

ASHURST & COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: FULL COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.30pm

LOCATION: Church Rooms, Deerleap Lane, Colbury

PRESENT: Cllr Sally Arnold (Chair), Cllr Ann Sturgess, Cllr Ken Kershaw,
Cllr Max Coaker, Cllr Caroline Hubbard, District Councillor D Tipp,
Penny Luscombe (Clerk)

MINUTES

34/FC

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

19 Members of the public were present. Cllr Arnold reminded the group that this was the only opportunity that members of the public had to speak at the meeting.

Mrs C Bunday requested an acknowledgement of the letter from Action Group sent to the Council in December. Mrs Bunday reported that letters sent to Council Members were nothing to do with the action group and that the group would not tolerate such correspondence being sent.

At Mrs Bunday's request item 42/FC was brought forward on the Agenda. Councillor Kershaw who is a member of the steering group gave the update, which would have been repeated to the Keep Ashurst Green the following morning. He also reported that if and when a formal planning application is received it would be considered by the Council in the normal manner.

Plans had been amended in response to comments received as part of the public consultation. A newsletter will be issued to all residents from Turley Associates in the forthcoming weeks.

Mrs L Huish of 28 Woodlands Road gave a short report of her intended extension to her property.

Cllr M Coaker explained that the application was still with the Planning Committee, and that once reviewed the comments are collated by the Clerk and submitted to the NPA. Cllr S Arnold thanked Mrs Huish for attending the meeting and providing the council with background information on the application.

35/FC

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr P Sopowski (Holiday) Cllr C Marchetti (Governors Meeting), District Councillor L Puttock (represented by D Tipp)

36/FC

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

37/FC

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2014 were approved and adopted. Proposed: Cllr A Sturgess, Seconded: Cllr C Hubbard

38/FC

FINANCIAL MATTERS

A Schedule of invoices to the value of £826.04 were agreed and approved for payment. Proposed: Cllr C Hubbard, Seconded: Cllr A Sturgess.

A discussion took place with regards to considering membership of Society of Local Clerks. It was agreed that members would look at the website to review the information available to the Council and the Clerk and to revisit the decision at the next meeting.

39/FC

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that there had initially been two interested parties, however one potential applicant had withdrawn. An interview schedule is to be arranged for the candidate as soon as possible.

40/FC

ALLOTMENTS

In the absence of Cllr Marchetti, Allotment Committee Chair the report was given by Cllr Arnold.

Cllr Marchetti has:

- ♦ Sent letters to Foxhills Pre-School, Infants and Junior Schools.
- ♦ Met with the Lengthmans to review the drainage.
- ♦ Designed signage for the gate stating 'No Parking' at School drop off and pick up times.

The suggested signage was discussed and it was agreed by all members.

During the discussion it was suggested that a meeting be held with Allotment holders and the Allotment Committee, which was agreed and welcomed by the allotment holders present.

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place with the representative from Community Payback Service. It had been agreed that they would provide 3 days within the forthcoming months to carry out work both at the Allotments and the Recreation Ground.

41/FC

PLANNING

To receive an update on recent planning applications and decisions made:

Ref	Date	Address	Detail
14/00652	28.01.14	Foxhills School Ashurst	Temporary Event Licence for Spring Fayre
14/00049	28.01.14	Land between 19 & 21 Foxhills, Ashurst	New dwelling, widening access, close boarding fencing
14/00085	14.02.14	Church Hall, Christ Church, Colbury	Single Storey Extensions
14/00146	28.02.14	2 Busketts Way Ashurst	Raising the height of roof; insertion of two dormers and roof light to facilitate loft conversion; two storey front extension; new access
R14/15/14/0220	11.02.14	22 Dene Way Ashurst	Prune 2 Oak Trees
TPO/14/0244	12.02.14	19 Chestnut Drive Ashurst	Prune 2 Pines, 6 Horse Chestnuts and 1 Oak
TPO/14/0347	27.02.14	48 Lyndhurst Road Ashurst	T1 & T2 – Oak – Fell Multitemmed Ash – Pollard to reduce weight. G1 – Oaks – Reduction up to 3 metres on lateral branches overhanging highway and neighbours

42/FC BARKER MILL FOXHILL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Reported in public participation.

43/FC CYCLE PATH

Councillor Kershaw reported that there were funds available to improve signage and facilities for a new cycle path and he had carried out an audit of parish signage.

The intention being that a path would be available on the south side of the A35 from the campsite to the Colbury Memorial Hall.

44/FC PARKS & RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Coaker reported that 2 quotations had now been received following the visit from Wickstead. It was agreed to defer the decision until the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from a local resident with regards to having a meeting with the Recreation Ground Committee to discuss matters of her concern. Cllr M Coaker stated that the resident should be asked to either attend the Council meeting or send a letter to the Council via the Clerk.

It was also reported that the notice board at the Shopping precinct will not close, the Clerk has notified the builders, and is awaiting a response. Also the new notice board in the recreation ground is leaking, and board inside is damp.

45/FC A & C COMMUNITY GROUP

No update to be given.

46/FC REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

To receive an update from the Council's Representatives.

20th February – Meeting with local Beat Officer
Attended by Cllr Arnold

6th March – Meeting concerning the Anniversary of D Day
Attended by Cllr Arnold, Cllr A Sturgess and Cllr K Kershaw

7th March – Fete Meeting
Attended by Cllr S Arnold, Cllr A Sturgess and Cllr C Hubbard

13th March – Meeting with Community Payback Service
Attended by Parish Clerk, Cllr Arnold and Cllr Coaker.

17th March – Meeting with Barker Mill
Attended by Cllr Hubbard, Cllr M Coaker, Cllr Sturgess, Cllr K Kershaw, Cllr S Arnold (as an observer) and Parish Clerk.

Cycle Meeting –
Attended by Cllr K Kershaw

47/FC CORRESPONDENCE

Items of correspondence received was reviewed and discussed.

48/FC

ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS IMPORTANT**The Chairman reported on the following:**

The New Forest Consultative Panel welcomed their new Chairman, Clive Chatters was voted into the role at a panel meeting on 6th March after the previous Chairman Tim Greenwood stood down. Clive has worked in and around the New Forest for the past 30 years and has been a member of the Consultative Panel during several periods since the late 1980's. He is Head of Policy and Evidence at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and he was the Chairman of the New Forest National Park Authority from 2006 to 2010

You may have read or seen on the media that the National Parks England has welcomed the news that the Government will **exempt** National Parks from its latest proposals for extending permitted development rights. What this means is that owners of barns and other agricultural buildings within the National Parks will have to apply for planning permission before any attempt of change takes place., where as outside of the Parks, owners come under permitted development to construct up to three new dwellings in their place.

49/FC

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

Cllr Arnold reminded members that the next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.00pm, followed by the Full Council meeting.

There will be two guests' speakers, Alison Barnes Chief Executive of New Forest National Park and also P.C. Andrew White.