

St. Mary Bourne Parish Council
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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
 Tuesday 9 July 2019 in the Village Centre Club Room at 7:30pm**

Present: The Chair, Cllr David Peart and Cllrs Bridget Culley, Kevin Fullerton, Tony Grunsell, Oliver Madge, Gwen Randall, Tony Styles and Carole Whitlock.

In attendance: BDBC Cllr Graham Falconer, HCC Cllr Tom Thacker and The Clerk, Jo Exelby

Members of the Public in attendance: Seven

Chair's introduction

The chair opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to speak.

Time for public speaking

A resident of Upper Wyke attended to set out his objection to the application at Denning Wood (item 6.2).

Five parishioners attended to express their opposition to increased access to the lake (item 9.2).

One member of the public attended to answer queries in relation to the request to play croquet on the Recreation Ground (item 9.2.1).

1. Receive apologies for absence: None

2. Declarations of interests: None

3. Minutes of Full Council meeting held on 11 June 2019 (previously circulated)

3.1. Approve the minutes

Having been previously circulated, Cllr Randall proposed, and Cllr Culley seconded, that they were a true record and should be signed. Resolved unanimously by members and the Chair signed the minutes.

3.2. Status of actions agreed at the meeting

There was a discussion of the actions agreed and the following point was made:

- The meeting with BDBC to discuss the impact of the Local Plan update on the Neighbourhood Plan has been held – feedback is at item 6.1.

Chair's Initials

4. Borough & County Councillors' Reports

4.1. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Falconer gave the following report:

- One of the former portfolio holders has resigned from the Conservative party and the council now has no overall control. Cllr Falconer is now vice-chair of 3 committees – scrutiny, accounts & licensing.
- The Environmental Health team have visited Bank Top a couple of times to discuss dust pollution and have agreed a plan with the developer.
- Local Plan review – the land supply isn't meeting the five year requirement. A number of applications which are supposed to go to the development committee have been delayed to allow the committee time to discuss the issue.

4.2. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Thacker noted that there is currently a consultation running 'Balancing the Budget'. The County Council is facing an anticipated budget shortfall of £80 million by April 2021. With less money available and growing demand for council services, decisions will need to be made about what it can and cannot provide in the future. It is required by law to deliver a balanced budget and therefore cannot plan to spend more than is available. There is therefore a risk that the parish lengthsman scheme will lose its funding. He suggested that the clerk ask each parish in the cluster to respond to the consultation and also to send a cluster wide response.

Chair's Initials

The Chair then brought forward item 6.4.

6.4. Planning Applications for consultation at the meeting

Reference	Description	Resolved
19/01210/FUL	<p>Land at Denning Wood, Upper Wyke Lane, SMB, SP11 6EA Change of use of oak framed barn to a two bed holiday home and associated works (part retrospective).</p>	<p>Object on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of approval for BDB/55088 contained a condition that the building shall not be converted or used for any residential or other commercial purposes. This condition was made in the interest of amenity and character of the area, which has not changed since the condition was made. • The electricity supply trench (already dug) exits the woodland at a point where there is no current electricity supply. The nearest supply is about 100m along the road and the additional poles and wires would have an adverse impact on the landscape and sight lines. The position adjacent to the woodland is one of the key sight lines in the parish, as identified in the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process.

Cllr Falconer then left the meeting.

The Chair then brought forward item 9.3.1.

9.3.1. Andover University of the Third Age request for use of Recreation Ground monthly on a Thursday morning through the summer for croquet

Resolved: It was noted that the court is generally about 35 yards by 28 yards, but can be any size as it will be for social croquet. They will bring their own markers and hoops and will not paint any lines. The expectation is that the group will start with 4 players, but increase. It was confirmed that players will not pay a fee to play, so it is not a commercial venture. Cllr Culley parking can be difficult so car sharing would be preferable. Unanimously agreed to grant permission and agreed that the club will liaise with the clerk for a walk around to select the best place to play.

Chair’s Initials

The chair then brought forward 9.2

9.2. Consider additional recreational access to the Lake

Resolved: Cllr Madge noted that he has received requests from several parents, one of whom is a school governor, who would like more access to the lake for recreational and educational purposes. He stressed that they are not requesting general public access, nor access for swimming, but organized access to carry out activities for local people that tie in with the National Curriculum, such as dipping. It was recognized that some residents have views over the water and those would be respected. Cllr Culley raised the issue that although the lake is considered a 'wildlife sanctuary', it is not particularly managed as such and the management could be improved to enhance the habitat for insects and birds. She suggested that we take advice from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust on a management plan. We could possibly use volunteers for conservation work. The chair – talking about pre-arranged & supervised access? Cllr Randall expressed concern for the safety of children in the lake environs and also noted that the peace and privacy of those using the GP surgery could be undermined. Cllr Culley noted that if it were an educational visit the children will be supervised by the school, who would have carried out their own risk assessment. Cllr Whitlock noted that there are other parents don't want their children to access the lake. The chair noted that the management of the lake should be undertaken by the Lake Committee. At present the parish council has a combined Recreation Ground & Lake committee. It was unanimously agreed to establish a separate Lake Committee to consider the lake's uses and management.

Cllr Thacker then left the meeting.

The agenda then resumed its order.

5. Governance

5.1. Consideration of Notice of Casual Vacancy

Resolved: The clerk advised that the Notice of Casual Vacancy, following Katie Dixon's resignation as councilor, had been published on 18 June 2019. The deadline for parishioners to request an election was Monday 8 July. BDBC have not yet indicated whether an election is to be held. If not, the parish council will be able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

5.2. NALC bulletins & updates: Noted

6. Planning

6.1. Receive notes of meeting with BDBC on the Local Plan Update

Resolved: The notes had previously been circulated. There were no questions and the notes were accepted. Cllr Fullerton noted that things are going very much in favour of development. Cllr Styles noted that we are in the AONB.

Chair's Initials

6.2. Receive update on Wheelabrator Harewood Waste-to-Energy proposal

Resolved: Cllr Madge noted that he had met with a councilor from Hurstbourne Priors who was surprised that we have not commented on the proposal. The chair agreed that we should continue to monitor the situation. We are aware and have mixed opinion, probably reflected in the parish. Cllr Madge will send on the information from Hurstbourne Priors.

6.3. Receive report of Planning Committee meeting held on 25 June 2019

Resolved: To accept the report.

6.4. Planning Applications for consultation at the meeting: Considered above**6.5. Tree notices of Intent for consultation at meeting:** None**6.6. Advice of compliance issues:** None

7. Finance

7.1. Monthly accounts — June 2019

Date	Received from/paid to	Total	Treasurers account	Business Bank Instant a/c	Fixed term deposit	Petty cash	Earmarked funds included in Business Bank Instant account	
							Lengthsman scheme Note 1	Flood prevention Note 2
Opening balance at 31/5/19		£84,008.17	£756.74	£63,248.06	£20,000.00	£3.37	£12,383.67	£25,750.00
	Transfer agreed at Full Council 11/6/19		£6,900.00	-£6,900.00				
Receipts								
10/6/19	Lloyds – interest			£2.64				
Payments								
11/6/19	Agreed at Full Council 11/6/19		-£6,636.94				-£1,096.33	
13/6/19	SMB Village Shop – card					-£1.99		
25/6/19	Agreed at Planning Committee 25/6/19		-£200.00					
30/6/19	BT DD – additional DD		-£13.42					
Available funds at 30/6/19		£77,158.46	£806.38	£56,350.70	£20,000.00	£1.38	£11,287.34	£25,750.00
Add: unrepresented payments			£57.40					
Closing bank at bank & in hand at 30/6/19		£77,215.86	£863.78	£56,350.70	£20,000.00	£1.38		

Note 1: Lengthsman grants from HCC held on behalf of 13 associate parish and town councils.

Note 2: Grant money from The Environment Agency that has been supplied for flood prevention work on The Bourne.

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Whitlock and seconded by Cllr Culley: The accounts for June 2019 were approved. The bank reconciliation was signed by the Chair.

7.2. Review and approve payments to be made in July 2019

Payee	Description	Amount £
Jo Exelby	Salary for July	890.19
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HMRC	PAYE & NIC	230.86
CommuniCorp	Local Councils Update subscription	100.00
Scofell Landscapes	Grounds maintenance	823.99
Sawscapes Play	Replacement poles for monkey bars	480.00
Premier Grounds	Lengthsman	1,368.40
BT	Telephone	56.98
Total		£4,840.61

Resolved: A transfer agreed of £5,000 from the Business Bank Instant account to the Treasurers account and the Clerk instructed to make the transfer.

Resolved: The payments were approved, and the Clerk instructed to make the online payments.

8. Highways & Transport

8.1. Agree consultation process for Community Funded Initiative

Resolved: The clerk noted that parishioners need to be consulted on the final proposals. It was agreed that they will be advertised on the parish council website, on the Bourne Valley Signpost and will be available for viewing in the parish office. It was further agreed that the Highways & Services Group will meet in August to approve the final plans.

9. Recreation Ground & Lake

9.1. Receive update on play equipment

Resolved: The clerk noted that the new poles have been installed for the monkey bars.

9.2. Consider additional recreational access to the Lake: Considered above

Chair's Initials

9.3. Consider requests for use of Recreation Ground, Pavilion & MUGA

- 9.3.1. Andover University of the Third Age request for use of Recreation Ground monthly on a Thursday morning through the summer for croquet:**
Considered above

10. Item of Correspondence to be circulated

- 10.1. Hampshire Constabulary — Monthly update for June 2019:** Not yet received
10.2. Rural Services Network — Rural Funding Digest July 2019: Noted

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Chair, St. Mary Bourne Parish Council

Date