

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council, Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**  
**Held at The Church Rooms, Deerleap Lane, Colbury, at 7.30pm.**

**Present;** Cllr Emma Lacey (EL) Chair, Cllr Mike Thomas (MT) Vice Chair, Cllr C Hubbard (CH), Cllr Clive White (CW), Cllr Ann Sturgess (AS), Cllr Ian Hobbs (IH), Cllr Heather Richards (HR), Cllr John Morris (JM).

**Clerk;** Helen Klaassen (Clerk)

**New Forest District Council;** Cllr Derek Tipp

**Hampshire County Council;** Cllr Keith Mans

**Members of the Public;** 9

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The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. She reminded everyone that the Clerk was recording the meeting and that should they so wish there was now the opportunity for a cup of tea or coffee before the meeting.

**742/FC Public Participation.**

**DW;** Thanked the Parish Council (PC) for organising the Defibrillator Training, which he said was fantastic.

**AA;** asked what progress had been made with re-instating the Youth Club.

Cllr Lacey reported that at present no suitable venue had been found that was centrally located that the children could walk to without having to cross any main roads.

**KO;** noted that the hedgerow was obscuring the right-hand vision out of the allotments. Could it be cut back?

The Clerk said she would go and have a look and see whether a contractor needed to be brought in to do the job and speak to the Chair.

**KO;** Asked for progress on the Knellers Lane potholes.

Cllr Hobbs reported that Hampshire County Council (HCC) had been notified and the road checked, and marked up and that it should be done within 2 months.

**IO;** Reported that 17 allotment holders attended the BBQ. He thanked Cllr Hubbard for presenting the awards and thanked the Clerk for getting the spade engraved.

**Action**

**Clerk/  
EL**

**743/FC Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Puttock.

**744/FC Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.**

Cllr Thomas declared that he was a member of the New Forest Association Planning Committee.

**745FC Approval of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 as a Correct Record of Proceedings.**

**The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.**

**746/FC Matters Arising Not on the Agenda.**

Cllr White reported that he had dealt with the matter of missing councillor details.

Cllr Thomas reported that he had spoken to Ian of South Central Ambulance Service at the defibrillator training, who advised that the ambulances always carried bolt cutters so that accessing the allotment if the gate was locked wouldn't be an issue, but did advise that if people were going down there on their own, they should advise someone when they would be back. The clerk advised that the matter had also been discussed at the recent Open Spaces Committee meeting and it had been decided to issue some advice to allotment holders in this vein.

Cllr Hobbs informed the PC that he had investigated the matter of cars for sale on verges and that legally there was no recourse unless HCC wished to obtain a byelaw, which were difficult to enforce in any case. Stickers could be placed on offending cars, but if the car was road-legal, there was little else that could be done.

The Clerk reported that was still getting quotes for the Speedwatch equipment and that contact had been made by PCSO Richards Williams regarding the matter. She had removed it from the agenda for this month and it would be dealt with by the Highways and Transport Committee from now on.

Lengthsman was still ongoing.

#### **747/FC Accounts and Clerk's Report.**

##### **1. To consider accounts paid and payable**

The Clerk informed councillors that there was an additional payment of £26.38 to be added to her expenses for a first aid kit for the allotments and an additional payment of £51 to be made to TLC for quarterly website maintenance and email.

##### **2. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that she had been very busy this last month preparing for, attending and preparing minutes for first and second meetings of the newly formed committees. Also that the ditches on the Lyndhurst Road were currently being cleared by the Community Payback Scheme workers. A start had been made, but it was clear from looking at it, as the Clerk and the Area Supervisor had done, that it would need to be taken down further.

##### **3. Annual Return update**

The Clerk reported that she had replied to the questions asked by BDO, and hoped that no further questions would be forthcoming.

##### **4. Broadband Issues.**

The Clerk reported that following residents contacting her and other councillors to raise awareness of the issues with service outage, she had contacted HCC to ask for assistance. She had received a response from them and they would be investigating it immediately. One resident had been told by a BT Openreach engineer that there were not enough cards in the green boxes to cover everyone who had signed up for fibre broadband.

Further discussion ensued and it was noted that there seemed to be different stories from different engineers, none of which appeared to be entirely correct.

Cllr Mans stated that the contract for fibre installation was a government procured one and that he felt HCC should be on the side of the Parish Councils. He understood that if you were over 1km from the box or if you were on an 'older' connection then you would have a slower connection. BT were getting there, but slowly. Cllr Mans felt that it was important to keep up with technology as demands for greater speeds, especially in rural areas, and that they should expect the same levels of service as in cities and towns.

Cllr Lacey reminded everyone that the magazine contained more from the Clerk in the 'Clerk's Report'.

#### **748/FC Committees.**

**Resolved; That Cllr Morris join the Planning and Development, and Highways and Transport Committees.**

#### **749/FC Correspondence.**

Cllr Thomas requested that a letter from the New Forest Association in response to the NFNPA's current local plan consultation, which had been emailed to councillors by the clerk, should be supported by the council and a letter written to the NFNPA in support of that stance.

The matter was discussed and the Clerk advised that given that the letter had only been received since the publication of the agenda and not only was not a specific agenda item but also that, since the deadline for comments was 26<sup>th</sup> July, there was not enough time to scrutinise the NFA's comments, and it would therefore, be better not to respond.

No other correspondence to report.

**750/FC Police / Neighbourhood Watch Report.**

From Karen Oliver, Lead Coordinator, Ashurst & Colbury Neighbourhood Watch;  
5 residential burglaries. The properties were in Woodlands, Ashurst & Lyndhurst. 2 x arrests have been made for three of the burglaries. Keep all properties secure as now the summer weather is here, leaving windows open and on view is an open invitation to the opportunist.

16 non-residential burglaries in; Cadnam, Winsor, Bank, Ashurst, Woodlands, Ower & Minstead – mostly outbuildings. The N.P Team have been working overnight in June and this month hoping to catch the offenders or at least disrupt the crimes.

Also stolen; a parcel left for collection by the postman in Cadnam, a dog from a garden in Winsor and a baby-changing bag from a mother's push-chair in Paulton's Park.

10 motorists have been caught speeding and 3 drivers who were stopped in Ashurst were arrested and charged with being over the drink drive limit.

I have received two reports of possible suspicious/ concerning items.

- A man has possibly been living rough in a vehicle behind the Happy Cheese public House and near-by shops. Please do not approach or challenge him. The Police are aware.
- A stranger in Beech Road apparently has been seeking someone called Mr Cockrill. If you know of anyone by that name, please will you contact me. If you are approached by this person asking for Mr. Cockrill but changes the name/ location of the road, please let me know as soon as possible.
- As always, the scrap-metal cruisers are about now so ring 101 if you see them.

Our N.P. Team would like to thank all those who have contacted them on various issues within our village and further afield. Thanks to this help, a man has been arrested and charged with the robbery at the Bartley Post Office.

**751/FC County Councillor's Report.**

Cllr Mans reported that he was pushing for all new dwellings to be installed with fibre broadband as standard.

HCC Consultation; Hampshire County Council were consulting with residents in Hampshire to get their views on services before any changes are made. The consultation ends next month, Cllr Mans said that the parish should involve themselves.

**Clerk to get information for Councillors.**

**Clerk**

The contractor for highway services was changing and would now be Skanska.

Cllr Mans also stated he would be happy to contribute to the memorial for Cllr Arnold from his devolved budget.

Cllr Lacey enquired to Cllr Mans whether he would be able to support funding for the Parish Plan and he responded that he would from his devolved budget be able to provide limited financial support and that an application should be made by the PC to him.

**752/FC District Councillor's Report.**

Cllr Tipp reported it is hoped that changes to the times of the three buses per week to Lymington Hospital, which leave a little too late for people to use their passes.

Cllr Tipp also reported that he had been approached at the memorial service for Cllr Arnold to ask if he large hall at Colbury Memorial Hall could be renamed in her honour.

Cllr Tipp observed that neither he nor Cllrs Puttock and Mans were mentioned in the Ashurst and Colbury Magazine.

Councillors agreed that they should be and resolved to amend the magazine to reflect this. In addition, it was agreed that an indication of their areas of responsibility should be mentioned.

**Clerk  
/ CW**

On a final note, NFDC were also pruning their budgets and would be looking at a few ways to do this.

**753/FC Minutes of Other Committee Meetings.**

Cllr Lacey thanked the committees and chairs for their efforts in assembling their committees and meeting so promptly.

Planning – 20.6.17

Open Spaces Committee – 11.07.17

Planning & Development – 10.07.17

Finance & Resources 27.06.17

In addition to this the Highways and Transport committee had met recently, as had the Community Engagement Committee.

**754/FC Response to NPA Consultations;**

- a. Ashurst Hospital Site.** To receive recommendation from the Planning and Development Committee.

Councillors heard from Cllr Hubbard as chair of the Planning and Development Committee regarding the recommendation from the Planning and Development Committee. Cllr Hubbard read out the email correspondence from David Illsley, Planning Policy Manager for the NFNPA, regarding the concurrently running consultation by the NHS regarding uses of the site, that was at odds with the proposals put forward by the NPA.

The meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July was well attended and concerns were raised from members of the public regarding protection of the chapel and potential use of the site. Colbury Church were enquiring from the diocese whether the ground was still consecrated.

Lively discussion took place on whether the inclusion of the site at Whartons Lane should be mentioned. A vote was taken from which it was decided to omit any mention of the Whartons Lane site at this time. In responding to the original NFNPA consultation document, the PC had made clear their opposition to development at the Whartons Lane site and it was decided that this was not the right time to re-iterate that, but that the opportunity should be seized to do so when the NFNPA consulted again at the end of the year.

Recommendation from the P&D Committee;

1. That the site would be suitable for a single management use for older people's accommodation. Whether that was warden assisted apartments, or a care home setting. This was the preferred option of the committee.
2. That the site be considered for a single management use of social housing. Comprising small units for local people, such as the NPA development in Bransgore, which was admired for both its practicality and quality of design, and how well it sat within its surroundings and within the village.

**Resolved that the Recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee be accepted and that the Clerk would formally respond to the Consultation of behalf of the Parish Council.**

Clerk

**b. Recreation Management Strategy.**

The matter had been discussed at the Open Spaces Committee and it appeared that the questionnaire invited a more personal response. However, after some discussion it was agreed that there was one area that the council could respond to, which was the topics available for selection on the second page of the survey. It was agreed that councillors would pick their top six areas of importance and that the clerk would email the top choices for councillors to give their thoughts about and that a response could be compiled by the clerk.

Clerk

**755/FC Defibrillator Training.**

Cllr Thomas reported that the courses were successful and well received. It was agreed to hold a waiting list and as soon as there were enough names to hold another course, one would be booked.

An article in the magazine could be written to assist in this.

Clerk  
MT

**756/FC Memorial to Cllr Sally Arnold.**

Cllr Hubbard reported that Mr Arnold had been presented with a limited edition print by the NFNPA in memory of Cllr Arnold.

Cllr Hubbard would speak to the trustees of Colbury Memorial Hall regarding the large hall being named for Cllr Arnold and the picture and a plaque being hung in the hall in her memory.

**CH**

**757/FC Parish Plan.**

Cllr Lacey reported that the matter of the parish plan and questionnaire had been subject to a frank exchange of views at the recent Community Engagement Committee meeting.

Following comments at this meeting the questionnaire was being revised and when this was done it would be emailed to councillor after which comments would be invited and a plan put together to present it to a focus group. The next meeting of the Working Party was on 16<sup>th</sup> August.

Leaving the transport section on the questionnaire was discussed and Cllr Lacey confirmed it would still be included.

Cllr White requested that an alternative name for the plan was discussed, perhaps to Village Strategy Plan, to more accurately reflect what the plan represented and hoped to achieve.

Cllr White thanked Cllr Lacey for taking the lead on what was a mammoth task.

**758/FC Reports from Representatives of Other Bodies.** To receive feedback of information relevant to the parish from Councillors who attended those meetings.

Cllr Hobbs would be attending the Passenger Transport Forum the next day.

Cllrs Hubbard and Sturgess would be attending the Green Halo meeting.

**759/FC Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.**

- PC storage shed.

There being no further business the Chair thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 9.29pm.

**Agenda Item 747/FC 1. Accounts Paid and Payable**

Payments Received Since Last Meeting		
Date	Details	Amount
	1-30.06.17 - Np payments received.	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

Payments Made / To be Made				
Date	Details	Payee	Chq	Amount
18.07.17	Rokill Ltd Quarterly charge for pest control	Rokill ltd	2189	140.00
18.07.17	August and September Mags	TLC	2190	820.00
18.07.17	Clerks Salary and expenses	H Klaassen	2191	924.93
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,884.93</b>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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