

**Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council**  
**Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**At 7.30pm at Ellingham Church Hall, Ibsley BH24 3PJ**

Present:

Cllr Wilson (Chair)  
Cllr Errington (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Loader

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, Joanna Ramsay  
CCllr Michael Thierry  
DCllr Emma Lane  
1 member of the public

1. **21/09/175 To accept and receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Burtenshaw and Cllr Taylor.
2. **21/09/176 Declarations of pecuniary and other Interests in relation to the agenda**  
Cllr Wilson declared an interest in agenda item 8 (i).
3. **21/09/177 To agree the minutes of the Council meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 a true and accurate record**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Loader that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. **21/09/178 Public Forum**  
Chair advised the member of public present should they wish to raise an issue this is the time. It was noted that the member of the public would be interested in returning to the Parish Council as a Councillor, to be discussed further under item 6 (i).
5. **21/09/179 Finance**

- (i) **Payment of Accounts July - Sept 2021**  
Payments to be sanctioned are:

Citizens Advice New Forest Grant	<b>£500.00</b>
Clerk Expenses (July/Aug/Sept)	<b>£53.46</b>
Oak Noticeboards Quote	<b>£3,886.07</b>
Oak Noticeboards Installation Estimate	<b>£300.00</b>
<b>TOTALS FOR JULY/AUG/SEPT</b>	<b>£4,739.53</b>

Chairman

Date

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Loader that the above payments listed be sanctioned. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Cllr Errington ran through the quote for the noticeboards for the benefit of other Councillors. CCllr Thierry at this point offered a grant to the Parish Council to cover the costs of the noticeboards for the community, which was gratefully received.

**Action: Clerk to complete grant form request**

**(ii) Financial Report**

Clerk advised that the bank balances are as below:

Current A/C as at 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	£17,192.65
Instant Access A/C as at 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	£57,431.89
Dodington A/C	£851.31

The Reserve Account and Dodington Trust account balances are as last month. The Current Account has only seen one payment go out since July and the second half of the precept is due 1<sup>st</sup> October, which means there will be over £25,000 in the account to spend.

**(iii) To agree quote for dragon's teeth work at the King's Oak, Mockbeggar Lane and Ibsley Service Station**

Cllr Errington ran through the quote for the dragon's teeth for the benefit of other Councillors and explained where they would be placed. Question was raised to whether they would be in-keeping with those already in existence, and they would be. The total is £4,900.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Loader that the quote be accepted for work to go ahead. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Action: Clerk to take forward**

**(iv) Deposits to the Archive – Donation to be decided**

Clerk raised that there are several original documents in her possession - maps, deeds, TPO's for example which need to be housed and secured properly by the Archive Service. Councillors agreed to deposit the artefacts, however requested that scans are made first so that copies are available locally. It is estimated that this would take about 50 hours to complete. Suggestion was made to approach the Archive Service to see if they have someone who could undertake this project. It was agreed that no donation would be given.

**Action: Clerk to take forward**

*The Chair decided to alter the agenda and asked that item 10 be discussed ahead of the planned agenda*

**10. 21/09/180 County/District Matters**

DCllr Lane raised that the garden waste scheme has now restarted, and the regulation of the Druce Acres site has been chased up again.

The Parish Council should have been contacted by NFDC and an organisation called MADE looking for sites suitable for affordable housing. DCllr Lane expressed her interest in helping to push this forward in the area.

DCllr Lane stated that there are a series of events coming up in October aimed at local businesses and retailers to help support high streets and village centres.

Cllr Errington asked whether the new Chief Executive would be visiting the parishes, the NF NPA have done this in the past. DCllr Lane to follow up the idea.

CCllr Thierry stated that a decision is imminent on the proposed removal of the School Crossing Service, and that an announcement is expected on how household recycling centres will be managed going forward. It is expected that more slots will become available, but the booking system will remain in place to avoid queuing at sites.

CCllr Thierry is now a member of the National Park and stated that it would be interesting to see how they operate compared to NFDC. There is some concern that the New Forest area is over governed and the public struggle to understand it. Councillors should have more accountability to the residents.

The A31 planned roadworks – these will start November and last for 12 months, it will cause major difficulties in the EHIPC area, traffic could be backed up to Blashford. CCllr Thierry stated that he has written to the Leader of Hampshire County Council and the Executive Member of Highways Operation as it is felt that they have no understanding of what impact this will have locally and on Ringwood. There appears to be no contingency plan in place or taskforce to deal with potential problems. Concern was raised there is no traffic management scheme for the parish area becoming a rat run and no plan for how emergency vehicles will get through. Suggestion was made that all the local parishes affected should meet with HCC, and the concerns should be also raised with the local MP.

**Action: The Parish Council to write to the Leader of Hampshire County Council and the Executive Member of Highways Operation raising concerns.**

**6. 21/09/181 Parish Council Matters**

**(i) To elect a Parish Councillor**

A proposal was made to elect Laura Tilley as a Co-opted Councillor to the Parish Council.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Loader. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

A proposal was made to elect Emma Blake as a Co-opted Councillor to the Parish Council.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Loader. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**(ii) Reminder: the old EHIPC website does not exist anymore**

Clerk wished to raise awareness of this as there has been some confusion for residents having the two websites running, but the Clerk can confirm now that the new website and email address are the only ones working.

**(iii) Reminder: EHIPC gmail addresses to be set up – FOI requests**

Clerk reminded Councillors that gmail addresses need to be set up, so far only Cllr Taylor has completed this request. If the Parish Council were to receive a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, personal emails would be subject to that request if being used for Parish Council business, therefore setting up these gmail addresses is important.

**(iv) Policies: To agree the Equality & Diversity Policy (revised)**

Question was raised to how the policy is monitored, Clerk would monitor as necessary, for example if recruitment was to occur. A brief discussion was had about whether the policy could help Councillors against vexatious litigants and what action NFDC would take to support Councillors.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Loader to adopt the revised Equality & Diversity Policy. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**(v) To provide an update on the Residents Open Forum at Ibsley Village Hall (26<sup>th</sup> October)**

Chair stated that she has not been in contact with Cllr Burtenshaw to progress a report/presentation. Cllr Errington stated that our proposed speaker not been confirmed yet. It was agreed that we need to start advertising the event asap.

**Action: Clerk to create a poster for the website and noticeboards**

**(vi) To determine schedule for 2022/23 Parish Council meetings**

This was noted.

**(vii) To accept the recommendations from the Planning Committee (10<sup>th</sup> August/14<sup>th</sup> September)**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Loader and **seconded** by Cllr Errington to accept the recommendations from the Planning Committee. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**7. 21/09/182 Environmental Matters**

**(i) Roads/Footpaths**

Nothing reported.

**(ii) Ditches, Culverts, Verges and Overhanging Vegetation**

It was noted that there was a lot of water on the roads today, and the ditches appear to be overgrown, they need to have their annual autumn clear out.

**Action: Clerk to contact Earlcote to action**

**(iii) To receive an update on the King's Oak project**

Cllr Loader has contacted Jeremy Barrell again to review the Oak as it appears that it is holding less foliage than it was earlier in the year. We need to consider whether we should save the Oak or undertake a program of works to reduce the tree but keep it in place. Dragon's teeth have been agreed so these should be installed soon.

**8. 21/09/183 Community Matters**

**(i) To decide whether to advertise with Ibsley Horticultural Society for May 2022**

Question was raised about the readership of the magazine, it reaches about 450 people and is put in all the local shops ready for the event in September 2022. Discussion was had about the content, but it is felt at this stage only an acknowledgement of the desire to advertise is required, content can be determined later. Councillors agreed to a whole A5 page advert, especially if the Parish Council still has vacancies.

**Action: Clerk to take forward**

*The Chair decided to alter the agenda and added an additional item which came to light recently for which expenditure needs to be agreed.*

**(ii) Defibrillator Contract**

Cllr Errington raised that no payment was made for the Defibrillator maintenance contract last year. It is an annual renewal cost that was lost in transit between Clerk and email address changes. We need to pay the maintenance contract for October 2020 to 2021 to make the defibrillator serviceable and to be able to order replacement batteries. It does mean there would be another payment to be made next month for 2021 to 2022.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Loader to pay the outstanding contract fee of £126.00 to bring the contract up to date. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**9. 21/09/184 Crime in the Parish**

Nothing reported.

**Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00pm at Ibsley Village Hall**

*There being no other business to be transacted the meeting closed at 8.53pm.*

**Dates of 2021/22 EH&I PC meetings starting at 7.30 pm:**

**Planning Committee**

12<sup>th</sup> October  
9<sup>th</sup> November  
14<sup>th</sup> December  
11<sup>th</sup> January  
8<sup>th</sup> February  
8<sup>th</sup> March

**Council**

26<sup>th</sup> October (at Ibsley Village Hall)  
23<sup>rd</sup> November  
  
25<sup>th</sup> January  
22<sup>nd</sup> February  
22<sup>nd</sup> March

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## **Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council recommendations From Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Planning Applications**

- (i) NPA 21/00630 Heather View, South Gorley, Ringwood BH24 3NL**  
Sewage treatment plant, drainage

Recommend Option 2 (REFUSAL but would accept the decision reached by the Authority's Officers under their delegated power) to NF NPA.

Reasons for recommendation:

- The Parish Council understands that while the discharge from small sewage treatment plants is 'clean' water, it may still be enriched, and the Council is concerned about the potential impact of this on the flora and habitat of the SSSI in this area.
- The ditch into which it would discharge is a seasonal watercourse: often flooded in episodes of high rainfall and empty during dry periods (exacerbating the impact of the discharge water). Though the whole length of this watercourse is annually (generally) re-excavated by the Parish Council as part of its management agreement with Natural England, it is subject to significant stock poaching and, for an extended period of the year, is very shallow and ill-defined.
- No information was available as to the proposed height of the discharge pipe relative to the invert of the ditch: this might lead to backflow into the system in times of flooding.
- Additionally, there was no information as to how the end of the discharge pipe would be secured at the ditch edge. Concern was expressed as to whether this might be by use of a cementitious-mix collar.
- Due the sometimes-high ground-water table in this area, and issues with the current septic tank installation that is prone to backfilling in these periods, it was thought that a cess-pit (sealed u/g tank) might be a more suitable solution.

To be noted:

- The Parish Council requests the NPA seeks the opinion of Natural England about this application if it has not already been submitted and any approval should be subject to their agreement, along with a subsequent discharge consent from the Environment Agency.

- (ii) NPA 21/00630 Melville, Furze hill, Fordingbridge SP6 2PT**  
Two storey rear extension

Recommend Option 4 (REFUSAL) to NF NPA.

Reasons for recommendation:

- Until the habitable floorspace extant in 1982 is determined, it is not known if the proposal would comply with the limitations of Policy DP36.

- The applicant advised that the white brick quoining on the original dwelling would be mirrored in the proposed extension (this doesn't feature on the existing extension) and the proposal would be subservient and distinct from the original rectangular dwelling. While these are to be approved of, the overall proposed design, particularly the balcony and extent of door glazing panels, were not thought appropriate or sympathetic to the building, local area or W.E. Conservation Area as a whole. The front of the building presents as a modest commoner's cottage, the proposed rear would be out of character with this (SP16 & 17).
- With the building being close to the neighbouring property to the south, it was felt that the balcony would afford unreasonable overlooking of its garden.
- The views from the east (open heathland on the Adjacent Common, on higher ground) into the rear of the properties on this lane, would be impacted by this proposal (SP16), though the applicant advised that any landscaping / screening planting had not yet been considered and would be the subject of a later phase of works at the property.
- It is disappointing that D&A and CM Statements were not available advising more detail about building materials and mitigation of the impact of the construction.
- It was noted that a bat survey had not been carried out and that one might be appropriate.

To be noted:

In the event of approval:

- All materials, equipment, spoil and contractors' vehicles should be stored/parked within the site boundary, to minimise damage to the SSSI verges
- Any external lighting should incorporate PIR control and be subject to NPA approval, to minimise additional light pollution
- The National Trust should be consulted about potential vehicle impact / damage to the gravel access lane during the construction

**(iii) NFDC 21/10933 The Gables, Mockbeggar Lane, Ibsley BH24 3PR**  
Addition of domestic office above the existing garage

Recommend PAR4 (REFUSAL) to NFDC.

Reasons for recommendation:

- Though set back from the building line of the dwelling, the proposed remodelling of the garage would have a significant impact on the street view along the open driveway, with the height of the garage now effectively the same as the dwelling and with its massing exacerbated by the inclusion of dormer windows. It would no longer be a subservient structure.
- Though currently screened from the neighbouring property to the east by mature evergreen trees, a building of some 5m height (with the potential for future glazing of the eastern dormer) should not be consented so close to the boundary.
- The proposal would be a significant detraction to the Conservation Area.



To be noted:

In the event of approval:

- The garage / office should be conditioned for incidental use only
- Any external lighting should incorporate PIR control and be subject to NFDC approval, to minimise additional light pollution

- (iv) **NFDC 21/10991 Unit 15, Headlands Business Park, Blashford, BH24 3PB**  
Erection of storage building ancillary to existing industrial operations

Recommend PAR3 (PERMISSION) to NFDC.

Reasons for recommendation:

- Given the location of the storage building, there would be no adverse effect on the local area.
- Unit 15's site is currently well-screened from the access road and to the north.
- The proposed storage unit would be at the rear (north) of the site, replacing existing storage containers. This would reduce its visual impact to the minimum and not compromise vehicle parking capacity.
- The proposed structure materials and size would be in keeping with the adjacent buildings.

To be noted:

- A condition of storage use only is requested.
- No information is given as to how roof rainwater would be handled/discharged.

- (v) **NFDC 21/10967 Cattery, Blue Haze, Alderholt Road, Somerley BH24 3FN**  
Removal of condition 1 of Planning Permission  
NFDC/93/51493 to allow permitted development rights

Recommend PAR3 (PERMISSION) to NFDC

Reasons for recommendation:

- The landscape surrounding the Cattery is woodland and a landfill site and there would be no detrimental impact on the character or appearance of the area by removing this condition.
- While C1 may have been an appropriate restrictive condition in 1993, it was thought to now be out-dated and unreasonable, particularly with reference to the extent of additions/alterations permitted over this period to Belt Cottage, the adjacent property to the north.

# Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council Recommendations From Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Planning Applications

- (i) **NFDC 21/11058 Hill View Farm, North End Lane, Harbridge SP6 3DB**  
Agricultural dwelling

Recommend PAR4 (REFUSAL) to NFDC.

Reasons for recommendation:

- It is noted that three years of accounts have been submitted in confidence to NFDC to demonstrate the viability of the current agricultural operation, but this does not help the Parish Council form an opinion as to its sustainability. An assurance that it is profitable in the D&A Statement is not sufficient, and is certainly not enough to justify the construction of a permanent dwelling
- DM20/21 of NFDC's Development Management Policies (2014) limit the size of new residential development to 100 sq.m. floorspace. The proposed dwelling's floorspace of 166 sq.m. is described as 'a modest 4-bedroomed property'. The Parish Council fundamentally disagree
- The D&A Statement advises that: "...there is an intention from the applicants to also set up and develop a calf rearing enterprise on the holding.", and that: '...this will increase the necessity for on site accommodation.'" The Parish Council does not agree that a future intention justifies the building of a permanent dwelling now
- It would appear from the Site Plan that approx. 1.2 acres of currently agricultural land would be taken as domestic curtilage. This was felt to be excessive
- No proposals have been put forward as to nutrient avoidance / mitigation or surface water run-off as required in Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017)

To be noted that:

- Neither Construction Management nor Environmental Statements have been provided
- More information needs to be provided on the protection of fauna and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity
- The Parish Council would consider the siting of a temporary dwelling more favourably, giving the applicant the opportunity to demonstrate and prove the intended business development, should living be site is deemed essential for this
- Should consent be granted for a permanent dwelling, all permitted development rights should be removed with an occupancy condition restricting occupancy to agricultural/forestry past or current employment
- The materials and overall design of the dwelling would be appropriate for the location and setting, with substantial tree screening to the west and south

## Treeworks

- (i) **NPA 21/0472**      **Furze Hill Farm, Furze Hill, Fordingbridge, SP6 2PT**  
Prune 1 x Willow Tree

Recommend Raise No Objections to NFNPA.

The Willow has become over mature and has started to shed branches, some quite large. The branches are over hanging the nearby building structures and power cables, thereby becoming a hazard. It will be reduced in size by 35% by removing extending limbs and a crown reduction.