

REPORT OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY 2018

Friday 11th May 2018 Cliddesden Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm

Present Parish Councillors Alan Tyler (Chair), Simon Barker, Mark Gifford, Hazel Metz, Lynda Plenty; Clerk Susan Turner; Guests PC Reid, Ward Cllr Mark Ruffell, 47 members of the public.

Apologies from County Cllr Anna McNair Scott, Greg Mendelsohn, the Randalls from Woods Lane and the Fewsters.

MEETING OPENED 7.30PM

1 WELCOME Chairman Alan Tyler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 POLICING REPORT FROM PC REID See Appendix I

PC Reid thanked the Community and Parish Council for their support; Editors for publishing Policing Updates in the Newsletter; Tony Trown for the Neighbourhood Watch, and the Community SpeedWatch Group.

PC Reid left the meeting with the thanks of the Assembly

3. WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE The Chairman thanked Ward Councillor Mark Ruffell for attending and invited him to make a brief presentation.

i. M3 J6 MSA Cllr Ruffell said he was strongly opposed to the Motorway Service Area application. With present traffic levels vehicles are backing up at the junction. Add an extra spur and the traffic will back up further; the junction wasn't designed for this. Plus other issues surrounding landscape, heritage and environment. Studies provided by the applicant so far are insufficient. Agreed expiry date is currently 31st July.

ii. Housing figures for the borough agreed in the Local Plan are 850 dwellings per annum. New Government proposals for calculating housing need will increase this figure if confirmed in the revised National Planning Policy Framework. Changes will be incorporated into the Local Plan five-year review in 2021. Maintaining a deliverable five-year land supply which may mean additional site selection.

iii. The Local Government Boundary Review will include a reduction in numbers of Basingstoke & Deane Ward Councillors from 60 to 54. This will be part of a process of redrawing boundaries to achieve all three-councillor wards with an even target allocation of residents per Councillor. This imposed system can't work in Upton Grey and the Candovers as it presently exists and Cllr Ruffell has written to the Boundary Commission strongly requesting an exception be made. The Parish Council has responded to the Consultation echoing this request that Upton Grey and the Candovers remain intact as a one-councillor ward.

iv. Southlea Meadow appeal

The applicant had waited until the very last minute to submit and appeal within the allowed six months. BDBC Planning will defend its refusal of the application.

4. OPEN SESSION

(supported by chairman's powerpoint presentation)

i. Southlea Meadow

BDBC Planning has confirmed an appeal has been lodged with the Inspectorate APP/H/705/W/18/3197919, but an Inspector not yet assigned. The applicant has requested the 'written representations' procedure. Once this process is underway, the community will organise and respond as before including banners.

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Regarding the appeal procedure ... Once an Inspector is assigned, all those who responded to the BDBC consultation will be invited to provide further comment to the Inspectorate. BDBC will forward all responses to their original consultation to the Inspector so there is no need to resubmit the detail of previous comments. This is an opportunity to submit new information but also for all respondents to confirm they continue to support and stand by their initial response.

ii. BDBC call for sites

The chairman displayed a map of all sites in Cliddesden submitted to BDBC’s SHLAA (strategic housing land availability assessment) for potential development.

Mark said that BDBC had just completed its assesment of the 2017 sites submitted and this would go to ward councillors for consultation prior to publication. It was now a SHELAA (strategic housing and economic land availability assessment).

Resident’s comment that the figures put forward for the sites were the applicant’s assessment, not agreed by BDBC.

The Chairman said that sites put forward in previous years (including Southlea Meadow) had all previously been rejected by the SHLAA selection process. The new site put forward by the Portsmouth Estate between Manor Farm and the Village Hall includes a proposal for 16 dwelling plus recreation and open space.

Residents comment questioning the landscape impact of this potential development and the traffic implications of the access.

iii. Neighbourhood Plan

The chairman commented that a Neighbourhood Plan is the best way to help protect against unwanted unplanned development.

Resident’s comment that villages with a settlement boundary (including Cliddesden) need to accommodate at least 10 new dwellings by the end of the Plan period 2029.

Note – Requirement of Local Plan Policy SS5 is at least 10 dwellings during this Local Plan – period made up of *qualifying developments*.

Qualifying developments are: developments of

- net gain of 10-or-more inside SPB (settlement policy boundary).
- net-gain of 5-or-more dwellings outside and adjacent to the SPB.

Mark commented that Neighbourhood Plans are approved by a Government Inspector, they are incorporated into Policy.

The Chairman said finance is available for Neighbourhood Plans and expertise and advice can be bought in. But a group of people is needed from within the Community willing to set up, administer and deliver the process.

Resident’s question: With regard to Southlea Meadow, would this be a case of shutting the stable door?

Mark said ‘Yes and no.’ A Neighbourhood Plan in progress can contribute to a defence against an appeal.

The chairman commented that a Neighbourhood Plan project wasn’t starting from scratch, there was already a Village Design statement which, though dated, was a stong document and a substantial piece of work already done.

VOLUNTEERS: Alison Mosson, Brian and Liz Karley, Carina Barker.

5 TREES IN THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT I

Alison Mosson said that trees were pivotal to the local atmosphere, weather and environment. Much of the Parish and surrounding land is an ecological desert. This is a plea to value and care for trees. And please, if you are taking on work to trees get good advice as to what to do an when to have the work done.

Cllr Ruffell left the meeting with the thanks of the Assembly

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6. TRAFFIC IN THE VILLAGE

The Chairman thanked Yvonne Mendelsohn for her work co-ordinating Community Speedwatch. As Yvonne is unable to continue, the Speedwatch will stand down for the time being.

Simon Barker explained that the Parish Council is to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) which can be moved to agreed locations using existing Highways posts. Simon Barker had surveyed all the suggested site for compliance with HCC criteria. Simon had only considered locations where there are existing traffic sign posts. He could look again to see if there was anywhere in Woods Lane – which agreed with the HCC criteria – where a new post could be mounted. A black box data recorder will record vehicle numbers and speed.

7. FOOTPATH AND BRIDLEWAY NETWORK

Simon said that Greta Iddeson, Portsmouth Estate Manager, has recently been inundated with calls from horse riders seeking permits to ride on Estate land. She is looking for a workable solution to manage rights of way and provide for permissive footpaths and bridleways. She is struggling to find a way to please everyone, the majority of walkers and riders come from Cliddesden and she would like help from Cliddesden as neighbours to manage the problem

While horse riders are considerate, horses on permissive footpaths can make conditions difficult for walkers. The alternative of setting aside much more land for a wider bridleway network and isn't viable for the estate. Riders often think they can take horse around the field edges but these are set aside as Conservation strips.

While the Estate can make its own decisions regarding its permissive paths, designated public footpaths should not be used as bridleways. To become bridleways they have to be officially upgraded by Hampshire County Council – the estate is happy to initiate this but not if against the wishes of a majority.

Discussion included:

- provision for off-road circular routes for horses;
- to please keep the permissive path by the Village Hall as a footpath as conditions underfoot get very bad for walkers particularly in wet weather;
- provision for cyclists – bridleways open to cyclists but if permissive bridleways the Estate can restrict this;
- signs and maps needed.

8 VILLAGE HALL

Planning permission achieved for storage shed and fund-raising underway.

9 NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all the Newsletter Editors

10 POND AND SURROUNDS

i The pond 'grounds' are being are being kept tidy by Parish Councillors. A 'health report' on the trees was commissioned in January and minor works undertaken. Further recommended work will be carried out in November.

ii Bus shelter Removing vegetation and rotten timbers from the roof led to also removing unstable brick work. The walls have been rebuilt and made safe, but the cost of re-roofing is considered prohibitive.

iii The defibrillator gives instructions and doesn't allow a user to do anything wrong.

The Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to all for attending.

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