



THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AND AGREED AT THE NEXT MEETING

**Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall, at 2:45pm
on Wednesday 9th June 2021.**

Present: Cllr D Jones (Chair), Cllr L Ashcroft, Cllr M Johnston, Cllr S Stevens and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

In attendance: There were no members of the public in attendance.

As the Government has not extended the special Coronavirus legislation parish council meetings are no longer allowed to be held virtually but nor can groups larger than six meet together in enclosed spaces. All Cllrs who were unable to attend this meeting were given the opportunity to comment on the agenda items prior to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

The following gave their apologies: Cllr A Bray, Cllr H Coates, Cllr T Crew, Cllr L Lloyd, Cllr T Wheeler and County & District Cllr Mocatta.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest from both Cllr Jones– as a Member of the South Downs National Park Authority, the Local Planning Authority for the area, I wish to make it clear that any views which I express today are based on information before me at this meeting and might change in the light of further information and/or debate at National Park meetings. This is to make it clear that I am keeping an open mind on the issues and cannot therefore be found to have predetermined any matter if it should come before me at the National Park for decision. Cllr Jones also declared that he is also a member of the South Downs Local Access Forum: a body which advises Hampshire County Council, SDNPA and others about their decisions in relation to Rights of Way and about making improvements to public access for outdoor recreation and sustainable travel. It is purely advisory and has no decision-making powers.

3. Finance and Accounts

The Chair thanked Tim Light, Auditor and the Clerk for preparing the accounts for approval.

3a) Cllrs approved Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.

3b) Cllrs approved Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21 for Buriton Parish Council.

Cllrs agreed to include details of the ear-marked reserves as at 31 March 2021 in the minutes.

Clerk to circulate the final budget out-turn details for 2020/21. **Action:** Clerk.

4. Planning

Cllr Johnston presented a report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

SDNP/21/02169/CND – Substitution of plans at Cobwebs, North Lane – a large variation plan has been submitted. Cllrs agreed to comment the following:

- The comments made for the initial Reserved Matters Application are still relevant and will be included for ease of reference.



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- The changes have been noted, in particular the addition of a small roof light. As this dwelling will stand within the International Dark Skies Reserve of the National Park it is of importance that the emitted light is kept to a minimum and as such any glass should be of a low transmission variety and/or have automatic blackout blinds fitted.
- Since the date the outline application was approved various planning policies have been updated and this new building should be built in accordance with any new relevant policies.
- In particular the incorporation of biodiversity measures should be ensured. e.g. bee bricks, pollinator friendly planting including the use of hedgerows rather than fencing.
- The settlement boundary has changed since the application was approved and it should be noted that this building will now be positioned beyond the settlement boundary.
- It will be important to take note of any neighbours comments and concerns.

SDNP/21/02451/HEDG – Removal of hedge at 15 Sumner Road – Cllrs agreed to object to the application due to the following:

- The hedge forms a part of a long run of hedgerow fronting the Petersfield Road in the Village. It looks good visually, although it has been necessary for this stretch of hedge to be managed by EHDC (the owners of the hedge) to return it to full strength after it was damaged. The hedge supports biodiversity and pollinators both of which are heavily encouraged by the Village. (The Village is one of the 6 villages taking part in the HCC's pollinator project.)
- The Village Design Statement supports hedges over fencing and looks to replace fencing by hedging where ever possible.
- The applicant appears to be primarily concerned about gaps in the hedge allowing pets to escape from the garden. If so an unobtrusive wire mesh fence inside the hedgeline would be much better visually and would probably be less expensive.
- Any comments from neighbours should be given weight in the consideration by the planning officers.

It was noted that a Cllr unable to attend the meeting had provided a comment that the hedge should not be removed.

SDNP/21/02555/TCA – cut back, crown lift or removal of Yew trees, Cherry, Acacia and Beech Tree at the Old Rectory, High Street – Cllrs agree to the following comments:

- The tree survey report provided is very thorough and generally we have no comments as the work appears to be necessary.
- With regard to the Horse chestnut the removal of this tree will be very visible and have a major effect on the village pond area. As a result it is requested that a like for like mature tree is planted in its place.

It was noted that a Cllr unable to attend the meeting had provided a comment that the horse chestnut tree enhances the pond and should be replaced with a mature tree.

General

It was agreed that a standard set of words for all future planning applications would be drafted to cover:

- Dark Night Skies
- Biodiversity/Eco System Services
- Comments from Neighbours

Action: Cllr Johnston

Village Inn – Cllrs agreed to reply to acknowledge the letter received from the owner but explain that clarification will be sought about planning requirements that may be required for the current use. **Action:** Cllr Stevens to produce a draft.

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Cllrs also agreed to contact the Housing Department at EHDC to ascertain their current and intended use of the Village Inn **Action:** Cllr Jones to produce a draft. Depending on the reply, other enquiries at EHDC may be merited. Such actions to be delegated to the Planning Committee.

Huntley Scrapyard – a further complaint has been received about a new machine that it very noisy and is being used all day. The resident is keeping a log. The Clerk to contact Dane Swallow to notify him of the further complaint and ask if the amount of noise is allowed under the current planning permission or if it should be a matter for Environmental Health. The Clerk should ask for the original Planning Permission number together with those of any subsequent, related, applications. **Action:** Clerk.

Buster Quarry – no further contact has been made by the owners about the formation of a liaison group which is a condition of planning. Clerk to contact Sabrina Robinson of SDNP. **Action:** Clerk.

5. Date of next meeting

- The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 26th July 2021 (subject to any legislative changes, this will be held in the Upper Hall at Buriton Village Hall)

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended at 4.25pm.

Ear-marked reserves as at 31 March 2021

- Car parks: £10,056.40 (work required on both car parks, delayed due to pandemic)
- CIL Reserve: £20,094.16 (restricted for specific projects including refurb of village hall)
- Nature Projects: £409.25
- Office Reserve: £5,000 (new laptop required)
- Playground: £3,732.94 (for playground maintenance)
- Village Hall: £41,400 (village hall to be refurbished, delayed due to pandemic)
- Weston: £100.

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Planning Report 9th June 2021

To be read in conjunction with the minutes of the planning meeting of the 5th May 2021

Update on current planning matters.

SDNP/21/00931/PA16 Telecom Mast at Kiln Lane Buriton Application determined, Permission Refused

SDNP/21/00956/FUL. Construction and part retention of farm track access from Horsechestnut Farm onto the Causeway (B2070), Petersfield. Application in Progress

SDNP/20/05618/FUL Installation of a 30m lattice telecommunications tower (and compound) at Head Down Hanger, New Barn Lane, Buriton. Application in Progress

SDNP/21/02014/FUL 10 residential houses at Greenway lane. Application in Progress

A meeting was held on the recreation ground, on the 17th May 2021, where parishioners had the opportunity to meet the developers agents and parish councillors so as to be able to ask all about this application.

The Parish Council obtained an extension to the expiry date for reply and subsequently sent a detailed response to the application.

00017/003 Removal of Payphone Kiosk.

The Parish Council voted to allow the Payphone to be removed. A response has been sent in accordance with this decision.

SDNP/21/02246/TCA Prune tree at Garth Cottage High Street Buriton. A response based on the advice from the Tree Warden was sent and the Application has been determined. No Objection

Matters for discussion at this meeting.

SDNP/21/02169/CND Substitution of plans for new dwelling at Cobwebs, North Lane. (8 days to expiry)

SDNP/21/02451/HEDG removal of hedge at 15 Sumner Road. (12 days to expiry)

SDNP/21/02555/TCA Cutback, removal or crown lift Yew, Cherry, Acacia and Beech Trees at the Old Rectory, High Street. (16 days to expiry)

Current situation at the Village Inn.

Update on the situation at Huntley's Yard

Update on Glebe Road Shed

Update on Butser Quarry Site

(Note new application not for discussion today: SDNP/021/01479/REM. Plans to address reserved matters for the new dwelling at High Banks, North Lane. (26 days to expiry))

Maggie Johnston

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