

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at Ellingham Church Hall, Ellingham

In attendance:

Cllr Burtenshaw (Chairman)
Cllr Blake
Cllr Errington (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Loader
Cllr Stainton-Burrell
Cllr Taylor
Cllr Wilson

Acting Clerk: Kate Mason
6 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and advised that Cllr Webster had tendered his resignation from the Council with immediate effect. There are now two casual vacancies.

1. **20/02/186P Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Coutts.
2. **20/02/187P Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interests.
3. **20/02/188P To approve minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2020**
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Errington that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2020 be signed as a true and accurate record: **ALL IN FAVOUR.**
4. **20/02/189P Chairman's report on matters arising (not on the agenda)**
Nothing to report
5. **20/02/190P Public Forum**
Members of the public present were in attendance to speak about planning applications which the Chairman agreed would be allowed when the application(s) was discussed.
6. **Determine responses to Development Control and Tree works applications**

The Chairman decided to alter the agenda and discuss first the applications that were represented by members of the public.

20/02/191P NFDC 20/10001 Vicarage Cottage, Ellingham Village BH24 3PJ
Timber workshop; garden store

Cllr Burtenshaw presented the application

The application for a timber workshop and garden store is sited in a detached cottage within a large plot surrounded by hedging next to Ellingham Church. The application is a revised design. Members discussed the application and determined that due to the siting of the building there would be no impact on the neighbour amenity or the character of the surrounding countryside. The proposal is proportionate to the plot. The building is traditional in style with oak feather edge boards and a slate roof.

It was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw and seconded by Cllr Loader that the application be supported under **PAR3, All in Favour**.

20/02/192P NFDC 20/10063 Ivy Cottage, Gorley Road, Rockford BH24 3NA

Lift ridge to existing roof over lounge and rear bedroom to create improved 1F accommodation

Cllr Loader presented the application.

The property is a chalet bungalow with a gravel drive situated within designated countryside on a corner position on a narrow rural lane. The proposal could not be seen from the road junction. It could be viewed from the footpath which runs along the fence line of the property.

The proposal does not appear to impact on the neighbour amenity and is in keeping with the existing dwelling. Policy DM20 is not affected as the proposals do not increase the overall floor space.

Members considered the proposal was in keeping with the present building and did not detract from the character of the area.

It was proposed by Cllr Loader and seconded by Cllr Stainton-Burrell that the application be supported under **PAR3 All in favour**.

20/02/193P NPA TPO 20/0015 Field adj. Russet Dene, Gorley Road, South Gorley BH24 3NL

Prune Beech; prune Birch

Cllr Burtenshaw presented the application.

The trees, together with others, are situated on the boundary with Russet Dene. Members considered that crown lifting to 5 m was excessive and the specific trees had not been identified.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw and seconded by Cllr Loader to **OBJECT** to this application for the following reasons:

- It is not clear from the application whether the intention is to raise the canopy of a single or all of the four Birch trees forming part of TPO 62/04.
- The proposed canopy lift of 5m was felt to be excessive and, if only carried out on the field side of these trees, would lead to a very unbalanced profile of the tree(s). This extent of crown lift was also considered unnecessary and disfiguring for all the other trees intended for treeworks.

- It is believed that the two Oaks (#11 & #12 on the application plan) are the ones protected by TPO 0016/15, yet this is not advised in the application. Again, the proposed raising of the canopy by 5m was thought to be excessive.
- As part of the site falls within the NPA conservation boundary, should the proposed hedging and tree works also require formal consent?
- The submitted sketch lacks detail and, although not intended to be a scaled plan, was thought to misrepresent the layout of the field boundaries. This makes referencing of trees on the plan to those on site very difficult – eg. there is no Oak (#7) in the position shown on the plan. Some trees intended for tree works were advised at the Parish Council meeting to be owned by neighbouring properties. Clarity is needed about which trees are described as 'dead'.
- Although not part of the application, concern was expressed at the potential destruction of the historic hedgerow on the southern (east-west) boundary of the application area, along the route of the Avon Valley Path. Intervention by the NPA/NFLAS is requested to advise the applicant of appropriate management for ecological benefit under the Better Boundaries initiative.
- Concern was also expressed about the eastern access to the field(s) from the Gorley Road. It is feared that the SSSI designated verge (owned by the Parish Council) may be used as parking area.

All in Favour.

20/02/194P NFDC 19/11589 North End Farm, 31 Harbridge Green, BH24 3PT

17/11637 granted temporary use of land as research and development (class B1); provision for parking and 1 portable toilet. Use of land to continue for another temporary fixed term of 24 months.

Cllr Burtenshaw presented the application

The application site is a parcel of land at North End Farm, Harbridge Green which stretches along the west side of Churchfield Lane, within the countryside. The site is immediately to the north of the Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley Conservation Area and in the vicinity of two listed buildings. The site surroundings are rural in character.

This application seeks consent to retain the works that were carried out pursuant to the planning permission granted in April 2018 for a temporary period of two years. The temporary permission was for the use of the land as research and development (Use Class B1); provision of associated car parking and 1 portable toilet. The land has been used to test a new acoustic communication system. The current permission expires on 25-4-2020.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Stainton-Burrell and seconded by Cllr Loader that the application be supported under **PAR1** recommending PERMISSION, for the reasons listed, but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers:

- The principal impact on the rural character of the countryside has been the unsightly and prominent position of the portable toilet, visible from the Listed structure of Harbridge Church, from public footpath 22, from the adjoining

country lane network and from several residences to the east and west of the site.

- For the previous application, 17/11637, the parish council requested suitable screening around the portable toilet but such attempts to do so have been inadequate and short lived.
- Once again, it is requested that screening should be a Condition of the grant of Planning Permission.

All in favour.

20/02/195P NFDC 20/10017 LDC Green Acres, Ibsley Drove BH24 3NP

Outbuilding; extend gravel drive

Members had no comments to make on this Lawful Development application.

20/02/196P NFDC 20/10068 LDC Holmwood, Snails Lane, Blashford BH24 3PG

Single storey extensions

Members had no comments to make on this Lawful Development application.

Treeworks

20/02/197P NPA CONS 20/0031 Rockford House, Rockford Road, Highwood BH24 3LZ

Mixed species – clear vegetation to ground level round pond

It was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw and seconded by Cllr Loader that there is **NO OBJECTION** to the application. **All in Favour.**

20/02/198P NPA CONS 20/0025 Land opp. Moyles Court School adj. Gorley Road, Moyles Court, Rockford BH24 3NF

Fell 2 x Ash

It was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw and seconded by Cllr Loader that the Council **OBJECT** to the application on the following grounds:

- Contrary to the claim on the application, no evidence of 'Ash dieback' disease (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) could be seen to be affecting the two trees. Anticipating that the disease *might* infect these Ash trees should also not be used as justification for their removal.
- It is not clear whether these trees are on land in the ownership of the applicant or the Parish Council (as part of its SSSI designated verge).
- In a recent phone call between the Parish Council and the applicant, the applicant advised that the site boundary scheme intended for this area was being reconsidered and that the trees would remain.

All in Favour

20/02/199P NPA CONS 20/0034 Exley, Highwood Lane BH24 3LE

Reduce Oak canopy by 4-5m; plant 4 x Oak

It was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw and seconded by Cllr Loader that there is **NO OBJECTION** to the application. **All in Favour.**

20/02/200P NPA CONS 20/0048 Highwood Copse, Highwood Lane BH24 3LZ
Re-pollard Oak; fell 7 x Silver Birch

It was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw and seconded by Cllr Loader that there is **NO OBJECTION** to the application. **All in Favour.**

7. Note decisions for Applications, Appeals and Enforcements received from NFNPA and NFDC

20/02/201P NPA 19/10809 Forest Lodge, Toms Lane, Linwood BH24 3QX - Refused

20/02/202P NPA 19/00895 Newtown Lane Farm, Newtown Lane, Mockbeggar BH24 3NN – Granted

8. Consider responses for Planning Authority Committee meetings, Appeals, Enforcements, Consultations:

20/02/203P Removal of BT Phone box on Gorley Road, Rockford

The phone box has not been in operation since May 2019 when work was carried out on cabling in the road. The telephone box is currently in a dilapidated state. Members had **no objection** to the removal of the telephone box.

9. Consider payment for removal of fallen Lime tree adj. Moyles Court ford.

20/02/204P – Cllr Coutts [absent from the meeting] had removed the fallen lime tree adjacent to Moyles Court and made good the fence. It was proposed by Cllr Errington and seconded by Cllr Blake that a payment of **£200** be made for the work carried out. **All in favour.**

10. Correspondence

20/02/205P – Cllr Loader reported that the National Trust had felled the group of trees at the top end of Newlands on the Western Commons today

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Dates of 2019/20 EH&I PC meetings at Ellingham Church Hall at 7.30 pm:

Planning Committee	Parish Council	
(Tuesdays)	(Tuesdays)	
	25 th February	
10 th March	24 th March	
14 th April	28 th April	Annual Parish meeting at Ibsley Village Hall
12 th May	26 th May	Annual meeting