely to be c24th May.	
8.3.3 Additional verge cutting/strimming Jim Allen can cut the verges beyond the Highway metre with his hedge cutter for c £100 but not until July. With policy now to make Green and verges tidy for Open Gardens on 12th June an alternative is needed; strimming is almost twice as expensive. Martin Gosling price to strim around all sections of the Green and alongside Tylney Lane to the ditch pond is up to £200 (as not sure exactly how long it would take). Paul Buckland is in same position as Jim Allen, would want £300 for putting his hedge cutter on specially (and would want £180 to do the job later in the year). To pay for the strimming within budget would need to forgo the potential third mowing or second verge cut. Bob Gregory not available, suggested asking Christopher Collins but he does not have third party insurance. Parish Council agreed to pay up to £200, Clerk will arrange with Martin Gosling.	CLERK
8.3.4 Mowing Richard Fouracre will do the mowing w/c 30th May so the strimmers can come in after him. Clerk liaising with Robin Cresswell to tape off wild flower areas which need to be left.	CLERK
8.3.5 Ditching To be reviewed in August.	CLERK CLLR FORD
8.4 CLUBROOM The site has been fenced off and demolition is imminent. The Clubroom Committee has reached agreement with HMCR that the build is zero rated for VAT.	
8.5 A30 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT Awaiting the results of the coning trial conducted during the first week in May; traffic flow in Newnham Road was also measured before and during the trial. The Parish Council would wish to consider the results but HCC has to reach a decision by June when resurfacing work is scheduled. The safety of pedestrians crossing the road must also be considered. Resolution that: 'Newnham Parish Council is opposed to narrowing the A30 to a single lane in either direction on Scures Hill. Instead the Parish Council would recommend a 50mph speed limit imposed from Hook to Water End with appropriate enforcement measures such as speed cameras.' Proposed by Chairman, seconded Cllr Bell, agreed unanimously. Clerk to discuss with Cllr Riley for his view, then forward the resolution to County Cllr Still and HCC.	CLERK
8.6 BARRACKS WILLOW TREE As a result of the Chairman liaising with Wyndham Curtis' solicitors, the tree has finally been pruned and made safe. The Parish Council has confirmed to residents that children are allowed to play on the Common Land.	
8.7 COMMUNITY PLAN Cllr Bauermeister will continue to liaise with Martyn Glover to retrieve the Questionnaire data.	
8.8 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY Using a policy form from East Sussex County Council as a starting point, Cllr Ford is modifying it to suit Parish Council requirements. Work in progress, report for next meeting.	CLLR FORD
9 REVIEW OF PARISH ASSEMBLY	
9.1 Review of draft minutes, Clerk to amend spelling errors pointed out by Cllr Bell.	
9.2 Thanks to Thelly Booth and Angela Downes for providing refreshments.	
9.3 Thanks to guest speakers, Mags Wylie from Action Hampshire and Clive Pinder from SOLVE. Model for future to involve more guest speakers, particularly guest speakers from the community.	
10 ODIHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL The Chairman attended meetings on 24th March and 5th April and Cllr Bell represented the Parish Council at meetings on 15th and 18th April and 12th May. The Chairman and Cllr Bell jointly prepared a letter approved by all councillors – and widely circulated – to the Chairman of Hampshire County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) expressing the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the process and loss of confidence in NHS management dealing with the Cottage Hospital. However there is no useful way forward with this; if HOSC agreed to a statement of no confidence it would need to be called in by the Secretary of State, a two year process during which the Cottage Hospital would close anyway. The Chairman and Cllr Bell are also working on a letter to Ginny East for OCH to use in any way it sees fit to help the cause. Key questions which should be asked are: 'What was the evidence that patients were put at risk? What was the nature of these risks? When did risk occur and what action was taken?' It now seems extremely unlikely that the hospital will remain open offering nursing care in its present form. As notice was given that the current provider would not continue beyond 31st July it was too late to tender for other providers – who would not come forward as it was understood the Hospital was to close. The best outcome would be for the Hospital to re-open in a different form and the GP Commissioning team to remodel it for its use – potentially a hybrid of residential and out-patient care. The Parish Council will need to decide how to continue to support the hospital, including the future of its annual donation.	

11 NEWNHAM ROAD FOOTWAY Cllrs Bell and Ford left the meeting room while discussion took place.

ACTION

11.1 Option 3 The Bell family trust intends to resubmit the application. As Option 3 remains by far the best solution for a footway, it was proposed to defer further discussion until the planning outcome was known. The application will be decided by autumn so funding is not in jeopardy. Clerk to notify Jamie Daly.

CLERK

11.2 Other road safety measures Some residents have offered the view that traffic calming, not a footway, is required to address road safety. This is a separate issue and one for which the Parish Council has long been trying to find a feasible solution. There are currently two ways forward: one via the Community Speedwatch scheme the Parish Council has been pursuing, and the other via traffic calming measures in the road. The majority of suggestions put forward by the Parish Council have not been supported by BDBC as they don't comply with the borough highways policies. No form of road narrowing or chicanes for example are permitted near to bends in the road. Equally Borough Council suggestions of roadside posts and road marking have been thought by the Parish Council to be more cosmetic than effective and adding to street furniture.

The Clerk will invite a representative of BDBC and HCC Highways to the July Parish Council meeting and Cllr Mann with compile a report on residents' views.

CLERK
CLLR MANN

12 FINANCE

12.1 Insurance Cllr Bell left the meeting room as the Insurance policy was discussed; to be renewed for a further year with Came & Co, proposed Cllr Ford, seconded Chairman, agreed unanimously.

CLERK

12.2 Accounts to year end Mar 2011 approved. Cheque for £230 outstanding from NGPA.

12.3 External Audit form was read out, completed and signed at the meeting, to be returned for 20th June. Date to be arranged with Peter Brown to complete the interal audit.

12.4 Income and cheques since last meeting

Grant £1,100, 6 month's Precept £2,600, Grass cutting grant £290 received from BDBC.

Cheques signed in between meetings

468	£600.00	Clubroom donation, replacement cheque
469	£ 45.28	Chairman's expenses £37.73 + VAT £7.73

Cheques signed at meeting

470	£190.00	HALC affiliation fees £165 + NALC levy £24
471	£294.75	Villager printing plus six months' honourarium
472	£328.52	Clerk's salary x 2 months
473	£422.92	Came and Co AVIVA insurance, payable to Broker Network Ltd.

CLERK

13 PLANNING

13.1 Partial enclosure of Hook Common

13.1i Concerns expressed at the last meeting were raised with Hampshire Wildlife Trust who replied:

'The introduction of livestock to Hook Common is a potentially complex issue, and we are keen that people understand the reasons behind it and the mechanism by which we hope it will occur.

'Your correspondent is correct to say that Hook Common is evolving naturally and that it is home to a very good reptile and amphibian population.

'Hook Common has probably been an open heath for thousands of years. It was maintained in this open state by local people grazing their livestock on it and cutting scrub for fuel and other uses. In more recent years this has not been possible due to a lack of fencing to keep the livestock from straying onto the now busy roads. This lack of livestock has allowed scrub and trees to grow, turning the once open heath into birch woodland.

'The wildlife, including the reptiles and amphibians, depend on this open habitat. They need the sunlight and the warmth to reach the ground in order to continue to thrive. If this area becomes dense woodland then many of the plants and animals that make Hook Common such a special place will be lost.

'Much of the Common is very wet, and this is partly what makes it so good for wildlife. Plants like the Marsh Gentian flourish in these wet areas, and they are home to Great Crested newts.

'We hope to use hardy cattle such as Highlands or Galloways. These cattle are suited to the wet conditions found on site. Many wet meadows and heaths are grazed with cattle; as long as they have somewhere dry to go they are happy to munch the lush vegetation in the wetter areas.

'Deer are able to jump the 1.1m high fences we hope to install. Our smallest deer, the Muntjac, is able to easily jump a 1.2m fence. Deer may prefer to walk along the fences, but if they want to jump over then they will.'

13.1ii Commoners' Livestock Common Land should be for the benefit of residents though there are very few registered Commoners remaining. Clerk to contact those with Commoners' Rights to offer them the opportunity (to be discussed with HWT) of grazing their livestock on the Hook Common.

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CLERK

13.2 Beehive Farm, Tylney Lane Tylney Lane residents have voiced concern about the potential redevelopment of Beehive Farm by Tylney Investments as a site for storing maintaining vehicles for the golf course. No planning application has been submitted to Hart District Council but they did receive pre-planning enquiries last year. Clerk has requested details under the Freedom of Information Act.

CLERK

13.3 Parish Planning applications

13.3i New applications

BDB/73919 (14th April) **Unit B, Fosters Business Park**. Variation of condition 2 of BDB/39938 (4th July 1996 Change of use of garage and workshop to Class B8 storage and distribution) to allow revised parking layout and retention of a shipping container for ancillary storage (retrospective).

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

BDB/74165 (31st March) **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.

Email received from Andrew Barber on 28th April: 'I will try to advise you and the applicant of our likely recommendation in advance of decision.'

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

Parish Council Response: No objection

13.2ii Approved applications

BDB/73614 18th March (reg 22nd December) **Home Cottage, Newnham Green**. A rear conservatory, first rear extension with construction of front and rear dormer windows and a reduction in size of the rear balcony.

BDB/73675 Conservation area consent 17th March (reg 20th December) **Newnham Hill, Crown Lane**. Demolition of existing building known as Red Room off Newnham Road.

BDB/73676 Conservation area consent 17th March (reg 20th December) **Newnham Hill**. Demolition of existing buildings: chicken house, storage container and two hardstandings with associated structures.

BDB/74049 T/00219/11/TPO 26th April (reg 7th March) **11 The Baredown, Nately Scures**. Consent to work to trees subject to preservation order.

Parish Council Response: It is clear the trees which overhang the A30 pose a danger to traffic and should be pruned. It is also clear that significant work is required to improve the health of most of the trees on the plot and that some should probably be removed. We are not qualified to define what work should or should not be done and would support fully the recommendations of the Borough Council's Tree Officer.

13.2iii Refused applications

BDB/73729 (& 73730 listed building consent) 11th March (reg 19th Jan) **Newnham Green Farm**. Ground and first floor rear extensions.

Reasons: 1. The proposed ground floor sun-room extension would harm the special architectural and historic interest of the listed building, by virtue of the poor architectural design of the proposal and its poor relationship with the existing building, in particular the catslide roof. Furthermore, the proposal would result in the concealment of a substantial section of the side elevation of the rear wing, the brickwork of which is currently significant to the historic character of the rear and side elevations.

2. The proposed first floor en-suite extension would harm the special architectural and historic interest of the listed building, by virtue of the cumulative impact of successive additions and alterations to the rear and side elevations of the house, and the excessive bulk of the rear wing that would result in comparison with the character of the original house. Furthermore, the proposal would result in the concealment of the rear elevation of the rear wing, the brickwork of which is currently significant to the historic character of the rear and side elevations.

BDB/73771 7th April (reg 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.

Reasons: By virtue of its size, height, bulk and design, the proposed development would not respect the host building and would fail to respond to the local context of buildings, by not successfully integrating with the landscape and surrounds. The proposed development would also appear unduly prominent and incongruous within the surrounding area to the detriment of the street scene and the Newnham Conservation Area.

BDB/73674 7th April (reg 20th Dec) **Land west of Ashmead, Newnham Road**. Erection of one dwelling with access from Crown Lane. Demolition of buildings to facilitate footpath along Newnham Road.

Reasons: 1. The proposal would result in the creation of a new dwelling in the countryside for which there is insufficient justification.

2. The proposal would result in development inappropriately located away from urban areas within an 'unsustainable location' and would thus over rely on the private car for access and transport purposes to the detriment of the environment and the locality.

3. The proposed development would harm the rural character of the Conservation Area, by virtue of the domestic intrusion into the open, verdant parkland qualities of the application site and its surrounding locality and would diminish the rural and agricultural qualities of the area.

4. Inadequate information has been submitted to demonstrate that the proposed development would not result in a harmful impact on and the inappropriate loss of important trees and landscape features.

5. Development of the nature and scale proposed would add to the infrastructure and community needs of the local area and should therefore make due contribution to help meet those needs. Inadequate provision has been made in the application for ensuring that these requirements would be met.

14 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

14.1 Cllr Bell

14.1i CountryWatch/SOLVE Attended a CountryWatch/SOLVE meeting at Old Basing. It was agreed that Maurice Chapman and Harry Mansfield would prepare a paper showing that far fewer new houses would be required during the next Development Framework period to 2026, thereby saving Greenfields especially the Loddon-Lyde Valley. This should be ready soon. Giorgio Framalico (head of BDBC Planning) will meet the Best for Basingstoke group (of which Cllr Bell is a representative for CountryWatch) during June to discuss forward needs.

14.1ii Odiham Cottage Hospital (OCH) Report of the Stakeholder Group Meeting, 12th May, Aldershot Health Centre. Present: 12 persons (excluding speakers) including Dr Fernando (Hook GP) Sarah Elliott (Director of Commissioning out of Hospital Services) Mel McKeown, Lisa Briggs (guiding set up of Calleva Partnership), Ginny East, Jonathan Glenn and Cllr Bell for Newnham Parish Council. Cllr Bell stressed the importance of keeping OCH continuing in its present role until the Calleva Partnership is in a position to take its own decisions. However the opinion voiced by Jonathan Glenn was 'We are past the point of no return and must now plan for the future'. The objectives of the meeting were to acquaint members with possible future uses for OCH. *See full report circulated.*

14.2iii Public Inquiry into Thames Water's (2008) Draft Water Resource Management Plan (DWRMP) Thames Water has been instructed by DEFRA as to what to do to satisfy the Inspector's minimum requirements. The full report will be on the website but most of it is concerned with the question of whether to build an upper Thames reservoir, the inspector neglected local concerns about sewage discharge.

14.2 Chairman

14.2i Planning to attend the next OCH Stakeholder meeting on 13th June, 3.30pm.

14.2ii Basingstoke Area Strategic Partnership Board, Sustainable Communities/Footprint Group. Attended meeting on 28th March. Concerns from Karen Brimacombe (BDBC) and Dave Willis (Environment Agency) on how to report the concern the Chairman expressed (supported by two other members) that Council Officers and the Environment Agency are not taking the water abstraction and sewage issues sufficiently seriously. Next meeting 23rd June.

14.2iii BDAPTC Next meeting planned for 16th June.

15 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA Traffic Calming in Newnham Road (guest speakers), Odiham Cottage Hospital, Community SpeedWatch.

16 FUTURE MEETINGS Tuesday 12th July, Tuesday 13th September, in Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall; Tuesday November 15th, venue tbc.

17 MEETING CLOSED at 9.55pm.