

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council.**  
**Held at Colbury Church Rooms on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm.**

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

**Clerk;** Helen Klaassen

**NFDC;** Cllr Les Puttock

**Members of the Public;** 40 (approx.).

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Cllr Lacey called the meeting to order, apologising for the late start time and explaining that as it was so late the agenda would be moved around to suit those who needed to leave shortly and skipping those items that could be left until the March meeting. Councillors agreed and thus Cllr Lacey invited PCSO Richard Williams to speak under item FC/859 Speedwatch.

**FC/859 Speedwatch.** To receive an update on the situation and decide on equipment provision and next steps if required. **Action**

PCSO Williams reported that equipment had now been secured for the use of the parish and now the scheme needed volunteers to use the equipment and administer the scheme.

It was intended to go out once a week, for approximately 1 hour, to locations including; opposite the Co-op on Lyndhurst Road, Whartons Lane, and Woodlands Road. Only the 30mph sections of road could be covered at present and 100 yards of clear sight was needed for any location proposed.

PCSO noted three reasons why Speedwatch was a boon to the village; just standing there in a hi viz jacket slows traffic down, it is educational for drivers who are speeding as they will receive a letter first of all detailing their misdemeanour and seeking to educate them to drive slower, and the collection of data acted as evidence for things like seeking a lower speed limit.

PCSO Williams left some forms and gave a closing date for volunteers of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018. References were only needed if someone sought to be a Co-ordinator.

The first outing would hopefully be in the second week of April.

**FC/848 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ann Sturgess due to illness and also Cllr Mans, and Cllr Tipp whose colleague Cllr Puttock was in attendance tonight.

**FC/849 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.** Councillors are reminded that under the Code of Conduct if they have a personal or pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda they must declare it now.

Councillors disclosed an interest in agenda item FC/858, having previously responded to the Local Plan to specify no development on the Whartons Lane site.

**FC/850 Approval of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19<sup>TH</sup> January 2018 as a Correct Record of Proceedings.**

**It was agreed that the minutes were a correct record of the previous meeting and the Chairman signed them as so.**

**FC/858 Draft Local Plan Review.** To discuss and formulate a response to the final draft of the NFNPA's Local Plan.

The matter was discussed at length. Points noted included;

- Concern that this scenario could be repeated in the future at the cost of another green field.
- That Ashurst Hospital was not being considered.
- Whether any protection was being afforded to the green strip running alongside the A326.
- That Ashurst Hospital could be a 'windfall' site, rather than a designated site.
- Deviation from 50/60 dwellings in Whartons Lane and concern that
- That the Parish Council's original response had not been heeded.
- That the Village Design Statement was against 'infill' development, but that the NFNPA were not.
- That parts of Whartons Lane were already at risk from flooding without the addition of more housing.
- That the response should include reference to the NFNPA response form and that the areas of 'justified' and 'soundness' of the plan should be the PC's primary areas for response.

Cllr White suggested.

Primary position; no development

Secondary position, if we must have development then it must be of the sort specified in the PC's previous response.

Third position; We would prefer the Ashurst Hospital site to be developed in preference to Whartons Lane.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Cllr White's suggestions as a position for a response to the latest draft and that a working party should be formed by the Planning Committee to formulate the full response.

Following this, the Chair of the Committee would obtain the Clerk's assistance to submit the response to the NFNPA.

**FC/851 Matters Arising Not on the Agenda.** Including action updates.  
Deferred to March meeting.

**FC/847 Public Participation.**

A fifteen-minute period will be allowed for members of the public, with the approval of the Chairman, to have the opportunity to ask questions relating to matters of community interest, which fall within the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Q; Who do I write to regarding the buses and damage to the verges.

A; Write to Bluestar and report the damage to HCC via their website.

The matter of the buses and damage to the verges in Ashdene Road was raised by two members of the public, who stated a desire to raise a petition to stop the buses going down Ashdene Road.

It was noted that;

- Some villagers actually wanted more frequent buses
- A petition to stop the buses had been started several years previous and had met with strong opposition.
- That those who caught the bus felt they were well used.
- That Bluestar should be held to account for the damage their buses cause.
- That the buses 'thundered' along the road.
- That the damage wasn't always caused by buses.
- That there was a question on the Parish Questionnaire that asked about the buses.

**FC/852 Accounts and Clerk's Report.**

1. To consider accounts paid and payable

The Clerk presented the accounts and noted that the amount for cheque 2339 was incorrect and should read £35. Also, that the cheque for Colbury Church was for outstanding rent as the direct debit had yet to be increased. The accounts were accepted.

2. Clerk's Report

Deferred to next month.

**FC/853 Correspondence.**

1. **Letter from the Outreach Group Regarding Funding.**

Moved to the agenda for March.

Clerk

2. **Email from PCSO Williams Regarding Homelessness in the Parish.**

That there was none at present, but should there be anyone then it could be reported to PCSO Williams and that he would update the PC should any become known.

3. **Email from Defra regarding a Consultation on Crime and Poor Performance in the Waste Sector.**

Comments to Clerk for response to NALC.

Cllrs/Clerk

**FC/854 Police / Neighbourhood Watch Report.**

Deferred until March.

**FC/855 County Councillor's Report.**

None.

**FC/856 District Councillor's Report.**

Deferred to March.

**FC/857 Minutes of Committee Meetings.** To receive and approve minutes of recent committee meetings.

- Community Engagement

Deferred to March.

**FC/860 Protocol for Lines of Communication.** To receive advice from the Clerk on the lines of communication required from Councillors in carrying out their duties and to agree a protocol to this effect.

That the Clerk must prepare guidance for Councillors regarding reporting lines and communications. Especially surrounding at what point a Councillor can make enquiries on their own behalf vs on behalf of the Parish Council.

Clerk

**FC/861 Reports from Representatives of Other Bodies.** To receive feedback of information relevant to the parish from Councillors who attended those meetings.

The recent NE Quadrant meeting was attended by Cllrs Lacey, Hobbs and Thomas.

That Cllr Hobbs had spoken to an NFNPA representative regarding grants for seating and that they had volunteered A&C Parish Council to host the next meeting.

Cllr Hubbard and the Clerk had attended the Stakeholder Meeting for Ashurst Hospital and that Cllr Thomas had attended the public meeting on the Saturday.

That Cllrs Hubbard and White had attended an Outreach Group Meeting.

Cllr Lacey reported back on the Parish Plan that;

- The closing date for questionnaires was 25<sup>th</sup> Feb
- That they had a recent meeting the notes of which would be available shortly
- That there had so far been good feedback on recreation facilities and mostly 9 and 10 for Ashurst being a fabulous place to live.

To resolve upon the matter of selecting a Parish Council Representative at the next Verderers Court Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February. **It was agreed that Cllr Thomas would attend. Also that he would present the Parish Council's perspective (using the 3 points agreed in minute FC/858) but that he could mention the fields as use as backup grazing from his position as a resident as that had not been agreed at a council meeting.**

MT

**FC/862 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.**

Outreach Letter

Minutes of Meetings

Cllr Hobbs gave his apologies in advance.

In closing Cllr Lacey announced that the Parish Council had a new Lengthsman, Alf Baker. She then thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.39pm.

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

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