
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 7:00pm on Monday 20th May 2024.**

Present: Cllr T Wheeler (Chair), Cllr A Bray, Cllr D Lloyd, Cllr L Carney, Cllr H Hill, Cllr Wright, District & County Cllr Mocatta and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

In attendance: There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest from Cllr Mocatta – 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 Wheeler declared that he had an interest in the planning application SDNP/24/01242/TCA.

3. Co-option of Councillor

Hilary Myers was co-opted as a Councillor onto the Parish Council.

4. To approve minutes from BPC meetings held on 25th March 2024.

The draft minutes of the meetings held on 25th March 2024 were approved as a correct record and the Chair will sign a copy for the Council's Minutes Book. **Action: Cllr Wheeler.**

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2024.

- Monks Walk driveway: this is now very rutted but will be reinstated once the building work at Haven Barn is completed.
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – still in the process, waiting for any replies.
- Dog fouling: request made for the dog warden to visit Buriton again as the dog fouling is getting worse. Also, no information received re the dual bin stickers. Cllr Mocatta to chase. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.** There was also a suggestion of some signs to be installed at the recreation ground.
- Replacement of trees and other works at village pond: the management plan for the pond is expected soon.
- New footpath by B2146 at Hurst: Harting PC informed that this is no longer a viable option.
- Ineffective ditch in Petersfield Road by Bones Lane: Cllr Wheeler has reported on-line again but it has been updated by HCC with “no further action required”.
- Table Tennis Table: still waiting for installation.
- Fly-tipping hot-spot at corner of Greenway Lane: Cllr Mocatta to send Cllr Carney details of the officer at HCC to discuss the options for trees. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**
- Tree to commemorate the Coronation of King George III – Cllr Carney has planted the tree and BEA will looking at a plaque.
- Potential works to the Village Hall: meetings have been held with potential contractors and quotes received, a decision on the contractor will be made shortly. Cllrs agreed that Cllr Wheeler will make the decision as to which quote to accept with Andy van den Broeke and Doug Jones.
- On-line banking: Cllr Carney has now received her log-on details, an application has been made so that Cllr Wright can be added.
- Nursery Garden – the Lengthsman has been asked to clear the garden. BEA has been contacted but they are unable to take over this area. BEA suggested that a volunteer be sought

so that it can be used as a community space, it was agreed to use Facebook and the parish magazine. **Action: Clerk**

- Football update: Emails have been received with concerns about the extra traffic using Kiln Lane if that entrance is used for additional parking. It was also noted that the proposed parking area gets very waterlogged and would not be suitable. It was agreed that this be put on-hold for the time being. It was agreed that a public consultation meeting be held in early autumn to discuss the future of the recreation ground. In the meantime, Cllr Carney will look at different options to extend the existing car park. **Action: Cllr Carney.**
- Review of assets: Cllr Hill is still trying to find somebody to do this, Cllr Lloyd will also try. Cllr Mocatta to see if any of the other parish councils have carried out this. **Action Cllrs Mocatta, Hill & Lloyd.**
- New barn at Weston: no further enforcement action is being taken by EHDC.
- Management of BOATS: HCC are revising the procedure for open and closing BOATs which depends on weather and condition. HCC are looking at adding gates on certain BOATs so that they can be closed at short notice. This will be put out for consultation. The temporary closure on BOAT 47 finished on the 19th May 2024.
- Advertising the Village Hall and social events: Grazing event very successful and well received. £450 was raised, £250 paid into the VH account with £200 retained for future events. A family picnic is being organised for 4th August 2024 which will be a free fun event with people bringing their own picnic and an adult only party being held on the 23rd November 2024. The Chair thanked Cllrs Lloyd and Carney.
- Condition of ground to the entrance to playground – Cllr Wheeler has inspected and it is acceptable.
- New Cllrs: Matt Wright co-opted at the last meeting and Hilary Myers at this. There are still vacancies for three more Cllrs.
- Residents permanently parking in the Village Hall and Pond car parks: it was agreed that this will be raised at the planned public meeting.
- Culverts in Kiln Lane and Weston: the culverts in Weston have been cleared by HCC, the work to the Kiln Lane ones has not.
- 80th Anniversary of D Day: wreath to be laid on 8th June 2024 by Elaine Bray
- Memorial Seat – Cllrs were unable to suggest a suitable location for a memorial seat. **Action: Clerk**
- Noticeboard: this has been completely refurbished, the Chair thanked Carter Clothier for this work.

Open Forum

A parishioner raised the issue of extra parking for events in the village and feels that this is not a problem. The proposed matting was discussed at a recent BEA meeting. The parishioner felt that football should be played on the recreation ground as soon as possible. They had also noted the number of cars that were parked in the VH car park when there was nothing happening in the VH and nobody using the recreation ground.

A parishioner felt that there was no right answer to solve the parking situation. They also raised about how sad it was to see the ecological state of the pond and had asked EHDC had been asked to provide an ecological report, Simon Carpenter, from EHDC, replied that a contractor Aquamaintain would do this. Simon had also volunteered to come out and meet members of BEA to discuss the pond. Cllr Mocatta reported that there is no management plan at the moment. Cllrs were happy for BEA to meet with Simon, with Cllrs Carney and Mocatta also attending. It was also noted that funding may be available from SDNPA for any necessary works.

A parishioner stated that it was an excellent idea to have extra parking accessed from Kiln Lane but up the top of the recreation ground not the bottom.

A parishioner felt that it was a great idea to use the nursery garden for the community and suggested that it is a request be added to Buriton Bits. **Action: Clerk to contact Doug Jones**

A parishioner reported that the road at Weston has been retarmacked in patches. The side gulleys have been exposed but one of them just runs into the bank. Cllr Mocatta agreed that he would get somebody from HCC to look at this. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**

A parishioners made a suggestion for the pot holes in the High Street, he had read that in some areas they had been used for a golf course.....

6. Chair's Update

The Chair gave an update in the Annual Meeting.

7. County and District Councillor's Reports

County and District Cllr Mocatta provided a report from HCC which is attached to these minutes. He also informed the meeting of the following:

- Potholes - 5 years ago there were 30,000 reports of potholes, this has increased to 142,000, there are less staff to fix them. A decision has been made to temporary fill which is cheaper and quicker, 10% of these repairs fail.
- Recycling – the consultation on savings by HCC has been completed.

8. Finance and Accounts

- a) **Approval of the Annual Internal Audit Report** – Cllrs approved and noted the Annual internal Audit Report provided by Tim Light.
- b) **Approval of the Governance Statement** – Cllrs approved the Governance Statement
- c) **Approval of the Accounting Statement** – Cllrs approved the Accounting Statement
- d) **Agreement of the Exercise of Public Rights dates** – Cllr approved the proposed dates for the Exercise of Public Rights.
- e) **Conflict of Interest** – Cllrs confirmed that there was no conflict of interests with BDO.
- f) **Approval of Financial Regulations** – Cllrs approved the Financial Regulations

The Chair thanked the Internal Auditor, Tim Light, and the Clerk for their hard work in completing the audit.

9. Village Hall and Recreation Report

It was reported that:

- There are no bad debtors.
- All maintenance has been completed.
- A loss had been made for 2023/24 of £3654.20, this was mainly due to the new carpet and deep clean, electrical work and a upgrade to the fire alarm system.
- Cllr Lloyd is covering for the VH Manager from 16th to 29th June 2024.
- Cllr Lloyd is working on manuals for hirers to use the add-on equipment e.g. sound system.
- Cllr Lloyd is currently looking at dimmer switches for the hall as at the moment it is very bright.

10. Planning

The following planning applications were discussed:

- **SDNP/24/01266/TCA – The Old Rectory, High Street, Buriton: S211 notice given for works to tree refs: 04a, 11, 21, 23, 40, 41, 46, 54, 61 – no objection**
- **SDNP/24/01242/TCA – The Wicket, Bones Lane, Buriton: Wild Cherry - reduce by 1/3 - 1/2 to leave finished crown height of 6m and finished crown spread (radius) of 2m Ash - reduce by 1/3 - 1/2 to leave finished crown height of 8m and finished crown spread (radius) of 3m – no objection**
- **SDNP/24/01142/HOUS and SDNP/24/01143/LIS - Deans Farm , Widow Knights Copse Lane, Buriton: Repair and alterations to barn including replacement of doors and steps and lifting of eaves – Cllrs agreed to the comments that had been circulated.**

11. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

The Clerk reported that it has been very difficult to make contact with the Lengthsman via Steep Parish Council so is unsure if the work requested is reaching him. Cllrs agreed that it was important to try and obtain a contact number for him. Cllr Mocatta agreed to see if the Clerk to East Meon Parish Council has the number. **Action: Cllr Mocatta**

12. Rights of Way

Some rights of way issues have been discussed or noted earlier in the meeting.

13. Update on Trees, Pollinators, Biodiversity and Climate Change Initiatives

- **Earth Day** – the BEA organised a very successful Earth Day. Participants were provided with lots of useful information. Re-Charge One representatives also attended.
- **Miyawaki Mini-Woodland** – this is a small woodland of dense, dense, fast-growing area of natural species woodland that enhances biodiversity/wildlife and mitigates climate changes. It is proposed that the area between the copse of field maples and the rail line on the recreation ground. Funding could be provided by SDNPA. Following a discussion, it was suggested that this area could be used as a community orchard. Cllr Carney agreed to discuss with the BEA. **Action: Cllr Carney.**
- **Recreation Ground** – Cllrs agreed to the proposals for the maintenance of areas and the hedge: Community Hay Day to September and Idverde to cut and collect mowing in October and in March. It was also noted that the area of long grass margins is being reduced by the regular mowing. It was also agreed that the inside hedge would be left for another year except if it encroaches the bench. **Action: Clerk** to contact Idverde.

14. Approval of CIL Statement

Cllrs approved the proposed CIL statement that Doug Jones has produced. This will now be placed onto the website and sent to SDNPA. The Chair thanked Doug Jones for his help in producing this.

15. Correspondence

A list of all correspondence is attached to the minutes.

- Ramp in Wild Flower Meadow – the ramp has been removed by BEA.

16. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 29th July 2024.

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended 9.00pm.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

2 APRIL 2024

1. Highways update

Hampshire was awarded £4.22 million last year and another £4.22m for this year which has meant we are able to bring forward additional road improvement schemes into this year's programme. You can read the full list here:

[County Council gives green light to 19 highways improvement schemes using £8.45m 'Network North' funding | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

The A272 (Winchester Road) through Stroud has been included in a recently published list of 19 resurfacing projects which have been funded by Network North funding. This is basically funds released from the cancellation of HS2. The works will make the surface more resilient and improve drainage. The works will take place in the new financial year 2024/25 (i.e. before March 2025).

March was almost as rainy as February, which was the wettest February on record. In March it was very noticeable that the unusually high water table led to a lot of surface flooding every time it did rain. Inevitably, this has had a negative impact on highways surfaces with more defects appearing.

Hampshire Highways will get on top of the issues over the coming month as we see drier weather. The £7.5m extra funding we have put in is making a difference. Please continue to report defects on the OurHants app or the website. It does not hurt to report substantial defects more than once. I am always happy to chase up problems if you wish to forward me the Issue Reference number.

2. Local Nature Recovery Strategy

On 14 December 2023 HCC launched a public survey to find out what Hampshire's residents and workers felt about nature recovery - what was important to them and what they felt should form our strategy. We were overwhelmed with the response; over 1500 areas which would benefit from improvement for nature recovery were identified across Hampshire.

The survey results map can be found here: [Survey Results Map | Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire \(arcgis.com\)](#)

Over a nine-week period starting at the beginning of January 2024 we held a series of 20 workshops - 10 community workshops which were hosted by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and 10 thematic workshops which were aimed at organisations and specialist groups. Over 450 attendees representing over 100 organisations attended the mix of online and in person sessions.

We now have a wealth of information which we will analyse to help shape the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire. The next milestone in our timeline will be to consult on the draft Strategy in the Summer. The exact timeline and more information on the project can be found here: [Timeline of actions | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Local Nature Partnerships (LNP) still exist in the UK and HCC continues to be a Board Member and active participant in Hampshire's LNP which is chaired by Alison Potts of Natural England.

3. Community Transport toolkit

The Community Transport webpages on the HCC website are recommended. At this link there is a very clear guide for Parish Councils in how to assess transport needs and set up a regular minibus or taxibus service.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportoperators/community-transport-kit>

Locally organised community transport has many advantages over public transport. There is a community cohesion element because people meet regularly with other villagers. The journeys can be timed to coincide with market days or cultural events. I also feel that there is a health and wellbeing benefit because it reduces isolation and encourages moderate exercise.

We hope that HCC will be able to retain funding for Community Transport following the Future Services Consultation. At this time East Hampshire does not take full advantage of the opportunities. In many other parts of Hampshire there is much greater usage of weekly minibuses.

4. BOATs Update

HCC is continuing to develop a new Byways Operating Procedure (BOP) for BOATs. A second meeting with East Hampshire parishes will take place in the coming month or so. HCC is also submitting bids for CIL funding to SDNPA in order to continue the roll-out of more gates and noticeboards.

The deadline for the lifting of winter closures was originally set for 1 April 2024. Due to the wet weather, winter closures have been extended for a month. As a consequence of the extra monitoring requirements officers will not be ready to produce their BOP update report in time for my May Decision Day.

5. Big Changes Coming to Hampshire County Council Offices

Hampshire County Council is set to review proposals this week aimed at reducing office accommodation across the county. This move is all about consolidating staff into fewer buildings and saving those precious pennies on running costs.

The strategy will roll out over the coming years, focusing on adapting to changing work patterns and making sure the council's facilities are up to snuff. With many staff working remotely or directly in the community (think local services like social care for our vulnerable neighbours), it's clear that the way we work is evolving.

This isn't just about cutting costs. It's about ensuring access to public services remains robust for everyone in Hampshire. From libraries to register offices, no public service closures are on the table—just smarter use of the space we have.

This is all about staying efficient, effective, and, most importantly, close to the community's heart. While some staff might see changes in their work locations, the goal is to keep everything running smoothly without a hitch to services or the public.

You can read more here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240603Officeaccommodation>

6. Election Purdah

There are district elections taking place in many parts of Hampshire this May, as well as two County Council by-elections (Meon Valley and Fareham Sarisbury) and the Police and Crime Commissioner Election. Consequently, HCC is currently in a pre-election purdah. This means that there will not be any press releases or policy announcements happening in April and so my next report after this one will be in June 2024.

Correspondence

Date	Details	Sender
27.3.24	Thanking us for moving the logs in the Pond Car Park	Hilary Myers
2.4.24	Thanking Doug Jones for information regarding the traffic calming measures	Christine Harriott, West Meon PC
4.4.24	Letter informing of highways work on Greenway Lane development commencing 22 nd April 2024	Stephen Lucas, HCC
5.4.24	Asking if any other village location for a memorial bench	Hazel Leppard
9.4.24	Thanking PC for grant for EH CAB	Helen Drake, CAB
16.4.24	Position of the new trees on the recreation ground	Tim Mitford
16.4.24	Requesting to speak at next meeting re planning application 2 Glebe Road	Sarah Guard
22.4.24	Further information re planning application for 2 Glebe Road	Sarah Guard
25.4.24	Application to be a Councillor	Hilary Myers
25.4.24	Notification of the Buriton Art Trail	Liz Cox
26.4.24	Copy of letter sent to contractor re use of North Lane and damage caused by contractor vehicles	Elaine Bray
30.4.24	Further queries about new trees planted on the recreation ground	Tim Mitford
1.5.24	Informing PC that a ramp has been built in the wild flower area	Sarah Stevens, Pollinator Group
13.5.24	Request to use water from the outside tap at the VH for a birthday party	Luis Ramos
17.5.24	Copy of email to Cllr Mocatta re breach of planning at Dean Barn	Luke Galloway, EHDC
19.5.24	Additional parking on recreation ground	Lester Handley
19.5.24	Additional parking on recreation ground	Rosalind Coles
20.5.24	Additional parking on recreation ground	Rob & Kath Connolly
20.5.24	Additional parking on recreation ground	Paull Evans