

ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th APRIL 2013 AT THE CHURCH ROOMS, DEERLEAP LANE, COLBURY

Present: Cllrs S. Arnold (in the Chair), D. Bryant, M. Coaker, C. Hubbard, K. Kershaw, P. Sopowski and A. Sturgess

In Attendance: Parish Clerk L. Griggs, District Cllr D. Tipp and 9 members of the public.

Apologies: District Cllr L. Puttock

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN AN AGENDA ITEM

The Chairman reminded Councillors that if there was any item on the agenda which would warrant a Councillor submitting a Form C they should do so now.

The Chairman also reminded Councillors that if any item arose during Public Participation which warranted a Form C they should declare it immediately.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the last Meeting, which had been circulated to all Councillors, were approved and signed.

Matters arising not on the agenda

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a) Buses.

Cllr Kershaw reported as follows:-

As already noted the petition sent to HCC has resulted in Bluestar deciding to deal direct with HCC rather than the Parish. This had resulted in the PC losing its negotiation rights with Bluestar and now is only able to gain limited information on progress via Colin Wright at HCC. The petition is noted on HCC web site but the petition itself is not given nor is any detail of signatories shown, just the number of 55. Cllr Mans has been advised of the situation and it is hoped some further progress maybe made with his intervention. Further reports will be made to the Council when as and when this became available.

5. RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Bryant reported that:-

a) The latest quarterly inspection had been received which would be dealt with once the weather improved. The chippings for the Timberline area, which is one of the reports concerns, will be laid as soon as the ground is dry enough.

b) Fence replacement. A further quotation is awaited.

c) Disabled access. The Clerk reported that so far he had not been able to find anyone at Big Lottery willing to make any comment on this issue.

6. PLANNING

a) **Cllr Sopowski** gave a report on the planning applications received and decisions made since the last meeting. He also noted an application not on the list, being application number 98314 from the New Forest Hotel for a Glazed Pergola and extended patio.

b) The Clerk reported that Application 98169, had been listed for the NPA Committee in regard to the Highways aspect, and he had attended the meeting and spoken on behalf of the Council. The primary issue rested on the Transport Technical Note prepared by Paul Basham Associates which had used a 10m rigid truck as the basis for their calculations and on which Highways had made their decision to approve the application. Pictures were provided to the Committee which showed an articulated vehicle of some 15m exiting, with difficulty, the delivery area and mounting the pavement in Wood Road to do so. Responding to a question from a Committee member the Highways representative said if he had been aware of the use of the larger vehicles it was unlikely Highways would have approved the application. In his right of reply the Co-op representative said Co-op would be prepared to give an undertaking to use only 10m or smaller delivery vehicles. On the other issue of parking at the front some Committee members refused to accept that some vehicles reversed out of the forecourt on to the A35 and Highways said they could not accept any extension of the dropped kerb as it would constitute a hazard for pedestrians.

The Committee decided to defer any decision till the next meeting and asked Officers to get the necessary information for a decision to be made.

7. ACCOUNTS

a) The list of cheques issued since the last meeting was approved.

b) The Clerk had circulated the Internal Auditors report which was an unqualified report

c) The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013, which had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting, were approved unanimously.

8. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Cllr Coaker attended the meeting of the Fete Committee, the A&CCG and the site meeting on the Cycle path through Ashurst.

Cllr Kershaw attended a meeting with Richard Barnett of the A&CCG and the site meeting on the Cycle path through Ashurst.

Cllr Sturgess attended the Fete Committee meeting, a NFALC meeting and a meeting at Foxhills Infants School regarding participation at the Fete.

The Chairman attended

Meeting for people interested in local History and how to obtain information relating to your village. This was at Beaulieu Motor Museum.

Meeting with Cllrs Kershaw, Coaker and the Parish Clerk regarding cycle paths in the village.

Meeting with NPA representative regarding the Parish Councils History archives. They have agreed to assist us with any information relevant to Ashurst and Colbury.

NFALC meeting. Report from the NFDC Chief Executive, Dave Yates, and Leader of the Council Barry Rickman. They said:-

[1]There had been more changes in the public sector than ever before.

Services have improved and in their words they are victims of their own success.

[2] So far under this new scheme, they have received 35 buy back houses. Nominations for the vacant Parish Council post on the NPA have to be in by the end of May, that is after the Wiltshire elections. Only one out of the four current representatives attended this meeting. Unfortunately this is the norm.

Goff Beck reported that another 6 or 7 Parishes have now linked up with Community Speed Watch.

Several of the focus groups have now completed their tasks but there was a bigger debate on the cyclists

Councillor Kershaw and I were invited to a meeting and demonstration of the SID. This was really with a link to Community Speed Watch which is a path this council had decided not to go down.

Parish Council History Exhibition. This two day event took stamina [with tongue in cheek] so probably this is why only the female sector of the council took part.

9. COMMUNITY PLAN

Cllr Kershaw said he had spoken with Richard Barnett who had been tasked to review the cycle path running through the village. He had advised Mr Barnett of what the Council would like to achieve and Mr Barnett would now prepare and submit to the Council a proposal for consideration.

Cllr Coaker added that there was little to add to what had already been said but there was a view by a few people that the Council “had washed its hands” of the bus issue. He had pointed out the work already done by the Council, the current situation and what was intended for the future. The collaboration on the cycle path was appreciated.

10. VILLAGE FETE

Cllr Sturgess said that everything was going to plan but bookings were not as brisk as they had been last year.

11. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Cllr Hubbard reported that NPA have launched their formal Consultation and notices were in the Newsletter and Notice Boards plus their web site.

12. OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS IMPORTANT

None

13. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

a) **The Chairman** reminded everyone that the next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting.

b) **Cllr Bryant** asked for a discussion on the damage caused to the verges east of the Co-op forecourt, and customers parking on the driveway, and using the dropped kerb, belonging to number 80.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed – S.R. Arnold - Chairman

21st May 2013