

ASHURST & COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: FULL COUNCIL
DATE AND TIME: Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.30pm
LOCATION: Church Rooms, DeerLeap Lane, Colbury
PRESENT: Cllr Sally Arnold (Chair), Cllr Peter Sopowski, Cllr Ann Sturgess, Cllr Ken Kershaw, Cllr Charles Marchetti, Cllr Max Coaker, Cllr Caroline Hubbard, District Councillor Derrick Tipp, Penny Luscombe (Clerk)

MINUTES

Mrs Sally Arnold (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a belated Happy New Year and also introduced Penny as the new Clerk to the Council.

01/FC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Twelve members of the public attended the meeting.
Mrs Sally Arnold reminded members that before asking members of the public to speak, that the declaration of interest applies to public speaking as well as the main agenda.

Mrs Karen Oliver advised the Council of a potential incident that she had witnessed with the Grit Bin near to the Recreation Ground. Cllr Hubbard/Clerk to check and action if necessary.

02/FC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from County Councillor Keith Manns and District Councillor Les Puttock.

03/FC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

04/FC MINUTES

The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17th December were approved and adopted. No outstanding actions.
Proposed: Cllr M Coaker, Cllr A Sturgess

05/FC FINANCIAL MATTERS

A schedule of invoices to the value of £5027.53 were agreed and approved for payment.
Proposed: Cllr S Arnold, Seconded: Cllr M Coaker

The Minutes of Precept Meeting held on the 26th November 2013 were agreed and approved. Proposed: Cllr S Arnold, Seconded: Cllr K Kershaw

06/FC HIGHWAYS

Cllr S Arnold reminded Councillors that they were asked at the last meeting to check the salt bins that are within their responsibility. Cllr Hubbard would check and report back to the Clerk.

Cllr Sturgess reported that there were several pot holes that had appeared again.
Cllr Arnold to provide details to Clerk for reporting to Highways.

07/FC

PLANNING

Recent applications/decisions include:

Ref:	Location:	Details	Decision
TPO/14/0032	38 Lakewood Road	T1 & T3 Pine- reduce by 1-2 metres, T2 - Pine - Fell to ground level	
99026	19 Beech Road	Roof alterations to form second floor accommodation	Refuse 21.01.14
99027	54 Whartons Lane	Carport/Porch- Demolition of existing porch	Granted with conditions 21.01.14

Cllr Arnold reminded the Planning Committee to remember to look and read the Village Design Statement that was adopted by the Council. The NPA are using this document in their decision making on all applications. There were two this month that referred members back to the statement.

08/FC

BARKER MILL FOXHILLS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Cllr Kershaw reported that there had been no update as no meetings had taken place since the public consultation, and no response on the survey results.

09/FC

CYCLE PATH

Councillor Kershaw apologised that he had not prepared a report for the meeting.

10/FC

COMMITTEES

Members were clarified for the following Committees:

Allotments Committee

Cllr S Arnold, Cllr C Marchetti, Penny Luscombe (Clerk)

Planning Committee

Cllr P Sopowski (Chair), Cllr C Hubbard, Cllr M Coaker, Cllr K Kershaw

Recreation Ground Committee

Cllr M Coaker (Chair), Cllr S Arnold, Cllr A Sturgess

Flooding Team

Cllr A Sturgess, Cllr M Coaker

Village Fete

Cllr A Sturgess (Chair), Cllr M Coaker, Cllr C Hubbard, Cllr S Arnold

Newsletter

Cllr S Arnold, Cllr A Sturgess, Daniel Webb (Editor), Penny Luscombe (Clerk)

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Members were clarified for the following Representatives on other bodies.

HALC and NFALC

Cllr S Arnold, Cllr A Sturgess

A&C Community Group

Cllr M Coaker, Cllr K Kershaw

HCC Transport Forum

Cllr K Kershaw, Cllr M Coaker

New Forest Consultative Panel

Cllr P Sopowski, Cllr C Hubbard

New Forest National Park

Cllr S Arnold

Cllr S Arnold explained that one of the first for the new Allotment Committee would be to consider the use of the car park for school pick ups. Cllr Arnold reported that she was aware that this has been causing a problem for some time but her hands were tied as to how to resolve it. However, when receiving keys back from two allotment holders this month they stated that the car park of the allotments is now made use of by Foxhills School Mums. On Tuesday 7th January there were 12 cars parked inside and the gate wide open and not one person was on the allotments. It is thought that these cars are coming in from West Totton and Ashurst Bridge, not Ashurst Residents.

Cllr S Arnold also reported that an allotment key had been handed into her in November and to date nobody had telephoned to claim it.

11/FC**PARKS & RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor M Coaker reported that he had undertaken his Play Inspection Training, which would reduce the cost of inspections on a quarterly basis. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the recreation committee meeting.

Cllr S Arnold reported that looking at the accounts for 2013 there appeared to be several names for maintenance of the village. To enable the Clerk to control the spending and also keep control of the work, and proposed that the Council seek to have one Length man. Cllr Arnold proposed one of the current contractors for the position, who is used by the National Park and was also the main contractor for the allotments, and also knows the village well.

It was agreed that this matter would be given consideration and discussed further at the next meeting. A list of annual jobs to be drawn up

Cllr S Arnold also stated that as the Welcome Store develops with its extension, what would happen to the Council Notice Board. In view of the fact that there is still one that was removed from the precinct, perhaps this could be used again possibly on the green beside the store.

Cllr P Sopowski agreed to visit the store and talk with the management with regards to this and report back at the next meeting.

12/FC**A & C COMMUNITY GROUP**

No report available at the meeting.

13/FC**CORRESPONDENCE****Items of correspondence received were reviewed:**

- (1) Foxhills School – Park wise Project – The Council had received information with regards to a proposal for park and stride, with Colbury Memorial Hall being the proposed site.

This had been suggested in previous years and was not used by parents. Concern was expressed with regards to the safety of this proposal. It was agreed that the information would be passed onto the Trustees of the Hall for discussion and decision.

- (2) Keep Ashurst & Colbury Green Action Group – Cllr S Arnold and Cllr K Kershaw had sent holding letters.

REPORTS:

- (1) Cllr S Arnold & Cllr A Sturgess had attended the NFALC meeting at Hythe Council Office. A very interesting and informative talk on Freedom of Information was given by the NPA. It was also good to hear that there is now a possibility that Denny Lodge will remain as a Parish Council.
- (2) Cllr K Kershaw had attended the Planning Committee Meeting on 21st January. A copy of the Planning Infrastructure to be circulated to all Councillors.

14/FC**ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS IMPORTANT**

District Cllr D Tipp reported that there had been many flooding issues in the area, and was pleased to see that the Council had not had any major problems. A Flood Risk Assessment was due to be carried out by the Environment Agency.

Cllr D Tipp also reported that Government Grant to NFDC was yet to be confirmed and also that the Government were proposing a Universal Credit and that Housing Benefit could be paid to individuals, which was a concern to some individuals.

Cllr S Arnold expressed how great it was to see so many villagers braving the weather for the traditional Carols at the Happy Cheese. Although it was a dreadful evening outside, there was a very warm atmosphere inside. The children were in good voice and this is what makes the evening so special.

The collection on this event and the Band Concert at Colbury Memorial Hall, Roy and I were able to take a cheque for £209.75 to the local Alzheimer's Group in Hythe. The group were delighted to receive this donation and we were able to see that it would be put to good use.

There will be an advertisement in the February Newsletter and on notice boards for a co-opted member within 3 miles radius to join the Council. Applications to be sent to the Clerk and the closing date will be the 1st March 2014.

14/FC**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING**

D Day Celebrations for the Village on 7th June 2014.
Annual Maintenance/Lengths man

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.