

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2015 in the Village at 7.30pm.**

Present: The Chairman, Cllr David Peart and Cllrs Bridget Culley, Ray Randall, Tony Styles, Tony Grunsell, Philip Jeffery, BDBC Cllr Graham Falconer and the clerk, Derek Kane.

**Members of the Public in attendance:** Four.

### **Time for public speaking:**

**The chairman** asked if any members of the public present wished to address the council.

**Wyndham Culley**, a resident, asked if he could address the council.

He wished to thank the PC for backing the development of **Bell's Field for Affordable Housing**.

When he was first approached, seven years ago, he did not realise the trouble it would cause and nastiness from a small minority in the parish.

Towards the latter stages of the application he was worried that Hyde Housing were not committed because, in his view, they were only really interested in larger town developments.

He congratulated the PC on how they managed to handle the whole process. He especially singled out Cllr Randall for sticking at it all the way through and to ex-councillors who had also supported the process.

It was his aim to create affordable homes for village people.

He also had been approached by **Cllr Styles** about what his plans are for the rest of Bell's Field.

He will be leaving it to his children / grandchildren and only releasing it for development for any future affordable housing needs or for a facility(ies) that benefits all the village.

**The chairman** said that all councillors had voted for what they thought was right and that in his view the PC had made the right decision.

**Cllr Styles** thanked **Mr Culley** for being candid. He does have concerns about whether the homes will be occupied by people with a local connection as he understands that many people in the village have been removed for the BDBC 'Housing Register' against their wishes.

**The clerk** explained that BDBC had changed their Housing Register to a simpler form and that a number of people who are not deemed as in 'Housing Need' have been removed from the register. The clerk notes from the S106 agreement on Bell's Field that houses will be allocated to those in housing need who are on the register and who have a local connection, then those from adjacent parishes (Hurstbourne Priors, Litchfield, etc, then the wider borough).

**The chairman** asked the clerk to ascertain from BDBC how many SMB Parish households are on their 'Housing Register'.

**Sue Prior**, a resident, then asked to address the council.

She wanted to update the council on recent developments with regard to **Rope Yarn Lane (RYL)**.

A tree trunk that had been blocking the lane had been cleared (to one side) but after two days was put 'back in place'.

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**Mrs Prior** and her fellow concerned residents are aware of the adjacent landowners offer to remove obstacles on condition that they withdraw the Right of Way application. This to them is unacceptable.

The chairman reiterated his previous stated view that all should now allow for the process of reclassification to continue, which is now with HCC and is on a raised priority.

He notes another communication from a retired solicitor, who advising the concerned residents about access to RYL, suggests that HCC have a duty to clear this lane, and he will follow this up with the relevant HCC officer, although HCC's view would appear to suggest that until it is reclassified they (and BDBC) will not be clearing rubbish or obstructions from non-highway land.

The members of the public present then left the meeting.

### **The Proper Business of the Council then commenced.**

**1. Apologies for Absence:** HCC Tom Thacker, and Parish Cllrs Hugo Wurzer, Colin Henderson and Katie Dixon.

**2. Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Randall regarding item 5.1.

#### **3.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11 August 2015 (previously circulated).**

Having been already circulated, Cllr Culley proposed that they were a true record and should be signed; the proposal was seconded by Cllr Randall and unanimously agreed by the council.

**3.2 Matters arising:** None.

#### **4. Borough & County Councillor Reports.**

**4.1** There was no report from **HCC Cllr Thacker**. In his apologies he asked that we should forward him any matters that we would like him to investigate.

**4.2 BDBC Cllr Graham Falconer** then gave his report.

**a).** He has taken on a personal campaign to improve the **reporting process for planning applications** after they have been approved as it seem that after Conditions are attached to the approved application it can take an eternity to get the final determination.

**b).** **Karen Brimacombe, Assistant Director**, is leaving which is sad because she has been a great supporter of the Flooding Emergency systems and was helpful in the Grants process.

The chairman, the clerk and Cllr Styles, voiced their thanks for Karen's work on BDBC and how it related to SMB Parish.

**c).** **Devolution:** The Leader, Cllr Clive Sanders and BDBC CE, Melbourne Barrett, have been heavily involved with a government initiative in so called Devolution. Fifteen Hampshire authorities have come together to discuss possibilities for amalgamating service provision to improve service and reduce costs. Part of the proposal is to delegate control of areas of the NHS to the local councils so that there can be better coordination of care services. A councillor's briefing and an extraordinary Council meeting were held last week as the joint Council's response had to go to the Minister last Friday. The initiative is known as **Composite Authorities** although each Authority will keep its independence and powers.

**d).** **Local Plan:** The next stage with the Inspector is 6 October.

**Cllr Randall** raised the matter of the **Play Scheme on the Recreation Ground this summer**. (The clerk had agenda'd this item under 8.2).

Chairman's Initials

PC had given permission to use the Recreation ground in the past for similar activities.

*[Post meeting note: The clerk, who receives various informal requests through the year for small groups of pensioners, church groups, and children/youngsters to use the Rec for recreation and picnics, had received the following reply from the organiser on 2 July following their initial enquiry on 1 July:*

*Would we be ok on Tues 25th and Wed 26th Aug?*

*Number of children is hard to predict. Last year we had numbers ranging from 5/6 - 20 but I can't imagine many more than 25.*

*We would only need 1 space for parking and will probably bring a minibus.*

*Regarding space we can be easily moved and very flexible. We will be bringing a pop up tent which is approx. 15 x 15*

*Community Manager, Testbourne Community School].*

Cllr Randall said there was hardly any attendees which he put down to an absence of publicity.

He also pointed out that the PC funds the use of the Club Room as a wet weather alternative.

The clerk was asked to forward contact to Cllr Falconer.

*[Post meeting note: The clerk received the following reply from Cllr Falconer after the clerk had forwarded him the organisers contact:*

*"This looks as if it is an initiative specific to Testbourne School in Whitchurch rather than a Hants CC or BDBC initiative.*

*Consequently, I guess they haven't widened the scheme to beyond their own. You might enquire if they want to widen it to say St Mary Bourne residents but either way it is not really an item for me or Tom Thacker."].*

### **5.1 Village Shop — Update.**

The chairman of the PC wrote to the Shop CIC on 2 September:

With the recent changes that have taken place with the village shop management, the parish council has been getting queries from a number of residents expressing concern regarding the shop's future and what the long term view is regarding getting a settled volunteer base to maintain its on-going stability.

To address these concerns, would it be possible for you to compile a short report that I could present to the parish council at the next full council meeting next Tuesday 8th September. You are of course more than welcome to attend the meeting and present the report yourself should you be available.

We are not looking for any in-depth analysis, but just an overview of the changes that have taken place since Leslie Barry left and the current management committee assumed responsibility and your view as to what this has meant to the financial viability going forward.

Chairman's Initials

The chairman of the CIC replied on 6 September:

*“As you know the operation of the shop and Post Office transferred to the Community Interest Company in early January. Despite some early challenges we have managed to keep the shop open as well as manage the relationship with the Post Office. I think it would be fair to say that none of us anticipated the level of work required in operating the shop (as you know originally we were just asked to hold the lease on behalf of the community) and we didn’t anticipate that we would have to be so hands on. Financially the shop is not yet breaking even but cash flow is not currently a problem - this is mainly due to a number of the CIC Directors providing short term loans.*

*You will be aware that Lisa recently resigned as Shop Manager - we were sorry to see her go and she will be missed. However, I am delighted to advise you that Kim Mitchell has been appointed as new Shop and PO manager and is joined by Gwen Randall as Assistant Manager. Both are Post Office trained and are in post. We are still looking for another paid member of staff, who is prepared to be post office trained, who can work a couple of days a week on a rota basis so if the Parish Council are aware of anyone who might be interested then please do let us know.*

*As you will be aware the Community Interest Company is accountable to the members of the company. We currently have between 60 - 70 members and will be holding a members meeting in October/November to brief them on the first nine months operation and provide them with an oversight of the current financial position. At the same time we will be looking for people who would be prepared to become Directors of the company and share in the governance of the shop/post office as some of us are finding the time commitment too onerous.*

*We held a positive volunteers meeting on Friday night and the dedicated group of volunteers are enthusiastic and fully engaged. However we need more volunteers and would welcome any support the Parish Council can give to encourage greater participation.*

*I hope that this assists with the queries that you have received. If any residents of the Parish have any specific concerns then please do point them in our direction as we would be happy to discuss matters with them - and encourage them to volunteer! As we have always said the village shop will only remain open if people use it.”*

The chairman of the PC will reply to the CIC in due course

## **5.2 Black Garden – Asset of Community Value nomination – Update**

The clerk, after chasing BDBC over the last month, received the following e-mail from a Facilities Provision Officer of BDBC on 4 September.

*“[T]he nomination for the Black Garden is currently in the consultation period until 24th September. All required parties have been written to and have up until the 24/09/2015 to return their comments. Once information has been received a formal decision will be made after the 24/09/2015.”*

## **5.3 Batsford – School set-down/pick-up area – Update.**

There had been suggestions both ways about purchasing (for a small amount), renting or operating under licence, the land for the purposes that the PC wishes to see come about. There however appears to be a reluctance now from Sovereign to come forward with concrete proposals that will benefit residents (some who are Sovereign clients) as well as the school community and wider community.

The chairman has replied to the latest ‘dismissive’ communication. The chairman will also write to our MP as this is not a local government matter (Housing Associations having been set-up by Acts of Parliament).

Chairman’s Initials

## **5.4 Speeding:**

### **5.4.1 Electronic Speed Reminder signs:**

Following a discussion about the merits of these devices the clerk was instructed to source and propose for purchase a static display speed / 'slow down' electronic device to include vehicle movements tracking and those in excess of the speed limit, for intel back to the police (summary form: eg 100 vehicle movements for a specific time / date range of which 30 were in excess of 30 and 5 in excess of 40). No site has been determined and before purchase the clerk will ensure the agreement of Hampshire Constabulary and HCC Highways to the siting of such a device. The clerk believes the device will cost at least £2.5k.

In the meantime the present portable device can be used for display purposes only (no intel gathering) around the parish but will require a volunteer to supervise the device BUT not to record speeding vehicle reg nos.

The PC was pleased to learn that some concerned residents (via Facebook/Bourne Valley Signpost) have indicate their willingness to organise fundraising for additional electronic devices over and above what has just been agreed to be purchased.

The clerk to call back the SID device from Hurstbourne Tarrant PC.

**5.4.2 Community Speed Watch (CSW):** The PC was pleased to learn that, via Facebook/Bourne Valley Signpost and contacts to Cllr Jeffery, that there may be residents who would like to volunteer for CSW. To-date the clerk has received the details of one resident, which are required for registering with the police for insurance purposes. The clerk will attempt to follow through the informal expressions of interest and the interest of previous CSW volunteers.

With the above in mind a meeting will be arranged for anyone interested in taking part in the CSW to explain the aims (education not punishment) and the procedure.

## **5.5 (not on agenda) Neighbourhood Plan:**

**Cllr Styles** on behalf of **Cllr Dixon** advised the following:

The Group, having received funding from Groundwork UK to draft the proposals for the SMBP Neighbourhood Plan, is meeting with Dave Chetwyn of Urban Vision this Friday 11 September 2015. The meeting is to go through the draft of the Plan, as accepted by the Parish Council at its March meeting, to ensure that the consultant understands exactly what the Parish wants in its Plan. We will then go to the B&D BC offices to liaise with Andrew Rushmer of the Planning Dept, to also ensure that what is being proposed is in line with the Council its proposed Local Plan.

## **6. Finance**

### **6.1 Lloyds Bank Cheque Signing mandate — Update**

The clerk recently approached the Andover branch to a councillor's suggested contact to resolve this matter. The contact (the branch manager) can only deal with personal banking. The bank suggested I contact their business banking manager w/c 7 September, when he has returned from leave.

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## **6.2 Notification of Insurance — renewal of long term agreement (3Y) expiring 30/9/18 + Autumn Newsletter.**

The following invitation was received from the PC's insurers Came & Co:

*"Your Council policy is due for renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015. We have based the renewal quotation on the sums insured (index-linked by 3%), and the covers detailed in the Council's 2014/15 schedule of insurance.*

*We have pleasure in confirming the Council's renewal premium as **£2,232.57, including 6% insurance premium tax [IPT]**. This takes into consideration the Council's long-term agreement which expires on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The Policy excess remains £250.00 for each and every claim. Cheques should be made payable to Came and Company.*

*The Council's long-term agreement (LTA) is due to expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The renewal premium can be reduced by 5% to **£2,120.94** if the Council wishes to enter a new LTA until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Please let us know if the Council wish to enter a new LTA.*

*Remember the whole purpose of a 3-year binding agreement (LTA) is so that you, the Council, know that for the period of the agreement your premiums will only increase slightly (due to your property sums insured being index linked). The rates applied by Aviva at the start of the agreement will be maintained at the same level throughout the period. If Aviva breaks the agreement and increases its rates you are free to seek alternative insurance."*

The clerk notes from the autumn newsletter that IPT is due to rise from 6% to 9.5% from 1 November 2015. Notwithstanding any premium increases (including values insured being index linked under a LTA), this would mean that 2016/17's premiums would rise to £2,306.29 for that year's renewal or, if under an LTA, £2,190.97.

The Cllr Culley proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Grunsell that the council should enter into a three-year agreement with Came & Company. Carried.

## **6.3 6m review of Accounts.**

### **Income:**

The Maintenance grant from BDBC was **UP** by **£1,259** vs budget. There remains Part 2 of the Precept for 2015/16 to be paid this autumn (£9,786)

The investment income (£20k deposit with Lloyds) is due to be **UP** by **£41** vs budget.

The conditional grant of **£500** paid to Priors Players in April 2015 (for portable loos) was repaid back to the PC as the profits of the MSND outdoor production were in excess of £1,500.

The Lengthsman Commission was **UP** **£100** due to the late joining of Overton PC to the North West Hants Lengthsman cluster.

The vat refund from HMRC for 2014/15 was **UP** **£18** vs budget.

There has so far been no revenue generated from hiring out the SID vs **£400** budget.

**£450** (Grant from BDBC) and **£488** (Grant from Football Foundation) for new goal posts was not budgeted for.

**£375** fees for the new SMB/George Football use of the Rec was not budgeted for.

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The clerk understands that there is a cheque for a donation to the PC from Whitchurch Youth Football for use of the Recreation Ground. This is not budgeted for as the payments in previous years have not been assured. Last years was **£160**.

*[Clerk's post meeting note: a cheque for £160 for Whitchurch Youth Football in respect of a donation was received on 10 September 2015].*

### **Expenditure:**

The projection for vat paid out for 2015.16 is **UP** by **£900** vs budget. All vat paid in 2015/16 will be reclaimed from HMRC circa April 2016.

The projection for insurance costs is **DOWN** by **£179** vs budget.

The projection for IT equipment costs is **UP** by **£421** vs budget. The projection for software maintenance costs is **UP** **£139** vs budget.

The projection for Grounds Maintenance costs is **UP** by **£660** vs budget. This was due to under quoting by Premier Grounds for the Lake Cuts. This had been admitted by the Premier Grounds and was accepted by the Pc earlier this year.

The projection for Playground maintenance costs were **UP** by **£455** vs £0 budget.

The projection for Jubilee Lamp maintenance costs were **UP** by **£280** vs £0 budget. No maintenance had been invoked for the previous two years.

The projection for Pavilion maintenance costs is so far **UP** by **£1,563** vs £0 budget. There are further costs to emerge regarding this and the play area shelter repair. Amount not known at this juncture. The first and only payment last FY for S.Puddle was **£1,100**.

The projection for fencing maintenance is **UP** by **£1,021** vs £0 budget. This was for unbudgeted replacement of the pole and post structures at the Recreation Ground.

The projection for Defibrillator costs is **UP** by **£271** vs £0 budget. These related to connection cost plus extra CCTV.

The projection for Community Right to Bid (Black Garden) is **UP** by **£40** vs £0 budget to cover Land Registry RFIs.

The projection for Goal Posts purchase is **UP** by **£1,364** vs £0 budget.

The PC at tonight's meeting has decided to purchase a static electronic speed / slow down device. This will have a cost bearing in excess of **£2,500**.

### **Summary:**

Projected extra expenditure vs budget AND after allowing for extra income vs budget, amounts to **£5,623**. Reserves as at 31 March 2015 were **£44,869** so projected reserves for 31 March 2016 will be **£39,246**.

**6.4 Advise councillors to bring any spending plans they may wish to have budgeted for in 2016/17 for consideration at the 13 October Full Council Meeting.** Noted.

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### 6.5 Monthly accounts – September

Account	Amount	
Treasurers Account	504.46	
Investment Account	45,107.07	#1
Petty Cash Account	3.63	
Lloyds TSB Fixed Term Deposit	20,000.00	
Less un-presented cheques	0.00	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>65,615.16</b>	#1

#1 Balance in Investment Account & Closing Balance includes balance of - **£0.61** of **Neighbourhood Plan Funds** (drawn from £4,240.00 grant payment from the Community Development Fund (CDF) and balance of grant payment from CDF of £470.50) and **£8,500.00** of **Lengthsman grant from HCC** (drawn from £9,960.00) grant payment for 2015/16) held on behalf of 10 associate parish and town councils.

#### Payments made since the Full Council Meeting on 11 August 2015:

Payee	Cheque No	Amount
None		0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.00</b>

#### Receipts reported since the Full Council Meeting on 11 August 2015 (into Business Investment A/C):

Source	Date	Amount	
HCC Lengthsman Grant 2015/16	10/08/15	12,100.00	#2
Bank interest	10/08/15	1.49	
BDBC (S106 Monies for Goalposts)	11/08/15	450.00	
SMB Bowling Club (Rent 2015/15 + water 12/14-06/15)	12/08/15	63.28	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12,614.77</b>	

#### #2 Breakdown of HCC Lengthsman grant:

Associate Councils Monies	9,960.00
SMB claim against Hurstbourne Priors from 2014/15	40.00
SMB Monies	1,000.00
SMB Commission (10% of £11,000)	1,100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,100.00</b>

#### CDFG for Neighbourhood Plan, as at 31/8/15 held by SMB PC, in Business Investment a/c.

Item	Payments In	Payments Out	Date	Balance
b/f				- 0.61
c/f				- 0.61

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**Lengthsman funds, as at 31/8/15 held by SMB PC, in Business Investment a/c, on behalf of the 10 associate town and parish councils.**

Item	Payments In	Payments Out	Date	Balance
<b>b/f #3</b>				<b>- 40.00</b>
<b>HCC Lengthsman Grant</b>	<b>9,960.00</b>		<b>10/08/15</b>	<b>9,920.00</b>
<b>HB-P PC repayment of overspend 2014/15 (via grant for 2015/16)</b>	<b>40.00</b>		<b>10/08/15</b>	<b>9,960.00</b>
<b>Overton PC</b>		<b>140.00</b>	<b>11/08/15</b>	<b>9,820.00</b>
<b>Longparish PC</b>		<b>60.00</b>	<b>11/08/15</b>	<b>9,760.00</b>
<b>Hurstbourne Priors PC</b>		<b>260.00</b>	<b>11/08/15</b>	<b>9,500.00</b>
<b>Whitchurch TC</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>11/08/15</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>
<b>c/f</b>				<b>8,500.00</b>

**#3 Hurstbourne Priors had overspent by £40.00** their grant amount for 2014/15. This overspend had been covered by an invoice raised on 1 April to Hurstbourne Priors and payment had remained outstanding. The clerk had now agreed with Hurstbourne Priors PC to deduct the £40.00 from their 2015/16 Lengthsman grant as soon as it arrives. This has now been done.

**Payments Due at Meeting:**

Payee	Cheque No.	Amount
Derek Kane (salary)	2443	645.76
Derek Kane (travel expenses)	2444	6.01
Premier Grounds (Grounds Maint)	2445	382.50
Premier Grounds (Lengthsman services for SMB)	2446	140.00
Premier Grounds (Lengthsman services for Ecchinswell)	2447	360.00
Premier Grounds (Lengthsman services for Longparish)	2448	170.00
Mr FA Tarrant	2449	257.40
Came and Co (Insurance)	2450	2,120.94
Thornpark Ltd	2451	1,104.49
Information Commissioner (data protection registration 2015/16)	2452	35.00
Cllr David Peart (Purchase of goal posts)	2453	1,637.36
Cllr David Peart (Keys cut for MUGA, etc)	2454	12.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,871.46</b>

**Invoices raised since last Full Council Meeting:**

To	Inv No.	Dated	Amount
None			0.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>0.00</b>

Provision for **£515.48 for HMRC Q2 2015/16** payment due 6/10/15 plus a **£500 buffer** for any unforeseen expenses incurred before the next Full Council Meeting on 13 October needs to be provided for.

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It was agreed to transfer **£7,400.00** from the Business Investment account to the Treasurers account to meet the payments that had been proposed by the clerk.

The acceptance of the **reconciled** accounts up to 31 August 2015 was proposed by Cllr Grunsell and seconded by Cllr Jeffery and unanimously agreed by the council.

## **7. Planning:**

### **7.1.1 Report from Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2015 (previously circulated).**

**7.1.2 Matters arising:** None.

**7.2 Planning Applications for discussion at meeting:** None

**7.3 Trees – Notices of Intent:** None.

**7.4 Advice of Planning Applications considered by BDBC:** None.

**7.5 Planning applications withdrawn to be noted:** None.

**7.6 Planning appeals:** None.

**7.7 Compliance:** None.

**7.8 Other parish councils' planning matters:** None.

**7.9 Other Planning matters:** The clerk noted today on the BDBC website that planning application **15/02836/LDEU Stable Cottage, The Black Barn, Stoke Road, SMB** for an Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for letting of annexe known as Stable Cottage as a separate dwelling has been registered. The clerk established with BDBC that a planning pack has been sent to the PC which should mean that the Planning Committee will be considering this matter on 22 September at their next scheduled meeting.

[Clerk's post meeting note: the planning pack arrived on 9/9/15].

## **8. Recreation Ground and Lake:**

**8.1.1 Report of Recreation Ground and Lake Issues 13 April to 4 September:** not available.

There were no issues of note not already covered at this meeting.

**8.1.2 Matters arising from the Report:** not applicable

### **8.2 BDBC Play Scheme in the Rec 2015:**

**This matter was raised by Cllr Randall during item 4.1**

## **9. Item of Correspondence to be circulated:**

### **9.1 Hampshire Constabulary:**

**9.1.1 July 2015 Whitchurch area report:** noted.

**9.1.2 August 2015 Area report (exc Whitchurch):** noted.

Chairman's Initials

**9.2 BDBC – (via Cllr Izett) – Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment (re draft local plan).**  
Noted.

**9.3 (not on agenda) Urgent request (received 4/9/15) from Hampshire Chief Constable and PCC regarding Home Office policing funding formula.** Deadline 15/9/15. Noted

**10. HALC/BDAPTC/SLCC/Training & Conferences Reports:**

**10.1 NALC (via HALC) – Parish Councils Bill – E-Survey –** deadline 30/9/15. Noted.

**10.2 CPRE (via HALC) – Policy on the Rural Economy in Hampshire –** discussion meeting 9 October 2015. Noted.

**10.3 HALC (via BDBC) – Code of Conduct Training –** 23/9/15 at BDBC. Noted.

**10.4 SLCC – Branch meeting 24/9/15 –** Clerk will be attending. Noted.

**10.5 HALC – AGM 10 October 2015,** 8:45am – 1pm. Deadline 18 September. The chairman and clerk to attend. The clerk will advise HALC.

**10.6 (not on agenda) HALC – E-update: September:** noted.

**11. Footpaths:**

**11.1.1 Report on Footpaths Issues 13 April to 4 September:** not available.

There were no issues of note not already covered at this meeting.

**11.1.2 Matters arising from the Report.** not applicable.

**11.2 (not on agenda)** A resident advised that **FP40 had a tree fall / fallen and that the trunk / branches had been cut up into logs and placed near the entrance at Flash stile.** Cllr Culley advised that pedestrian access is okay but that the logs serve to block the footpath from vehicular traffic

**12. Highways/Transport/Services:**

**12.1.1 Report of Highways/Transport/Services Issues 13 April to 4 September:** not available.

There were no issues of note not already covered at this meeting.

**12.1.2 Matters arising from the Report:** not applicable.

**12.2 Flood and Emergency Group –** Update.

The chairman and Clem Jones (member of FEG) will be observing Operation Obex at Romsey on 18 September. This is an exercise to test flood resilience in this town.

The chairman and members of FEG will be discussing Emergency Planning for SMB on 19 September with HCC & EA representatives.

The chairman to contact Ian Miller of EA regarding the results of the Bourne river survey and also improvement to the outflow from the road drain near the Summerhaugh bridge.

Chairman's Initials

**Bourne stats update:****Valley Farm well measurement – 1 September 2015:**

The levels are still dropping fairly quickly

<b>2015</b>	<b>Cm</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>Comments</b>
7/6/15	152	-25	River flowing
7/7/15	198	-46	River down
4/8/15	244	-46	River down
1/9/15	295	-51	River down – still dropping quickly

**St Mary Bourne Flood Risk Summary (as at 18 August 2015)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>1/7/15</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>All levels are down with the river falling quite quickly</b>

**Note 1.**

The measures at the Vernham Dean Bore Hole and the gauge at Holdway Cottage are from the ground base and are depth of water.

**Note 2.**

The measure in the Summerhaugh well is the space between the kitchen floor and the top of the water. This is effectively the ground water level at this point in the valley.

<b>Location</b>	<b>17/8</b>	<b>Last month (July)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Vernham Dean Bore	100	100.0	
Well at Valley Farm, Stoke	295 (1/9)	244	
Springs at Stoke	n/a	River flowing	
Gauge at Holdway	2cm	8cm	
Spring at Holdway	Dry	Dry	
Well at Summerhaugh	125cm	108cm	

**12.3 Changes to Cango Services 1/9/15.** Noted.

**12.4** (not on agenda) – **Cllr Jeffery raised the matter of the verge between the road and path o/s from the School to The Rank** that, although cut, is very untidy, and the caked soil / detritus needs scraping and clearing. Clerk to instruct Lengthsman.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.**

**Chairman, St. Mary Bourne Parish Council.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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