

Minutes of the Meeting of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council, Tuesday, 22nd November 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 Clive White (CW), Cllr Ian Hobbs (IH), Cllr Heather Richards (HR). Cllr John Morris (JM)

New Forest District Council; Cllr Derek Tipp
Members of the Public; 4

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

ACTION

FC/797 Public Participation.

- 1) Ian Oliver asked whether there was any movement on the plan to construct a BBQ at the allotments and whether the gas pipeline people had given their consent, but it was reported that we are still waiting for their reply.
- 2) David White reported that PCSO Williams had reported that the speed watch equipment was available for the parish to use and Cllr Hobbs agreed to chase up PCSO Williams

IH

FC/798 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Ann Sturgess, Cllr Caroline Hubbard, Clerk Helen Klaassen, Cllr Keith Mans.

FC/799 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.

None.

FC/800 Approval of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th October 2017 as a Correct Record of Proceedings.

2 amendments: Ian Oliver reported that the Allotment Society meeting was good and there were 4 members of the public in attendance.

FC/801 Matters Arising Not on the Agenda.

- 1) Clerk has made NFNPA aware of the butterflies at Ashurst hospital site.
- 2) Clerk to investigate storage either at allotments or at Ashurst hospital site

FC/802 Accounts and Clerk's Report.

None due to absence of the clerk.

FC/803 Correspondence.

None.

FC/804 Police / Neighbourhood Watch Report.

None.

FC/805 County Councillor's Report.

None

FC/806 District Councillor's Report.

Cllr Tipp reported:

- 1) He had received a request for the overflowing bins at Ashurst station to be cleared up and had passed it on.
- 2) NFDC is investigating alternative ways of raising revenue. They are looking at investing in commercial property for residential use at normal commercial rates, as well as building more affordable homes because they believe that property is a good investment.
- 3) Cllr Tipp attended an excellent remembrance concert at Colbury Hall.
- 4) Cllr Tipp reminded the council that he had a small pot of money available for small projects in his villages.

Minutes of Other Committee Meetings.

Community engagement: Cllr Richards reported that the committee had been discussing:

- 1) The Precept
- 2) Parish plan
- 3) Fete working party
- 4) Upgrading the website
- 5) The annual carols evening on the 12th Dec
- 6) The annual parish social event which is held after the December council meeting
- 7) To make the social event more accessible it has been decided to invite the public to arrive at 7.30pm and to start the December meeting at 6pm so that the public can chose whether to attend the preceding council meeting.

Finance and Resources committee have been preparing next year's budget.

FC/808 Train Services in Ashurst.

Councillors and the public discussed the consultation and the proposed timetable and agreed to write to SW Railway with the following comments:

1. Concern over the short transfer times from the Ashurst train to the mainline train to London and back, noting that the average seemed to be 6 mins, with some being 4 mins, and that given that the trains from London are usually late it would be impossible to catch the Poole train at Southampton.
2. Request that the Poole train is made a connecting train and therefore required to wait for the London train at Southampton.
3. Request for more direct trains to and from London.
4. Point out that significant numbers of teenagers use the train to reach their colleges.

MT

FC/809 CPRE Green Belt Campaign.

Councillors discussed the campaign and the implications for the Parish. Cllr White pointed out that there was not actually any greenbelt in Ashurst due to the National Park status and other councillors felt there were close parallels to National Park protection and greenbelt protection and that we should support retention of greenbelt.

Councillors voted 5 to 1 in favour with Cllr White against.

Action: Council to write to our MP and the Minister, Mr Shama.

MT/Clerk

FC/810 Parish Plan.

Cllr Lacey reported that;

- 1) The design of the questionnaire to research the needs of the community and provide guidance on how to progress and prioritise the work of the Parish Council had been completed.
- 2) It is proposed to deliver it to all residents in January and also to put it on Survey Monkey.
- 3) A subsequent questionnaire would be sent to the business community.
- 4) We have received support from the National Park authority who will also contribute towards the printing costs.
- 5) The data collected will be data protected.
- 6) There will be a meeting of the working party on Sunday to plan the management of the survey.

The proposal to proceed was passed unanimously.

FC/811 Reports from Representatives of Other Bodies.

None.

FC/812 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

None.

Signed: _____

Date: _____