

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council, 21st June 2016, 730pm at the Church Rooms,
Deerleap Lane, Colbury.**

Present: Cllr Max Coaker (Chairman), Cllr Caroline Hubbard (Vice Chairman), Cllr Sally Arnold, Cllr Emma Lacey, Cllr Stuart Jenkins, Cllr Ann Sturgess, Cllr Mike Thomas, Cllr Clive White.

Clerk; Helen Klaassen

NFDC; Cllr Les Puttock.

HCC; Cllr Keith Mans

Members of the Public; 11

Cllr Coaker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone attending. It was noted that Cllrs Thomas and Jenkins were making a recording of the meeting for personal use.

505/FC Public Participation.

Members of the Public, with the approval of the Chairman, will have the opportunity to ask questions relating to matters of community interest, which fall within the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Ian Oliver; The allotment judging had taken place on 15th June. There were 4 winners and the spade was with Cllr Arnold for engraving.

The water meter was still holding steady at 1525.

A bench had been offered by an allotment holder and plans were to put it up by the apple trees and pipeline.

Cllr White; The Cocklydown roundabout is very overgrown making visibility an issue. Could it be cut?

Cllr Coaker reminded everyone that matters such as this could be reported via HCC website.

506/FC Apologies for absence.

PCSO Richard Williams. Cllr Derek Tipp.

507/FC Disclosure Of Interest In An Agenda Item

Councillors are reminded that under the Code of Conduct, if they have a personal or pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda they must declare it now.

Cllrs Thomas and Sturgess on Agenda Item 516/FC.

508/FC Approval of Minutes of the AGM and Full Council Meeting held on 17th May 2016.

Some discussion ensued regarding the truth in the statements made by Cllr Coaker. The Clerk made a point of order that this matter should be discussed under agenda item 509/FC, and noted that she had included the statements verbatim within the minutes as requested by Cllr Coaker. In that respect the minutes were not incorrect.

Amendment; Cllr Hubbard had stood down from attending NF Consultative Panel meetings. The paper copy was amended and initialled by Cllr Coaker and the Clerk confirmed she would amend the electronic copy.

Cllr White proposed and Cllr Sturgess seconded the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. 5 in favour, Cllr Arnold abstained, Cllr Thomas and Cllr Jenkins against.

509/FC Matters Arising Not on the Agenda.

The discussion continued regarding the statements made by Cllr Coaker.

Cllr Jenkins expressed his dissatisfaction over the remarks by Cllr Coaker at the previous meeting. He felt they were unfair, derogatory and inappropriate, not only in light of his and Cllr Thomas's efforts for the Picnic in the Park / Dedication Day, but that he was meeting his obligations as a councillor and felt Cllr Coaker was abusing his position as Chair.

Cllr Thomas stated that he felt the statement was inappropriate and felt it could have been better worded. He was unable to make comment that night after the statement was made as he was stunned and felt unable to respond.

Cllr Coaker felt that his statement accurately reflected the situation, but was intended to highlight the imbalance of councillors on committees.

Cllr Lacey felt it inappropriate to mention people by name except to praise. She took the point Cllr Coaker was trying to make regarding the balancing of committees and felt that had now been addressed. It was noted

that there were two residents who will no longer attend meetings because of this unpleasantness.

510/FC Accounts and Clerk's Report.

1. Clerk's Report. Nothing to report this first month apart from annual audit.
2. Approval of the Annual Return - Section 1 (appendix 1).
3. Approval of the Annual Return - Section 2 (appendix 1).
4. To consider accounts paid and payable since the last meeting (appendix 2).

The Clerk explained the figures and statements on the annual return.

It was resolved the Annual Return could be signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.

511/FC Police / Neighbourhood Watch Report.

Karen Oliver;

1 assault; This was a domestic incident that involved a young resident of a supported living property. Not all assaults involve physical contact and are mostly verbal but have to be recorded under this heading

3 thefts from motor vehicles; These all happened on the same night. 3 residents of Lyndhurst Road and Dene Road in Ashurst reported that their cars, which they thought were left unlocked on their driveways, were broken into and small amounts of money were stolen. This is very common and can only really be stopped by asking drivers to make sure they lock their cars.

1 Scam; This was the HMRC incident, where someone has called residents on Ashdene Road saying they owe HMRC some money. Luckily no one has responded to this scam. HMRC will never contact anyone in this manner.

2 Suspicious vehicles; Both of these checked out to be ok.

There have been three out-building thefts; 2 in Ash Road and 1 in Busketts Way. Please try to ensure your out-buildings are well secured against break-ins. These thefts are more prevalent where there is forest/rural access.

On the roads, 5 drivers were caught speeding on the main Southampton Road and 1 man was arrested for drunk driving.

512/FC Correspondence.

The Clerk reported that all correspondence been sent by email.

Cllr Lacey reported that she has received correspondence from a resident in Foxhills Close regarding overhanging vegetation.

Cllr Arnold said that historically the triangle of land in question had been owned by the Korffman Trust but that residents of Ashdene Road had moved their rear boundary fences back to incorporate it within their gardens.

Cllr Lacey said she would speak with the Clerk to see what could be done about keeping the vegetation back.

513/FC County Councillor's Report.

The boundary changes for the division had nearly been agreed and Cllr Mans updated members on this. Devolution; the government had originally said they wanted to delegate responsibility and HCC had looked at that with other stakeholders. Since then they have been told that they would have to have an elected mayor. Since then various stakeholders have written a letter to register their interest in forming a unitary authority. HCC has left it that if we did go down that route it would be through Hampshire being a unitary authority, which was not ideal.

Cllr Mans also mentioned that his devolved budget was open for applications again.

514/FC District Councillor's Report.

Cllr Puttock made comments regarding the financial issues surrounding devolution and that it would need to be appropriately considered at district level.

He noted that the Referendum may have impact on the outcomes of devolution.

515/FC Magazine.

Cllr White reported that the magazine was going well. The predicted year end profit of £697 was achieved,

figures based on discounted advertising rates.

New pages included; Parish youth, Top Tips and possibly a classified section.

Efforts to encourage content from villagers were ongoing. Deliveries were going well.

The website and facebook were proceeding nicely.

The winning logo would be decided by the magazine committee and the winner notified and given their £50 Range voucher.

516/FC Allotments.

Cllr Arnold reported that Network Rail had been in contact regarding installing a new 1.4 metre high fence rail side. Although 1.4 was the standard height Cllr Arnold had pushed for it to be 1.8m instead. It would go from the A326 bridge to the railway crossing in Foxhills.

The contractor had started the drainage work.

There was an issue with a broken water meter and possibly a leak which the clerk was in contact with Southern Water about.

Following an inspection undertaken by the Chair and Clerk, letters had gone out to allotments holders whose plots were not up to standard. Some discussion took place on this point and the appropriateness of the letters sent, and it was suggested that in future a template be used.

517/FC Fete. To receive an update.

Cllr Sturgess reported 46 stalls had booked so far and the main arena schedule had been drawn up. Cllr Lacey was doing the dog show and all was going to plan. Help would be needed on the day.

It was suggested that a list of jobs be drawn up for distribution to identify areas where help was needed.

518/FC Recreation Ground. To receive an update.

Cllr Coaker reported that everybody was happy with the fence and equipment, and the benches which had been installed a week ago near to existing equipment to allow parents to sit and watch their children.

519/FC Queens Birthday and Dedication Day Celebration. To receive a report back.

Cllrs Jenkins and Thomas reported that the day had been very successful ACCG had made a huge contribution. the 'Make a Crown' competition had been very successful and the winner was picked at random by Cllr Mans. Thanks were given to all those who had helped and it was noted that there had been a lot learnt from the day.

Discussion took place on whether the day should be held annually and Cllrs Jenkins and Thomas confirmed that they would be happy to organise it again next year as it was an ideal event bring the village together. A proposed date of 3rd June was set for 2017.

Cllr Coaker noted that Alf Baker had done an excellent job on the plinth and that it looked wonderful and gave thanks to Cllrs Jenkins and Thomas for their efforts.

The Seniors event, organised with various village stakeholders including the church and ACCG, had gone very well with 48 older people in attendance. Discussion ensued regarding funding and allocation of funds.

520/FC Other Projects. To receive an update from Councillors undertaking any other projects on the Parish Council's behalf.

Cllr Lacey reported that the Parish Plan was progressing; posters had gone up and a few more volunteers were required.

Cllr Lacey also reported that the Youth Club was taking shape. It was hoped it would feed a 'Youth Parish Council' Dan Lacey was going with PCSO Carlin to see Hythe and Waterside Youth Club and had met with Mr and Mrs Hall who used run the Ashurst Youth Club for advice. The next big thing was to consider venues, preferably the 'village side' for walking / travelling ease.

The Precinct was ongoing through the Recreation Committee and it was noted that shopkeepers were volunteering contributions to assist in this.

521/FC Minutes of Other Committee Meetings.

1. Planning Committee – 17.05.16

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

Cllr Coaker reported that he had attended the NPA Planning meeting and that 84 Lyndhurst Road had been

refused.

522/FC Reports from Representatives of other bodies. To receive feedback of information relevant to the parish from Councillors who attended those meetings.

Councillors reported on the meetings they had attended.

523/FC Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

- NPA boundary changes.
- Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.12.