

Present; Cllr Emma Lacey (Chair), Cllr Mike Thomas (Vice Chair), Cllr Caroline Hubbard, Cllr Ann Sturgess, Cllr Heather Richards, Cllr Ian Hobbs, Cllr Clive White.

Clerk; Helen Klaassen

NFDC; Cllr Les Puttock

Members of the Public; 20

Presentation by The Parish Plan Team. Councillors and assembled residents received a presentation from Richard Barnett highlighting statistics from the questionnaires that went out to villagers. It was agreed the presentation would go on the website. **Action Clerk**

FC/919 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Morris for reasons of family illness.

FC/920 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.

None.

FC/921 Approval of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting and AGM held on 15th May 2018 as a Correct Record of Proceedings and Matters Arising / Action Updates From those Minutes.

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

It was noted that;

- The NFNPA marker had been replaced (FC/906)
- The Knellers Lane Issues were still ongoing despite enlisting the help of Cllr Mans
- The agenda had reordered and would be reassessed at the July meeting
- The Clerk still needed to action minute FC/917

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FC/922 Reports;

1. County Councillor

None.

2. District Councillor

Cllr Puttock reported that;

- NFDC elections would take place in 2019
- That there was a breadth of development in the NFDC area not seen in the last 20 years, noting that Fawley would be a significant area with 1500 homes, Marchwood would be taking 900, and 1000 north of Totton. He had concerns regarding infrastructure, especially road issues due to the increased number of cars development would bring.

3. Police / Neighbourhood Watch

Mrs Oliver reported that;

- Her details, as Lead Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch in Ashurst were in the Magazine.
- There had been many thefts from vehicles, especially those parking in forest car parks. Recent undergrowth clearing had helped
- A criminal had been arrested in Totton, having been disturbed trying to break into a property
- The policing team were very busy dealing with recent crimes which why they had not been seen much recently
- The burglary that took place in May was being dealt with
- That overall Ashurst was a low crime area and gave her thanks to the team, including Speedwatch, that helped Neighbourhood Watch.

FC/923 Memorial to Sally Arnold. To receive an update and decide on the best course of action.

Despite speaking with Mrs Bryant, chair of trustees of Colbury Memorial Hall, nothing had advanced. To be brought forward to the July agenda. **Clerk**

FC/924 Fencing in Recreation Ground. To receive updated quotes and decide on a contractor to progress the fencing.

It was **Resolved by a vote of 6 in favour and 1 abstention** to form a Working Party, consisting of members of the Open Spaces Committee, only to make a choice of which contractor would be engaged to erect the new fencing, following receipt of the updated quotes.

FC/925 Approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and Variances.

To Approve;

- a) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement

Resolved to Accept and Sign the Annual Governance Statement – 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

- b) Section 2 – Accounting Statement.

Resolved to Accept and sign the Accounting Statement – 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

FC/926 Minutes of Committee Meetings.

The minutes of the Open Spaces and Community Engagement Committee had been forwarded to councillors for their information.

FC/927 Accounts and Clerk's Report.

1. To Receive and Approve the Monthly Schedule of Receipts and Payments

The receipts were acknowledged, and payments agreed. It was noted that it would be helpful if Nightingale Ground Care were to add the month they were charging for on their invoices.

2. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's time had mainly been taken with audit and getting the new employee matters up together.

3. Correspondence

- Letter from a resident regarding parking and double yellow lines on Wood Rd – it was noted that anyone who noticed poor parking practices, particularly associated with the building works should photograph and report it to the Clerk.
- New Forest North Scout annual report (available from the Clerk)

FC/928 Public Participation and Councillor Reports.

Q; Grass cutting was required in the area of the rear of 24-26 Wood Rd (in Knightwood Road).

Clerk

A; The clerk would have a look and report if required.

IO reported that the allotments had been judged and that the spade was with the Clerk for engraving.

Clerk

The CPS was needed to clear the ditch and strim some plots and the Clerk would action this.

AA, Chair of Governors at Foxhills Jnr School reported that the school had recently had an Ofsted report and had been rated at the upper end of good. They could be in receipt of an 'outstanding' next time as they would in year to 18 months, be recommended for a level 5 report which could mean an outstanding accolade.

Q; The drains near Boakes Place had not been sucked out and there were rats living in the ditches.

A; The Clerk would pursue the matter with HCC to see if more could be done.

Clerk

It was possible that environmental health could be contacted.

Q; Would the weeds and mares tail in the Recreation Ground be cleared? The picnic bench in the Park was rotten and needed replacing.

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A; Yes, there had been a new maintenance company employed who would be dealing with this.

Cllr Hobbs; regarding the question of poor lighting in Ashurst, noted that the NFNPA would only install low level lighting which would not create light pollution within the National Park. The NFNPA had been asked previously for additional lighting in Whartons Close and it had been refused on that basis.

Cllr Hubbard; Quadrant Meeting; three interesting speakers. Catherine Chatters was talking about invasive weed species, which was very interesting.

RSPB; opening a new site in the North of Forest.

Another speaker was talking about lost lawns and scrubs regeneration, which would give opportunities for volunteering.

Alison Barnes spoke about the NFNPA's business plan.

Cllr White; noted that he was stepping down from the magazine for a period of time and was hoping that councillors would be able to help out. Articles should be submitted to the Clerk. Cllr Lacey asked for a list of tasks to be divided up.

CW

A Parish Plan meeting had been held to prepare to tonight's presentation and individual reports would be with committee chairs by the end of July.

Cllr Sturgess informed the council that she had made the hard decision to step down from her position as Councillor. It was something that she had thought long and hard about and it had not been easy. Cllr Sturgess was thanked for her considerable time and dedication and given a round of applause.

FC/929 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

- Agenda evaluation
- Memorial to SA

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.24pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____