

Minutes of a meeting of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council held at the Church Rooms, Colbury on Tuesday, 11th January 2005, at 7-30 p.m.

Present

S. Arnold (Chairman)
S. Ardern
A. Holdsworth
R. Judd
W. Kewley

In Attendance:-

Mr. D. Hawkins, Clerk to the Council
District Councillor D. Tipp
8 members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Parish Councillor D. Bryant
Parish Councillor P. Sopowski
Parish Councillor I. Oliver
District Councillor Puttock
County Councillor F. Bright

The Chairman, Councillor Arnold opened the meeting by saying :

*Good evening and welcome to our first meeting in 2005. We wish you all a happy New Year and hope that this one will pass as good-natured as the last!
Before I go any further, I have to announce that Councillor Bryant is in hospital and will not be attending this evening. We understand that his problem will keep him off work for some time. I have a card for the Parish Councillors to sign, and we wish him a speedy recovery.
The main headline we have all been witnessing since Christmas is the appalling situations in Asia, as you can see around you (A large stack of boxes) this community is working hard to help them. It would be appreciated if we can stand for a few moments, in respect for all those who have lost loved ones, their homes and their livelihood.
For those present at the December meeting, you were aware of a resident putting forward a grievance about the activities in Knightwood Close, as made very clear at the meeting, the subject matter was noticeably a civil issue and not the responsibility of this council. As Councillor's we can assist in certain matters, but the nature of this distress is out of our hands.
On a happier note, we wish to thank all our friends and guests who stayed for the refreshments when the December meeting closed. It was a good evening, and everybody left in good spirits. The feed back has been most encouraging, perhaps we should have one at the end of every meeting?*

(1) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Parishioner, Mrs. White, wished it known that there was a large pot hole forming in the road surface at the junction of Peterscroft Avenue and Woodlands Road. The Clerk was directed to report the matter to HCC Highways.

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters that the public wished to discuss, none were forthcoming.

And it was

RESOLVED:

- The Clerk was directed to report the pothole at the junction of Peterscroft Avenue and Woodlands Road to HCC Highways.

(2) DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN AN AGENDA ITEM

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they must fill out a Code of Conduct "Form C" if they have a personal interest in any agenda items which follows.

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted

(3) MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2004 were approved, after the following correction was advised to the Clerk

by A Parishioner, Mr. Green.

Page 1, agenda item 1, Public Participation, paragraph 3, "backing onto Knightwood Close by residents" should read "backing onto Knightwood Close by some residents". Also "the erection of new fences by the Wood Road residents" should read "the erection of new fences by both some of the Wood Road residents"

After the amendment Councillor Kewley, seconded by Councillor Ardern proposed that the minutes are approved, the vote in favour was unanimous.

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted

(4) HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Arnold said that she was concerned that HCC Highways had not made contact with regards to the "Gateway Sign" at the west end of the village. As the funding for the cycle path had been agreed she felt that HCC should be reminded of their agreement to fund a Gateway Sign. The Clerk was directed to write to HCC Highways reminding them of the agreement.

Councillor Judd believed that it would be an idea to also remind HCC Highways of their promise to plant out the retaining wall of the "Right Hand Turn". The Clerk was directed to write to HCC Highways reminding them about the planting.

A Councillor advised the Clerk that the bus stop sign opposite the "Forest Inn" had been pulled over. It needed re-seating in concrete. The Clerk was asked to pass on this information to the Bus Company.

And it was

RESOLVED:

- The Clerk was directed to write to HCC Highways reminding them about the agreed Gateway Sign, and planting out of the Right Turn embankment..
- The Clerk was asked to advise the Bus Company that their stop sign opposite the "Forest Inn" had been pulled over.

(5) LITTER BIN SACKS

Councillor Judd wished to know the opinions of the other Parish Councillors on the new pink plastic sacks used in the village litterbins? She felt that these pink liners when used in the small bins on poles looked silly and upset the colour scheme created by the new black litterbins provided around the village. She understood that the pink sacks were fine when used to collect household rubbish, but should not be used in locations such as small litterbins.

Councillor Arnold advised Councillor Judd that the change in colour was permanent, not just to allow notices about Christmas collections.

Councillor Judd thought that the small sacks used in the pole mounted bins could remain a black colour.

Councillor Arnold directed the Clerk to write to NFDC and inform them of the Parish concerns on the matter.

And it was

RESOLVED:

- The Clerk to write to NFDC and inform them of Parish concerns on the matter of bin litter bin sack colour.

(6) VILLAGE WALKS

The Clerk announced that he had been contacted by Mr. Jeffery, who wished him to know that the route of the proposed village walk published in the Newsletter was incorrect. It should read " Proceed from the Forest Inn to Priors Bushes, then turn right along the track to the Keepers Cottage, then Ashurst Hospital".

The Clerk also announced that no Parishioner had commented to him on the proposed walk.

Councillor Judd commented that it was a nice walk in the planning but she was concerned that parking may become a problem if it became popular.

Councillor Arnold reported that Councillor Sopowski had serious reservations about who was going to pay for the upkeep of the walk?

Councillor Ardern wished to know how a new walk would be advertised to villagers?

Councillor Arnold replied that at present HCC were producing leaflets on "healthy village walks" and she felt that this would be the medium to advertise new walks in the village.

The Clerk had copied to all Parish Councillors a letter from a Lyndhurst Road resident who proposed a different walk altogether.

This route was briefly considered then dismissed by the assembled Councillors. The Clerk was directed to thank the resident for their input to the Parish Council.

Councillor Arnold asked for the agenda item to remain until at least next month's meeting as Mr. Jeffery was absent this evening.

And it was

RESOLVED:

- Clerk to write to the Lyndhurst road resident thanking them for their idea.

(7) RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Arnold reminded those assembled that the work party date in the recreation ground was Wednesday the 26th of January. And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

(8) PARISH COUNCIL 20 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Arnold reported that the sub-committee has held one meeting since December. It had been unanimously agreed that the day would end in a prize giving ceremony. The proposed barn dance on the same day had been dropped from the agenda, security and control of those attending being the main problems. It was thought that a barn dance could be held at a later date and a different venue.

The price of each pitch at the event would be £10. Ashurst W.I. are making progress with their plants, and in the way of an advertisement they need more small plastic flower pots. Ashurst Wednesday Club are going to provide cakes. We have been fortunate to have the services of Bev Winch's son, who is going to organise the races.

An Art Exhibition and Photographic Exhibition are also in the reckoning, but I think I must not reveal all that is happening, as that would spoil the fun.

Councillor Arnold reported that the event was looking for sponsorship, any potential candidates should contact the Clerk.

The date of the next sub-committee meeting is the 7th of March.

Councillor Judd asked if the date of the event could be published in the next Newsletter in order that Parishioners could keep the date free to attend. She also felt that regular monthly updates should appear in the Newsletter in order to keep the event fresh in Parishioners minds.

Spot the Stranger

Councillor Arnold had obtained the completed Christmas Competition entry forms from Helen Wheeler at the village Post Office.

After scrutiny it was found that six children all had the correct answers. It was agreed that a dice should be rolled to choose the winner. Councillor Judd threw the dice and the winner was named as Nakita Knapp of Hazel Grove. The prize of a £10 book token was awarded to Nakita. Councillor Arnold to supply the Post Office with details of the winning entry.

And it was

RESOLVED:

- Councillor Arnold to supply the Post Office with details of the winning entry.
- The date of the 20 year Celebration Event to be published in the next Newsletter.

(9) PLANNING

A/ Monthly report from the head of the Planning Sub-committee.

The Clerk read a report on planning matters within the Parish for the last month.

Planning Application information for the months of December 2004 / January 2005.

(a) Applications received since the date of the last meeting: -

Application No - 83407 - The New Forest PH - Fuller, Smith & Turner - External lighting

Application No - 83409 - The New Forest PH - Fuller, Smith & Turner - Display advertisements

Application No - 83479 - 20, Woodlands Road - Cornick - retention of driveway

Application No - 83534 - 8, Fir Road - Marsh - 2 storey side addition

Application No - 83571 - Jones - 1A, New Road - Conservatory

(b) Tree work applications received since the date of the last meeting

None

(c) Planning permission granted since date of last meeting

None

(d) Tree work applications approved since the date of the last meeting

None

(e) Tree work applications refused since the date of the last meeting

None

(f) Planning permission refused since the date of the last meeting

Application No - 82634 - 4, Pine Close - Kittow - two storey dwelling

Application No - 82758 - 4, Wingrove Road - Robinson - alterations to roof

Application No - 82937 - 13, Dene Way - Haddow - additions to roof

Application No - 83168 - 187, Lyndhurst Road - Coulter - Shop with residential development

(g) Appeals made since the date of the last meeting

Application No - 82322 - 20, Woodlands Road - Cornick - 2 detached houses and drive retention

(h) Appeals granted since the date of the last meeting

None

(i) Appeals refused since the date of the last meeting

None

(j) Tree Preservation Orders issued since the date of the last meeting

None

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

(10) THE "LENGTHSMAN"

The Clerk announced that he had received the completed quotation from NFDC Contract Division for painting the street furniture in the Parade. The sum quoted was £1,1763, against Ashurst Painting and decorating who quoted £800.

Councillor Judd commented that the quotation from NFDC was very detailed and well laid out.

Councillor Arnold thought that the Parish Councillors could carry out the work themselves for £400. Councillor Judd replied that if the District Councillors put some of their discretionary grant money towards the cost it would be within limits to accept the lesser quotation.

Councillor Holdsworth commented that Councillor Arnold, although well intentioned, spread herself very thinly by carrying out so much work herself for the Parish.

It was finally agreed to leave the item on the agenda for further discussion.

The Clerk was directed to report to NFDC that the cutways from Chestnut Drive to Lakewood Road and the A35 were both choked with leaves and a danger to pedestrians.

And it was

RESOLVED:

- The Clerk to leave the item on the agenda for further discussion.
- The Clerk to report to NFDC that the cutways from Chestnut Drive to Lakewood Road and the A35 are full of leaves.

(11) ACCOUNTS

a/ Accounts paid since the date of the last meeting.

None

b/ Accounts due since the date of the last meeting.

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| D. Hawkins, Clerks Salary and Expenses | 353.28 | |
| IRD, Clerks PAYE PO ltd | 86.02 | |
| Mrs. M. Weston, Newsletter Editorial Costs issue No 90 | 223.79 | |
| Frost the Printers, Newsletter Printing Costs issue No 90 | | 417.00 |
| Mrs S Arnold, Newsletter Accounts Oct/Nov/Dec 2004 | 27.92 | |
| Christ Church Colbury PCC, Annual Hall Hire | | 300.00 |

Councillor Ardern, seconded by Councillor Holdsworth, proposed that the accounts as shown be paid. The vote in favour was unanimous.

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

(11) GRANTS

None this month

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted

(12) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER BODIES

Councillor Sopowski - Absent

Councillor Holdsworth - Announced that Age Concern had two new trustees, Mrs. Colson and Mrs. Brooks. Councillor Holdsworth felt that these two new trustees would be very active in promoting Age Concern.

Councillor Oliver- Absent

Councillor Arnold- Attended the 20 year Celebrations sub-committee meeting on the 10th of January.

Councillor Bryant - Absent

Councillor Ardern - None

Councillor Judd - None

Councillor Kewley - None

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted

(13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence received :- December 2004 / January 2005

- Southen Water South in Bloom
- HCC Information Centre News
- HCC Hampshire Now issue 14
- NFDC Statement of Accounts 2003/4
- Community Action Hants Communiqué issue 31
- Community First N.F. Newsletter issue Winter 2004

(14) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

None

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8-05pm.