

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council, Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 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 Ian Hobbs (IH), Cllr Heather Richards (HR).

**Clerk;** Helen Klaassen (Clerk)

**Hampshire Country Council;** Cllr Keith Mans

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

**Members of the Public;** 10

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**Cllr Lacey, in the Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, noting that the Clerk was recording the meeting.**

**Action**

**FC/781 Public Participation.**

**Anne Wareham;** spoke regarding the land at Ashurst Hospital and her concerns regarding which areas of the site was being used for development. Also noting the presence of a protected species of butterfly on that land.

Councillors responded saying that they knew of the presence of the butterflies and that development would only take place on existing buildings' footprints. But that they would make the NFNPA aware of the presence of the butterflies.

**Clerk**

**Ian Oliver;** Reported that he had attended the National Association of Allotment Gardens Meeting. It had been of little benefit, but he noted that tenancy should be based on 1950's Allotment Act and that 75% of the plot should be cultivated. Any increase in fees should be announced in the March following the November fee requests.

**FC/782 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were noted from Cllr Sturgess and Cllr Morris.

**FC/783 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.**

**None.**

**FC/784 Approval of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as a Correct Record of Proceedings.**

**Resolved; That the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record.**

**FC/785 Matters Arising Not on the Agenda.**

Following his presentation last month, the Clerk and Cllr Hubbard would be meeting Sean March of the Forestry Commission regarding the Conserving the Forest Fringes Project.

The Clerk noted the shed would be moved to the next agenda.

The matters regarding bus shelters would be moved to the Highways and Transport Committee.

**FC/786 Accounts and Clerk's Report.**

1. To consider accounts paid and payable

The Clerk presented the accounts paid and payable (Appendix 1), which were approved by Councillors

2. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the contracts for the Lengthsman had been signed between the parish council and HCC and also between the other cluster in the parish. The ditch on the main Lyndhurst Road had been cleared by the CPS. It was extremely costly to remove the waste and the clerk was hoping that HCC would assist in clearing. Cllr Tipp was asked if NFDC would be able to clear it as part of their green waste collections. Cllr Tipp agreed and said he would ask.

3. Lengthsman.

This would be moved to the Finances and Resources Committee.

**FC/787 Correspondence.**

A letter requesting funding from the Citizens Advice Bureau was read out by the Clerk. It was decided to politely decline their request.

**FC/788 Police / Neighbourhood Watch Report.**

**Karen Oliver reported that;**

The next Police Surgery would be held at Colbury Church on 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

The local policing team had put out a survey that Mrs Oliver encouraged people to answer.

Over September there had been 5 residential burglaries; 4 in Ashurst. PCSO Williams and others had done a leaflet drop in the area and as result another co-ordinator had been recruited.

There has been a large increase in vehicles being broken into and Forest Car Parks were still being targeted by thieves.

Fly-tipping was on the increase, the advice was to report if seen preferably with vehicle registration number, time and date.

**FC/789 County Councillor's Report.**

Cllr Mans reported that there would a cabinet meeting shortly and ways of meetings the shortfall and generating more income would be discussed.

One such idea would be to make a small charge to subsidised older peoples bus passes which would enable the continuation if the service.

Also to make a small charge for users of domestic waste recycling centres and charge for business waste.

Approval had been given for £500,000 for joint ventures. The Lengthsman Scheme was a classic example of such a venture.

**FC/790 District Councillor's Report.**

Cllr Tipp reported that the district would be looking to save money too. And informed those present that 1/3 of council tax was used to fund pensions. NFDC were looking to up their income, parking charges for instance had been increased.

Applemore Leisure Centre's learner pool was out of action and Ringwood Leisure Centre had recently undergone an extensive refurbishment.

In terms of the Local Plan, NFDC were not building as many houses as the government would like.

There was a constituency boundary review in progress too.

**FC/791 Minutes of Other Committee Meetings.**

None to show. However, there would be Community Engagement and Finance and Resources meetings on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**FC/792 Terms of Reference.** To receive TORs from each committee.

'Schools' to be added to the Community Engagement TORs otherwise it was **Resolved; that the TORs for all committees be accepted.**

**FC/793 Memorial to Cllr Sally Arnold.**

There would be no name change on the main hall at Colbury Memorial Hall. Discussion of the options available ensued and it was agreed, following a suggestion from Cllr Hubbard, that a plaque and the picture donated from NFNPA be placed in the Colbury Memorial Hall.

**FC/794 External Storage for Parish Council.**

Ian Oliver reported that a storage container would cost £860 and delivery £250. The possibility of storage at the Ashurst Hospital site was discussed. Clerk to investigate.

Clerk

**FC/795 Reports from Representatives of Other Bodies.** To receive feedback of information relevant to the parish from Councillors who attended those meetings.

Cllrs White and Hubbard attended the Outreach Group and it was noted the next event was on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr White reported that he had attended the apple day event and that it was very good and well attended.

Cllr Lacey reported that the Parish Plan working party had met last Wednesday and were working to finalise the resident's questionnaire to present to the PC and send out to residents in the New Year.

**FC/796 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.**

Grants and Section 137 Account / Nominated Charity.

**There being no further business, the Chair thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.**

**Appendix 1.**

**Agenda Item 786/FC 1. Accounts Paid and Payable**

<b>Payments Received Since Last Meeting</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
21.09.17	Allotment fees	70.00
21.09.17	Mag Ads; Clean Up, Happy Feet	154.00
21.09.17	Mag Ad; totton Glass	60.00
28.09.17	Precept	15,760.00
J, A, S	Quarterly interest	1.18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,045.18</b>

<b>Payments Made / To be Made</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Chq</b>	<b>Amount</b>
17.10.17	November Mag	TLC Online	2207	410.00
17.10.17	External Audit	BDO LLP	2208	360.00
17.10.17	Pest Control Allotments	Rokill	2209	168.00
17.10.17	October Salary and Expenses	H Klaassen	2210	742.48
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,680.48</b>

Signed; \_\_\_\_\_

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