

PC Meeting March 2020 – Planning Cllr Humphreys

1. NP Monitoring Group

Since the last Parish Council meeting 8 applications have been assessed by the Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group:

23 Oct	2/2019/1260/HOUSE & 2/2019/1261/LBC Fernlea Cottage,	1 Nov	RK, MH, BR	Object	-	Approved		
30 Nov	2/2019/1545/VARIA Gupples farm	10 Dec	Email	No Comment				
3 Dec	2/2019/1578/FUL Orchard Hills	10 Dec	Email	No Comment		Withdrawn		
11 Dec	2/2019/1544/FUL Land at West Street	12 Dec	Email	No comment (agricultural)		Approved		
31 Dec	2/2019/1813(8)/AGDWPA - North Barn Lower Hartgrove Farm	14 Jan	Email	See email (PDR)	5	Approved	5	9
17 Jan 2020	2/2020/0031/DOC Springhead Farm	21 Jan	DS, BR	FM 11 - Non- compliant	-			
19 Jan	2/2019/1780/FUL - Land At E 385170 N 116885 Penn Hill	29 Jan	MH, JK, DS, BR	Recommend refuse	1			
24 Jan	2/2020/0012/HOUSE - 22 St Andrews View	5 Feb	BR	Recommend approve	-			

The reports by the NP Monitoring Group can be found on the Parish Council website.

2. Site 20 Development: Planning Application 2/2018/0338/OUT - Land At E 386515 N 116640 South Street Fontmell Magna Dorset

An update from Pennyfarthing Homes received on 20th February stated they have hit a significant hurdle.

“ The Natural Environment Team from Dorset Council has, at the eleventh hour, insisted that we provide a bat corridor along the eastern boundary of the site. This could have major implications for the layout upon which we had commenced discussions with the Council. Consequently, at present, we are reassessing our options.

In the meantime, we are still having communication problems with Dorset Council in respect to the Section 106 Agreement for the outline application. The place seems to be in lock down.

Its hugely frustrating because we want to progress the scheme as quickly as possible, but we are constantly faced by obstacles which are time consuming to overcome.”

Pennyfarthing has asked if the Parish Council would be happy to involve the Ward County Councillor, Jane Somper, to try to resolve the outstanding issues. The planning application was first submitted on 12th March 2018.

3. District Liaison

3.1 Climate Emergency

MH attended a seminar on 19th November, hosted by Dorset Council, to discuss the climate change emergency and what actions local town/parish councils can take and the support Dorset Council will offer. The PC does not own or directly control physical assets in buildings or vehicles. Therefore its efforts will be directed towards encouraging behaviours to reduce carbon emissions.

The PC responded to a Call for Ideas to address climate change, offering suggestions on domestic fuel, road transport, downsizing and planning.

3.2 Dorset Council Local Plan

MH attended a seminar on 3rd February, hosted by Dorset Council, to discuss the criteria DC should use in deciding the Settlement Hierarchy and for the selection of villages for development. Many parishes from across Dorset were represented.

DC are planning for development of 1,800 homes per year across the unitary area; in addition Dorset may have to accommodate some of the quota from Bournemouth/Christchurch/Poole. Fontmell Magna can expect to receive a quota, as determined by its size (c. 500 residents) and availability of facilities including a school, shop and village hall. This may trigger the need to update the Neighbourhood Plan.

3.3 Dorset Council Planning Service

The Council has issued an updated Statement of Community Involvement, which sets out how Dorset Council will involve the community as part of its planning duties, including planning applications and neighbourhood planning. The SCI is available on the DC website.

3.4 Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils (DAPTC)

MH attended the DAPTC Northern Area Committee Meeting on 15th January. The meeting largely centred on the frustrations of Parish Council's in influencing decisions on planning applications.

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Monthly Reports – Cllr Newbury

December – End February 2020

Completed successful application for the road closure of Church Street for the VE Anniversary Community event. The Church has agreed to cover the event under their own public liability insurance, and I understand from the VE day organisers that the pub will be dealing with the alcohol licence.

Audit of the renewable energy capacity of the Parish – 3 responses.

I have had a look at the gate to the War Memorial and I cannot identify any problem that needs to be dealt with. As long as the gate is closed and latched it's fine. The latch appears to be robust and working well.

Walked around West Street and Church Street with Jane Somper and 2 village residents to look at road and pavement issues. Discussed the problems and agreed that Jane would report the potholes and drainage issues (since filled and cleared for the most part). Pavement moss still to be dealt with but not via highways as concerns about the use of chemicals to do this. I am planning to have a go with a spade, but the surface may not lend itself to this method of clearance.

Litter pick arranged for February cancelled due to storm Ciara, now reorganised for 29th March.

Defibrillator checks and returns kept up to date.

Village Hall committee meetings attended. A VE Day report has been provided by Lisa De Druillinec to be read at the meeting to keep people up to date.

Liaised with Village Hall chairman and secretary to obtain copies of the land deeds referring to the Village Hall and land surrounding it including the play area, these passed to Mike Humphreys.

The Village Hall fundraising cookbook mentioned at the last meeting as 'coming out in January' has been delayed and will be published later in the year.

Posts and tree at Bedchester – both jobs done but not yet finished. Posts still to be painted and the work to the tree inspected to decide if more needs to be cut away as a concerned parishioner has pointed out that the expectation was for a more severe cutting back.

Report Cllr Long

Fontmell Magna Parish Council

Meeting Monday 9th March at 1099hrs School Hall

B. Trees no longer part of the Parish Council remit.

C. Highways

1. Long conversation with Roger Bell, Dorset Highways representative for this Parish

A. Obscured signs on the A 350.

These would be cleared by the Highways rep in due course

B. Mill Street

1. Fontmell Estate had undertaken to remove the area at the top of Mill Street that had become a car park.
2. Dorset Nature reserve Cark Park. The Fontmell Estate had undertaken to clear this area, cark park, and remove all dumped rubbish and place a 6' 6" narrow entrance to hopefully prevent any future dumping of rubbish.
3. The Highways undertook to clear all the runoffs down Mill street to Spring Head to help ameliorate the water flowing down the hill.

C. West street to Bedchester Crossroads

1. Highway would undertake to clear the drains and gullies along West street.

D. West View.

The Highways had undertaken to clear all the drains and gullies in West View. Unfortunately, there is a length of West View that does not have a drain and at times of High rainfall this length of road fills with water. There are two possibilities to deal with this dig up the road and lay in new drains or resurface the road.

E. Pipers mill Bridge

According to the Highways this has been discussed at senior level. The challenge faced is that the bridge and surrounding area is at a low point. Consequently, all the water, which has been unseasonably heavy, tends to flow down the adjacent roads and hill sides along the path of least resistance to flow into the Fontmell Brook. There are three existing drains which flow into the Brook. Unfortunately, these are Inadequate to deal with the current heavy rainfall despite recent clearance. Dorset Highways have a plan to replace the small drains with bigger ones.

F. Access on Mill Street.

After many telephone calls to a number of different Organisations it was felt that this did not immediately offer any threat to the highway to necessitate any action.

G. A 350 costs.

After speaking to Chris Nadin, Chairman of the A 350 Community Group action Committee, he informed me that the previous Parish Councillor from Fontmell Parish Council had committed a sum of £100 to the Community Group.

F. Footpaths

Apparently, there had been a request to place an oak signpost on the Link walkway but there was an objection, so it is not being done. Once the weather becomes more clement might be a time to review the Parish Footpaths