

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL.
HELD AT COLBURY CHURCH ROOMS ON 20th November 2018 AT 7.30PM.**



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

Clerk; Helen Klaassen

NFDC; Cllr Les Puttock

Members of Public; 6

- FC/954 Apologies for Absence.** **Action**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andy Austin as he was ill.
- FC/955 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.**
Cllrs Lacey, Thomas and Richards declared an interest in agenda item FC/958, as members of KACGG and Cllr Thomas as a member of the NFA.
- FC/956 Approval of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th October 2018 as a Correct Record of Proceedings and Matters Arising / Action Updates From those Minutes.**
The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
Matters arising:
FC/945 The CE Meeting had been arranged for 12th November
FC/ 947 Cllr Austin has successful been added to the CE and H&T Committees and Cllr White to OS.
FC/952 The Clerk had responded to the letter regarding Sally Arnold's memorial.
FC/953 The Clerk had passed thanks to Alf Baker.
- FC/957 Reports;**
- 1. County Councillor**
None.
 - 2. District Councillor**
Councillor Puttock reported that NFDC's grant from the government had been reduced by £1million, something they were seeking to get overturned.
The decision has been made to sell off the leisure services, as they aren't making the money that they did in the past.
The elections will take place in May next year and Cllr Puttock said he may consider standing down.
 - 3. Police / Neighbourhood Watch**
Mrs. Karen Oliver on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch reported that Ashurst had been quiet recently. There had been outbuilding burglaries outside of the parish and 2 people had been arrested over the theft of a handbag in the Co-op.
A motorbike had been stolen, it was a red, off roader and people were being asked to keep an eye out for it. Mrs. Oliver regularly emailed information and further details could be found on Hampshire alerts.
Mrs. Oliver also reminded those present to leave lights on if they were going out at night and to ensure that doors and windows were locked.
Mrs. Oliver had been in Lyndhurst recently helping them set up a new neighbourhood watch scheme.
Hate crime was something of concern to the police and should anyone witness any, they could report it on 101.
- FC/958 National Parks Review; Call for Evidence.**
The matter was discussed, and it was agreed that councillors could submit any thoughts on any of the questions to the Clerk by 4th December and she would compile a response to go to the review board, which she would submit to councillors before the next meeting.
- FC/959 Installation of 'Tommy'.**
The Clerk reported that she had nothing further from Hampshire County Council other than the previous advice that the Tommy should go no closer to the road than the current gateway sign. Cllr Hubbard reported that Tommy's placement in the recreation ground had been very well received. It was therefore **agreed** that Tommy should stay in the Recreation Ground but would be relocated within to a less vulnerable location. It was agreed that article would be put in the magazine to this effect and to explain the decision to residents. The Chair thanked Cllr Hubbard for laying a wreath and doing a reading on Remembrance Sunday.
- FC/960 Installation of Benches.**

Cllr Hobbs reported That he was working with the National Lottery charities grants and the NFNPA sustainability fund for the funding for the benches. He would be putting an article in the magazine in the February edition regarding suggestions for locations.

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Although the designs had not yet been chosen, the grants were often prescriptive regarding the type of material the benches could be made of.

One of the benches would be a memorial bench to the fallen of WW1.

Cllr Hobbs also reported that he had been looking at the Christmas lights in the precinct. There were 5 brackets that Christmas trees could be placed in and he was looking at a company who were able to fit solar powered lit Christmas trees. Currently he was awaiting a quote from them to fit trees in time for Christmas and remove them in January.

In addition to this the possibility of moving the lights from the large tree to the small one was being considered. The price of a cherry picker was being investigated, with some help from Cllr Hobbs brother who had some knowledge of this.

Cllr Hobbs reported that he had spoken to Shopkeepers in the precinct who confirmed that they would like to see planters for flowers. It was agreed that Cllr Morris would investigate this further.

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The bus stops would be cleaned in the next few weeks.

FC/961 NFNPA Local Plan.

Cllrs Lacey, Hubbard and Thomas reported back on the NPA Hearings they had attended for the NFNPA's Local Plan which would cover development within the National Park for the next 20 years.

Cllrs attended to speak regarding Policy 22, regarding the land at Whartons Lane that the Parish Council had responded to say they wanted to see the development of brownfield sites over greenfield. On this occasion the PC had pooled resources with KACGG as they were also against the development of Whartons Lane to present a united front to the Planning Inspectors.

Cllr Thomas attended on behalf of KACGG the Housing Needs; a government survey had estimated the housing need to be 140 per annum within the National Park. The NFNPA did not agree with this estimate and therefore did their own survey coming up with 40 houses pa.

As open forest lands are designated SSSI development is restricted to areas in which there is already development, namely the four service villages of Ashurst, Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst and Sway.

BME argued that 140 was more accurate and it is up to the inspector to decide which figure to implement.

Cllr Hubbard reported that it was interesting to hear about other areas outside Ashurst and noted that the density of housing in Sway was greater than Ashurst.

It was reported that the NHS wanted the Ashurst Hospital site to be considered for the plan. Councillors were unable to ask questions about this during the hearings, despite having questions to ask. At this moment in time it is not clear whether the site will be included. NHS property services who attended to speak about the Ashurst hospital site seemed frustrated that their site was not included within the National Park authorities plan, but at the time of revising the plan the site was considered not viable. It was noted that the NHS have not helped themselves by the late admission of their information and the lack of adherence to current NFNPA policy. It was noted that there were also issues regarding the access to the site that still needed to be finalised. Cllr Thomas stated that he would like the PC act as a go-between to get this matter sorted.

Councillors noted that they were unsure what that involvement would achieve. As NHS Property Services had a vested interest in making sure that it was resolved the PC may not be able to actively contribute anything. It was agreed to leave the matter to the NHS.

It was noted that if the Ashurst Hospital site was included then it would be as a windfall site not instead of the Whartons Lane site.

Cllr White stated that he wished it minuted that the PC were working with KACGG on this occasion only.

FC/962 Minutes of Committee Meetings.

Both H&T and CE had meetings recently and minutes would be forthcoming.

FC/963 Accounts and Clerk's Report.

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

The Clerk presented the payments schedule and would report in payment received on a quarterly basis, along with a bank reconciliation.

2. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that, amongst other things, she had been following up allotment inspections with Cllr Hubbard and Ian Oliver.

That the missing water meter at the allotments was being actioned; it appeared that during the road works the meter may have been paved over.

FC/964 Public Participation and Councillor Reports.

Q; Could the double yellow lines in Foxhills be extended down as far as the new chicane? Cars were parking there and causing problems with traffic getting through from the other direction.

A; Cllr Hubbard reported that the School travel team would be looking at this.

It was noted that cars were now parking on the road to the roundabout and causing issues there.

Q; the newly fallen leaves on the pavements were making it slippery, could something be done.

A; The Clerk would contact NFDC to sweep them up.

Christmas Singalong;

Timing 7pm on 11th December.

Jackie doing mulled punch.

Pianist arriving at 8pm.

Stories and Tony to compere and play music.

Refreshments

Then pianist and carols.

Cllr Thomas doing food, more help needed in kitchen.

Cllr White forwarding running order from last year to help.

Email resident list and facebook.

**CW
Clerk**

FC/965 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

- **Precept**
- **NP Review.**

Meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Payments To be Made – Item FC/963.1					
Date	Details	Payee	Chq	Amount	VAT
20.11.18	Wasps Nest - Rec	Rokill	2316	78.00	13.00
20.11.18	Nov and Dec Mag, redelivery charge	TLC	2317	917.60	
20.11.18	Monthly maintenance	Nightingale Ground Care	2318	185.40	30.90
20.11.18	Quarterly Rec Inspection	Elite Playground Inspections	2319	50.00	8.40
20.11.18	Hessian bags and Sand for Tommy	C Hubbard	2320	17.28	2.88
20.11.18	Survey Monket for P Plan June-Nov	E Lacey	2321	116.00	
20.11.18	Lenthsmen Salary	A Baker	2322	124.80	
20.11.18	Clerks Salary and Expenses	H Klaassen	2323	1,013.00	40.42
20.11.18	Plot & key Dep Refund	L Robertson	2324	35.00	
20.11.18	Key Deposit refund	S Rice	2325	20.00	
20.11.18	Website and email	TLC	2326	51.00	
20.11.18	Tax and PAYE	HMRC	2327	33.22	
			Total	£2,641.30	£95.60