MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL.
Held at Colbury Church Rooms on 19th March 2019 at 7.30PM.

Present; Cllr Emma Lacey (Chair), Cllr Caroline Hubbard, Cllr Clive White, Cllr Ian Hobbs, Cllr Andy Austin, Cllr Heather Richards.
Clerk; Helen Klaassen
NFDC; Cllr Les Puttock
Members of Public; 5

FC/1002 Apologies for Absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Tipp and Cllr Mans

FC/1003 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.
None.

FC/1004 Co-option of New Parish Councillor.
Given the absence of both candidates and the proximity of the elections it was Agreed not to co-opt either candidate but to ask them to stand in the election.

FC/1005 Public Participation
Q; Had the date of the fete been set?
A; It is set for the 7th September.

Q; Why are the magazines coming in so late?
A; Cllr Thomas offered his apologies, stating that he hadn’t realised how critical the timings of the magazine were and that he would work harder to ensure it was on time.
Cllr Hobbs and the Clerk revealed that they had also received several complaints over the late magazine.

FC/1006 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting as a Correct Record of Proceedings and Matters Arising / Action Updates From those Minutes.
The minutes were agreed as an accurate representation of the meeting and the Chair signed them.

Action Updates;
FC/979; The trees have been purchased and initially heeled in, following someone erroneously pushing trying to plant them, they had been dug up and repositioned and put in properly. Cllr Hubbard gave thanks to Steve Rice for his help with this.

FC/992 The Clerk had surveyed the Colbury Church and Cllr Austin the Brownies and Guides.

FC/993 Cllr Hubbard and the Clerk met to finalise the PC’s response to the Ashurst Hospital Consultation which had been submitted.

FC/994 Cllr Thomas has forwarded the letters requested. Responses had been received from councillors as discussed, and the Clerk had advised not to write further.

FC/995 Post Office; Bartley Post Office is being lined up to provide an outreach service (their postmistress lives in Ashurst) at the Happy Cheese, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am to 2pm. Details are being finalised. Clerk requested to email news out to PED group and FB.

FC/998 The agenda had been rejigged and in a moment of utter genius the Clerk had put all the reports in under one agenda item. Councillors were blown away by this act of random brilliance and found themselves unable to utter a single word.

FC/999 The Clerk had emailed the Charity but had not heard back to confirm, including runner numbers. Clerk to chase.

FC/1007 Reports and Correspondence;
1. County Councillor
None.

2. District Councillor
Cllr Les Puttock reported that he would not be standing at the forthcoming elections. He had not been reselected by his party, in a process which he felt had been unfair.
Cllr Puttock was thanked by both councillors and members of public for his support during his time in office.

3. Parish Councillors
Cllr Richards; attended a parish plan meeting during which the interviewing of local groups was discussed.
Cllr Hubbard; attended an Outreach Group meeting and would be attending the hearings for the NFNPA policy on Ashurst Hospital on 21st March. There had been a range of responses, which all broadly seemed to support C2 development. She had met with Cllrs Lacey and Thomas to formulate responses and questions.

Cllr Hubbard noted that the NHS had put in very ambitious plans for a 60 bed care unit and 30 houses with gardens (C3 use), which did not take account of the buffer as they had allocated the entire site.

Cllr White; Outreach Group meeting
Cllr Hobbs; attended Highways and Transport Committee Meeting
Cllr Austin; Meeting regarding PO

4. Clerk
The Clerk reported that she had attended session 3 of her CiLCA course. The final one was on 2nd April. She was looking into the fact that the PC may have to be VAT registered due to the advertising activities of the magazine.

5. Police / Neighbourhood Watch
None.

6. Correspondence
- Response from Bluestar
  The Clerk had forwarded councillors the email from Bluestar, which said that timetable changes were due and they would let the PC know when they were available.

FC/1008 Committee Parish Plan Action Plans. Lead; Cllr Emma Lacey and Committee Chairs.
The H&T, OS and CE action plans to cover the next 5 years had been submitted and would be worked into a larger plan, by the Clerk who needed to do one for her CiLCA, that would cover the whole council. It was important that the plans shouldn’t be held up by new councillors in May, but also that it wasn’t set in stone. There should also be opportunity for feedback and it should have a place on the website. Clerk

FC/1009 Benches. Cllr Hobbs updated the council that the licences for the benches had been obtained and was awaiting an answer from HCC to see if one licence would cover all the benches, which would save money. The chosen benches were a Remembrance ‘Lest we Forget’ metal one at £809 and two recycled plastic ones at £270 each.
Serval quotes had been looked at for the planters, and the quote which the committee recommended was from Sovereign. The total would be £1884 and Cllr Hobbs proposed that reserves be used for the purpose, Cllr White seconded and it was AGREED.
The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Hobbs to place the order. Clerk

FC/1010 Accounts. To Receive and Approve the Monthly Schedule of Payments.
The Clerk presented the schedule of payments for approval (appendix 1), noting there was one payment not on the schedule for; £67.02 – HMRC – PAYE/NIC. The schedule was agreed for payment.

FC/1011 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.
It was noted that this would be the last meeting before the election
- Cllr Austin still needed a new sign
- NPA hearings update
- SWR increased services

Meeting concluded at 9.05pm.

Signed: ______________________________
Date: ______________________________
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