

Minutes of a meeting of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council held at the Church Rooms, Colbury on Tuesday, 8th March 2005, at 7-30 p.m.

Present

S. Arnold (Chairman)
S. Ardern
D. Bryant
A Holdsworth
R. Judd
W Kewley
I Oliver
P. Sopowski

In Attendance:-

Mr. D. Hawkins, Clerk to the Council
County Councillor F. Bright
District Councillor L. Puttock
District Councillor D. Tipp
Mr. B. Craig of the Lymington Times & Advertiser
45 members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from:

PC Lisa Woodcock

The Chairman opened the meeting by saying:-

To save some of you here tonight any further awkwardness concerning the article in the Lymington Times headed 'councillor not his mothers keeper' A statement has been prepared so that we do not follow in the footsteps of the Lymington Times and the Standards Board by reporting factual errors.

One -Councillor Bryant did not step down from his position as Chairman of Planning he was obligatory made to step down by HAPTC.

Two -he was not reported on 5 counts -he was reported to the standards board by 5 councillors on one count.

Being advised by HAPTC and the NFDC legal department this Council reported David Bryant to the Standards Board for what was seen in their views as breaking the code of conduct. What we had to be careful of is that if we did nothing then it was possible for anyone in the Village to take the whole council to the Standards Board who would refer the matter to the Local Government Officer for mal-administration. What matters is to deny responsibility, and responsibility must be maintained, otherwise it could be looked on as blatant selfishness by Councillor Bryant and this council's incompetence. The standards board considered that Councillor Bryant was unacquainted of the breach of planning regulations at his home and unaware of what was taking place there.

As Chairman of this Councils Planning Committee he believed that his mother's changes to the barn were acceptable. It has been a long drawn out process and a strain and stigma on this well respected council, the standards board findings committee have decided that Councillor Bryant has not broken any code; and that he was oblivious of the conversion of a barn to a building suitable for residency. We as Councillors have a duty to protect this council for our electors and we have no qualms whatsoever in reporting Councillor Bryant. The matter is still on going and questions put to the standards board as to how we as a council are to respond if a matter of this nature is reiterated.

(1) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Parishioner, Mr. Jeffery, wished the Parish Council to consider the route for a new walk in the village. Copies of the route were presented to Parish Councillors for consideration. Councillor Arnold said that the majority of the villagers would welcome it. Councillor Sopowski wished to pose some questions he had on the matter. Who would pay to have the walk established also who would pay to maintain the walk? He said that he also had concerns with increased access into the forest. Mr. Jeffery replied that this route was recommended as it cut out Deerleap Lane, which was a dangerous road for pedestrians. Councillor Sopowski reiterated that he had concerns over the cost of maintenance. Mr. Jeffery replied that only two stiles were needed to get the route going. Councillor Bryant interjected that he thought a lot more work would be necessary, including culverts, and in his professional opinion at least £1,530 for materials plus labour costs would need to be spent. He understood that stiles could not be used, as under the new "access for all" scheme, gates would be needed to cross hedges and fence lines. Councillor Arnold ended the discussion by asking for a vote from Parish Councillors on the proposal. The vote in favour of trying to pursue it further was 7 to 1. The item is to remain on the agenda.

A Parishioner, Dr. Hutchin, announced that he wished to speak on the behalf of residents opposed to the planning application for 213-219 Lyndhurst Road. (AROMA). A two-page document was presented to Parish Councillors from which Dr. Hutchin read and elaborated. (copy attached to minutes) The crux of his presentation was to pose 6 questions to the assembled Councillors in the areas of *Housing density, Inappropriate design, NFDC Guidelines, Safety, Historic Buildings, and Drainage*. Councillor Sopowski responded saying there was a considerable amount of interest in the proposals and that NFDC had agreed that the Parish Council could submit additional comments on the scheme if they wished.

A Parishioner, Mr. McLaren, asked Parish Councillors if a "needs survey" had been carried out? District Councillor Puttock replied that there were currently 32 Ashurst people on the waiting list for housing in the village, with many more from adjacent parishes. Councillor Arnold said that there may also be Ashurst people living elsewhere who may want to come back to the village. Mr. McLaren asked, is the development solely for Ashurst residents? Councillor Sopowski replied that there were 4 "urgent need cases" wanting homes in the village the rest may be where tenants wanted to put themselves on the list to obtain a smaller rented property. Mr. McLaren enquired if the other 28 cases were Ashurst residents? District Councillor Puttock replied that there was an element of "Key Worker" housing in the proposed development. There was great difficulty in finding houses for such workers in the village. Mr. McLaren asked if the village had a "Village Design Statement"? Councillor Arnold replied that as yet there was no "village Plan" in place, but as you can see from the agenda, the Parish Council is actively constructing such a plan. (Design statement) Councillor Sopowski reminded everyone that NFDC has a District Plan, and it is this which is used when considering planning matters.

Mr. McLaren said that he did not wish to see a development that "overpowered" the character of the village.

District Councillor Puttock informed everyone that the application may not go before the full planning committee on the 13th of April as previously thought. He said that there were intense negotiations between the Head of Planning and Kingfisher Homes and it may be May or June before the application "comes back to Ashurst for another look".

A Parishioner, Mrs. Howells, enquired if there was a process for seeing the revised application? Councillor Arnold replied that everyone that had objected to the scheme would be kept informed by NFDC on developments.

A Parishioner, Mr. Bridgeman said that a look at the planning application file had uncovered a statement from Simon Maggs in which he refers to the occupiers of the units as "people from the New Forest", he fails to answer the question about public safety from the railway line where there is only a string wire fence in place. Mr. Bridgeman asked if the Parish Council had contacted the railways and informed them of the planning application? Councillor Arnold replied that it had not. Councillor Sopowski said that the railway have a duty to make sure that people are safe from the lines. Mr. Bridgeman commented that he believed "the services" were not being contacted and made aware that this planning application may affect their particular service. Councillor Sopowski replied that he will personally contact Railtrack and make them aware. Councillor Arnold announced that NFDC Land Drainage were taking it seriously and she had touched on the subject with Stuart Beaton of NFDC last week at a village site meeting. County Councillor Bright reminded everyone that the opinion of the Parish Council is most important to NFDC and that everything that Parishioners bring up tonight could be included in the observations that the Parish Council makes to NFDC Planning Department.

A Parishioner, S. Reynolds, wished it known that as proprietors of the New Forest Hotel they had to pay for their own contractors to clear drainage problems they had at the Inn adjacent to the development site. Raw sewage had to be pumped away from the building. Councillor Arnold replied that land drainage was one of the problems that Kingfisher had to overcome, this had been mentioned in conversation with NFDC drainage engineers. Councillor Sopowski said that the Parish had telephone contact numbers for water problems and that the clerk will send you a copy of the sheet. S. Reynolds replied by saying that she had observed the engineers on the proposed building site testing soak ways. The engineers had commented to her that the water had not "soaked away" at all! Councillor Arnold commented that many Parishioners were not aware of their responsibilities as "Riparians", that is, responsible for clearing all adjacent ditches and water courses.

A Parishioner, Mr. Jeffery, had observed that use of the station car park had gone up considerably, it was full of commuter's cars. He could see a conflict between train users and residents of the proposed properties. A Parishioner, Dr. Hutchin, said that the new time table gave the village a good train service to London and a large number of commuters now parked at the station. He questioned if they would commence parking in Peterscroft Avenue if the car park became full? He observed that the NFDC car park on the other side of the line was full most days with NHS staff from the adjacent hospital.

A Parishioner, Mr. Pass, enquired if the planning application was under the umbrella of the "Rural Exemptions Policy" for land?

District Councillor Tipp informed all that this policy allowed developers to build on land which may not normally be acceptable for development, such as green belt. The land in question was under such a policy, however all the usual planning regulations and rules had to be followed in such applications.

Mr. Bridgeman said that he believed "affordable homes" were those designed to get young people onto the property owning ladder, by way of part payment schemes, etc. whereas these house would only be to rent for all time! District Councillor Tipp came back by saying that this scheme gave people more of an opportunity by allowing them to pay less than full commercial rents.

A Parishioner, K. Oliver, enquired, if when built the units could be sold off at a later date? District Councillor Tipp replied that it was government policy that such houses should remain rented for all time. However he could not guarantee that government policy may change at a later date. He went on to say that this application was under the section 106 agreement, Housing for local people. A Parishioner enquired how was it decided who lives in each house? The reply was that the relevant NFDC Department made this

decision. Does each tenant have a contract? Again the answer was yes.

Councillor Bryant announced that at previous meetings with NFDC it was agreed that a Parish Councillor would “sit in” on the panel making the decision. They could help with the history of some individuals. Councillor Arnold said that she had already carried out such a service when an affordable house was let within the village.

A Parishioner, D Manson, asked if the “Local People” who would occupy the affordable units could include those from, for example Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst? Councillor Arnold replied that in the majority, the occupiers would be from Ashurst, Colbury and Foxhills. D. Manson then asked what happens when these units are full and more affordable units are needed within the village? Councillor Arnold replied that each village is only required to have a certain percentage of affordable units, and this development would take Ashurst up to that limit.

A Parishioner, Mrs. Hutchin, enquired what would happen if family profiles did not fit the size of units on offer?

Councillor Sopowski replied that this matter was up to Kingfisher, they could of course alter the internal arrangements of the units on offer to suit.

Councillor Arnold then closed Public Participation on the proposed development by making the following statement:

It is not only our village but others that are becoming developers paradises, and as a village we must stop developers targeting our area for more unnecessary development.

The key issue is to find the right balance between developer and resident. Planning committees are worried about this on going problem with developers and clearly worried about developers going to appeal and being subjected to costs, but if they do not take on the role of protecting our villages it can only lead to disasters.

Our infrastructure in this village will not take much more development and we already have pressure on our roads, our schools and amenities.

This will be the third development applied for and has brought many people at different times to awareness. There fore I suggest that as a village we all fight to keep our village as a village, not just when it affects you but for any development in the area.

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

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(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 8th February 2005 were approved., after the following correction was offered by Councillor Judd. Item 12, page 7, delete *where she met the two new trainee advisers*, correct to read, *recruitment is quite good, they have several new trainee advisers.*

Councillor Oliver, 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

a/ Motorway Signage

An article in the Lymington Times prompted this agenda item. The article stated that *the “New Forest Transport Community Action Network” has suggested to HCC that Lyndhurst traffic be diverted via Ashurst at peak times and that this idea be incorporated within the 2006 Local Transport Plan.*

Councillor Sopowski opened by saying that a proper traffic survey needed to be made before any changes are agreed to traffic routes around Ashurst and Lyndhurst.

Councillor Arnold was annoyed that this issue was notified to the Parish by the press, rather than coming from any District or County representative.

Councillor Judd commented that Lyndhurst Parish Council keep stirring it up with regard to their traffic problem. She felt that this Parish Council should be true to its Lyndhurst Road residents and stick to our guns on the amount of traffic that flows along the A35.

Councillor Arnold believed that the Parish should make a strong stand and immediately write to Councillor Estlin at HCC.

b/ Highways other

Councillor Arnold wished the Clerk to “push” the Gas Board over the removal of a defunct gas pipe outside 76, Lyndhurst Road. The matter had bounced around between the Gas Board and Hampshire Highways for some time without any result.

The Clerk was directed to write to Hampshire Highways asking why the drains in Foxhills Close had not been cleaned out when the rest of the village was completed?

The nurses at Snowdon House had reported that large rats were living around the car park outside the hospital gates. Calls to NFDC had resulted in them being told that “the Parish Council should sort it out”. Councillor Arnold said that as the car park was theirs, they, (NFDC) should sort the rat problem out!

Councillor Arnold announced that Longdown Activity Farm had written to NFDC requesting a Pelican Crossing outside of their property. She said that it was essential that the Parish Council supported any such application when it comes down to us. Councillor Sopowski wanted clarification if the Farm had asked for an “ordinary crossing” or a Pelican Crossing? A Parishioner, Mr. Pass said that a risk assessment at the farm had identified a Pelican Crossing as the safest style of crossing for circumstances. Experience had shown that cars were reluctant to wait while a crossing person allowed children to cross the road. He was nonplussed by the fact that cars will slow right down for a wild rabbit on a verge, but not to allow children to cross the road.

Councillor Bryant asked the Clerk what progress had been made with replacing the bus shelter on the Lyndhurst Road that had been knocked down? The Clerk reported that almost no progress had been made with the Parish Council’s insurers. Two months had passed without the company being able to send out a claim form!

Councillor Bryant proposed that the Parish Council fund a replacement shelter, then work with the insurers to get the money back. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Holdsworth and the vote in favour was unanimous.

Councillor Bryant said he thought it was about time that a “walkabout” was arranged between Parish Councillors and Rob Millar of Hampshire Highways. The Clerk was directed to write to Mr. Millar and arrange such a meeting.

Councillor Oliver wished to report that the 40mph repeater signs along the A35 which had been knocked down had not been replaced. That District Council was dealing with a vandalised road name sign for Chestnut Avenue. There was a hole in road at the junction of Whartons Lane and the A35, also where Foxhills met Knellers Lane. He asked the Clerk to forward these problems to Rob Millar.

And it was

RESOLVED:

- Clerk to write to Councillor Estlin at HCC regarding the suggestion to route more traffic through Ashurst. (Copy to Councillor Bright)
- Clerk to write to the Gas Board asking why no progress had been made on the removal of a defunct gas pipe.
- The Clerk to write to Hampshire Highways asking why the drains in Foxhills Close had not been cleaned out when the rest of the village was completed?
- The Clerk to write to NFDC regarding rats in their car park.
- Clerk to write to Rob Millar and arrange a village site meeting.
- Advise Rob Millar of road defects in Ashurst.

(5) LITTER BIN SACKS

Councillor Judd reported that most of the litter bin sacks had been changed to black, as requested by the Parish Council.

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

(6) VILLAGE WALKS

This item has been covered under item 1, Public Participation, to allow interaction with Mr. Jeffery.

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

(7) RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Oliver reported that a 20ft section of tree had fallen from the recreation ground into a garden at Chestnut Drive. The whole dead tree has since been removed and two other suspect trees have been inspected. They have both been allowed to remain. The Clerk is dealing with the Chestnut Drive resident over compensation for broken plants.

Councillor Arnold announce that since the latest safety inspection of the recreation ground had given warning that almost all of the

play equipment needed replacement, the park committee had been working on a plan for replacement. The Plan had been submitted to NFDC and by the next Parish Council meeting we should know the outcome of the request.
Councillor Bryant offered his services to help look at the state of the trees in the recreation ground. He was informed that Councillor Oliver already had the matter in hand with Phil Brophy of NFDC.
And it was

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(8) PARISH PLANS

Councillor Arnold distributed copies of a Parish Plan outline she had put together after seeing a working plan in a Devon Parish. She felt that the previous plan that she and Councillor Oliver had put together was too deep and unworkable. The new outline covered the basic categories of a plan, such as shops, police, village halls, etc. The new plan should display needs and wants. Councillor Arnold announced that she and Councillor Oliver would work on the new plan together. However they would need a great deal of input from the community, so Councillor Arnold will submit it to the Newsletter for comment from Parishioners.. Councillor Arnold was pleased to announce that Penny Valender from NFDC had offered to come and give advice on the formulation of the plan.
And it was

RESOLVED:

- Councillor Arnold to invite Penny Valender to an informal meeting.

(9) PARISH COUNCIL 20 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Arnold was please to announce that "Trants" had donated £150 towards the running of the event. She said that Councillor Kewley was taking on the sponsorship side of the event. She wished to point out that raising donations was just to cover the running of the event and that "money making" was not at the top of her agenda. The bringing together of villagers for a great day out was the prime goal. She suggested that any profits should be used to buy something for the village, such as a seat. Councillor Judd commented that it was good to see the event advertised in the Newsletter.
And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

(10) 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 February/March 2005.

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

Application No - 8397 - 11, Peterscroft - Smith - Conservatory

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

None

(c) Planning permission granted since date of last meeting

Application No - 83250 - 161, Lyndhurst Road - Hanlon - Outbuilding as office

Application No - 83479 - 20, Woodlands Road - Cornick - Retention of access

Application No - 83534 - 8, Fir Road - Marsh - Two storey extensions

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

(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

None

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

None

(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

B/ Planning Application by Kingfisher Housing Association.

The Developers Contribution.

The Clerk read out an E mail from Tony Huggett, Area Planning officer of NFDC, outlining what "Developers Contribution" would be payable if the Kingfisher Application went ahead. Mr. Huggett had reported that a sum of about £15K would be given over by the developer to NFDC for the occupiers to have a public open space. The District Council would liaise with the Parish Council on how the money is spent.

Councillor Judd asked if this contribution would disappear into NFDC's main fund again this time?

Councillor Arnold replied that this time she would ensure that it was put to good use within the village.

Councillor Judd enquired if the Parish Councillors were going to have a separate meeting to decide on their "additional comments" to NFDC planners on this application, and would they go into the minutes?

Councillor Arnold said that an in camera meeting would take place right after this evening's meeting. The results of that meeting would be attached to the main meeting minutes, but the discussions would not be minuted.

Councillor Arnold commented that there was a divide in the village, she felt that it was people who made the divide, not a set of plans. She went on to say that Kingfisher had tried hard to suit NFDC's demands at this site. Councillor Sopowski observed that they had never formally come back to the Parish after it rejected the 3 storey block. Councillor Bryant comment that NFDC had been very forceful towards Kingfisher retaining the 3 storey block in the development..

Councillor Sopowski asked for a show of hands from Parishioners on how many wanted the cottages kept. This vote saw the majority of the 45 attending the meeting agreeing to keeping the cottages. A second question was asked, how many would not mind if a small set of "in keeping" cottages was built on the site. This time about 15 people put up their hand.

Review of the Parish Council comments to the Planning Application

Councillor Sopowski said it was good news that the application was in discussion at high level with the developers. He then outlined the parts of the application that he felt were not in keeping with the village. The Parish Councillors then decided to wait until the closed session before making any further comment.

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

Councillor Arnold noted that she had received a letter from a Mr. Kittow of Pine Close with regard to an application to build a bungalow in his garden. She enquired if the other Parish Councillors had received a letter?

After a negative reply the Clerk was directed to copy it to the others ready for the next meeting in April. The Clerk said that he had not received the planning application in question.

And it was

RESOLVED:

- Clerk to copy "Kittow letter" to all PC's.

(11) THE "LENGTHSMAN"

Councillor Judd enquired if the application to our District Councillors for a Rural Grant for the Parade had been accepted?

The District Councillors replied that it was in hand.

And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

(12) ACCOUNTS

a/ *Accounts paid since the date of the last meeting.* None

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

D. Hawkins, Clerks Salary and Expenses	344.46	
IRD, Clerks PAYE PO ltd	86.02	
Mrs. M. Weston, Newsletter Editorial Costs issue No 92	223.79	
Frost the Printers, Newsletter Printing Costs issue No 92		417.00
Carousel, Computer consumables	15.73	
HAPTC, Affiliation fees / NALC fees 2005/2006	297.00	
HAPTC, Local Council Review subscriptions	108.00	
Post Office Ltd, Bt Quarterly Account	92.30	
Daniel Roberts, Tree Surgery 15/02/05	150.00	

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

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

(13) GRANTS

Parish Councillors had received a grant application from Victim Support for consideration. Councillor Arnold asked if the Parish Councillors would consider a donation of £200 to Victim Support in memory of Mrs. Chappel from Lyndhurst Road. She went on to say that Mr. & Mrs. Chappel had spent a great deal of time helping the organisation and this would be a fitting memorial to her. The proposition was seconded by Councillor Bryant and agreed unanimously.
And it was

RESOLVED:

- That grant of £200 be made to Victim Support

(14) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER BODIES

Councillor Sopowski - Had attended the NEW Forest Consultative Panel. He had put over the message that the cycle track between Ashurst & Lyndhurst should be a "low key affair", not just a stretch of motorway style tarmac. He cited the loss of green space on Hunters Hill as what could happen when a shared path becomes a cycle way. Any new work has to blend in to the forest. He announced that with the formation of the National Park Committee the New Forest Committee would cease. He believed that the New Forest Consultative Panel would be a sounding board for the National Park Committee.

Councillor Holdsworth - attended on March the 5th at Marchwood Village Hall the Annual Awards for Age Concern, New Forest East. The MP, Dr. Julian Lewis and his partner Fiona were there to present the awards, to some of the 60 volunteers, guests and trustees who attended the evening. Announced that TESCO have chosen Age Concern as their charity of the year. Please look out for the events they will be holding throughout the year and support where you can. I will be attending a meeting on the 14th of March to ascertain their programme of events.

Councillor Oliver - attended tree work on the 15th of February, the PRIME meeting at Fordingbridge on the 25th of February, the HAPTC Parish Charter reception at the Great hall in Winchester. Finally a meeting with Stuart Beaton of NFDC on land drainage in the village on the 4th of March.

Councillor Arnold - Attended the Roads Policing Unit event on the 10th of February. Chief Inspector Roy Bantun gave a brief outline of the roads policing unit which plays a major role within the Hampshire Constabulary offering specialist skills and support. The unit is divided into four sectors, and is committed to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on roads across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

As a result of this the number of people killed on the roads in the area covered has fallen from 110 in 2003 to 75 in 2004. Not just cars but bike safety which has reduced from 33 in 2003 and 10 in 2004. As well as the casualty reduction on the roads the unit has played a significant part in criminality using the ANPR [Automatic Number Plate Recognition]. Since having this device and between June 2003 and November 2004 they have made over 600 arrests, including 82 disqualified drivers, 60 drink drivers, 16 impaired drivers, 52 people for theft or burglary, 66 people for vehicle crime, 43 people for drugs offences, and 221 people who are either wanted by police, or who have been arrested for other offences. For the first time in 2004 this unit launched the IDU [Impaired Driver Unit] to address the problem of drink and drug driving. Over the coming months in 2005 the Roads Policing Unit will be continuing to instigate initiatives under the Constabulary's Safer Roads campaign to make the roads across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight safer for everyone. It was an excellent meeting but unfortunately only 8 members from the 37 Parish's in the New Forest took up this opportunity, it was suggested that it there is another such meeting Neighbourhood Watch members could be invited.

Attended a presentation of the new arrangements for Liquor and Public Entertainment licenses on the 23rd of February. The new law will come into practice in November, all candidates that require this license has six months to finalise their requirements. There are four themes connected with this act. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Protection of Children from Harm. The main changes will be Transfer of liquor licensing from Magistrates to local authorities. A single licence for premises for the sale of alcohol, entertainment and providing refreshment. A personal licence system for individuals selling alcohol. Abolition of permitted hours and children to have greater access to licensed premises New administrative procedures and guidance for licensable activities. Martyn Powell who is the licensing Manager went on to describe some of the differences that it will make to village halls, church halls and any person organising a garden party. All of these people will be subject to these new laws.

Attended on the first of March a Reception for Parish and Town Councils in the Great Hall Winchester. Attended with Councillor Ian Oliver. Mainly for the signing of the revised Parish Charter which sets out how the County Council and Hampshire's Town and Parish Councils will work together for the benefit of local communities. Awards were given for those councils that have received quality status. The evening gave the opportunity to celebrate the strength of local government in Hampshire, and the benefits of working together. Attended a site meeting with Stuart Beaton of NFDC on village drainage. (4th of March) He gave a document on "Riparian ownership" for the Clerk to condense and place in the Newsletter for information. Attended on the 25th of February an Anti-Social Behaviour meeting at Fordingbridge. It was informative, constructive, and I found out some interesting details about a "youth Shelter" which may be of use in Ashurst to lower petty vandalism. The Fordingbridge people were happy to come to our village and inform us how they reduced vandalism in their village.

Councillor Ardern - Reminded everyone that the web site was still there, although the fact has disappeared from the Newsletter. ! She reminded everyone that they can read the minutes of this meeting on the web site.

Councillor Judd - Attended a presentation on the new Liquor Licenses and Public Entertainment Licenses in company with Councillor Arnold.

Councillor Kewley - attended the 20 year celebrations sub committee meeting on the 7th of March.

Councillor Bryant - Attended the New Forest East Sports Council meeting. He announced that most of their grant funding had been allocated for the year. The AGM in April will see the Council lose two of its senior members through retirement. He asked if any parishioners were interested in taking on the roles?
And it was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted

(15) CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received :-February/March 2005

HCC	"There's never been a better time" leaflet (Range of services)
NFDC	Minutes of meetings Dec to Feb 2005-03-06
NFDC	Agenda 23 rd February meeting
NFDC	"Bag it" Garden Waste Service
The S.E. Regional Assembly	"Your Shout Leaflet" The Plan for the South East
The Home office	Why Neighbours Matter Booklet
The Home office	Vibrant Local Leadership Booklet
HCC	Hampshire Highways News Winter 2004/5

(16) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

None

The public meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9-15pm

(17) An **“in camera meeting “ then took place to decide if Parish Councillor would send further comments to NFDC on the planning application for 213-219 Lyndhurst Road, Application No 83694**

The decision reached was to send the following comments to NFDC ...

- The Parish Council has already objected specifically to the 3-storey block in the proposed development.
- A number of Parishioners made representation to the Parish Council on the 8th of March at the Parish Council meeting. We forward their two-page document for you to carefully consider.

The in camera meeting closed at 9-50pm.