

## ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 AT THE CHURCH ROOMS, DEERLEAP LANE, COLBURY

**Present:** Cllrs S. Arnold (in the Chair), D. Bryant, M. Coaker, C. Hubbard, K. Kershaw, P. Sopowski and A. Sturgess

**In Attendance:** Parish Clerk L. Griggs, District Cllr L. Puttock and 6 members of the public.

**Apologies:** District Cllr D. Tipp

#### 1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN AN AGENDA ITEM

**The Chairman** reminded Councillors that if there was any item on the agenda which would warrant a Councillor submitting a Form C they should do so now.

**The Chairman** also reminded Councillors that if any item arose during Public Participation which warranted a Form C they should declare it immediately.

#### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the last Meeting, which had been circulated to all Councillors, were approved and signed.

**Matters arising not on the agenda**

None

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

#### 4. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a) Buses.

**Cllr Kershaw** reported that he had prepared a Consultation document for the Newsletter setting out results of his survey and possible options for residents to consider which may help all parties of differing requirements. The document would be in the August edition and he would prepare a report for Councillors on the comments received from residents.

b) SID.

**Cllr Kershaw** reported that he had now received the paperwork from NFDC and it seemed there were so many requirements that it was no different to setting up Speedwatch which the council already rejected. He was now looking at siting a fixed unit to existing poles which seemed to have less restrictions and requirements.

c) It was noted that the road repairs had been carried out by HCC Highways

d) Overgrown hedgerows and trees.

The Clerk reported that he had asked Highways to deal with the overgrown areas but so far had received no response.

#### 5. RECREATION GROUND

a) **Cllr Bryant** reported that the work required by the Inspection Report had been put out to tender. The information received indicated that SD Playgrounds were the favoured

bidder but some additional information was awaited. The cost would be around £1,000 and he asked that the Recreation Ground Committee be authorised to make the final decision. The Council agreed to that request.

b) Disabled access. The Clerk reported that information received from Cllr Coaker since the last meeting showed that there was a possibility that RADAR padlocks may not be required. He would notify Councillors when the position was clarified.

## **6. PLANNING**

**Cllr Sopowski** gave a report on the planning applications received and decisions made since the last meeting.

## **7. ACCOUNTS**

The list of cheques issued since the last meeting was approved.

## **8. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

**Cllr Coaker** attended the A&CCG meeting and the Fete committee meetings.

**Cllr Kershaw** attended the NFALC meeting and also went on the HARAH tour of some affordable housing areas in the New Forest. Subsequently NFDC has advised that the waiting list for affordable housing in Ashurst had gone up from 37 last year to 41 this year. Although the proposed Barker Mill development might provide some affordable housing this was a matter on which the Parish Council may wish to take a more active approach.

**Cllr Sturgess** attended the Fete Committee and NFALC meetings. .

**District Cllr Puttock** reported that a full meeting of the Council had received a presentation from then Director of Health for NHS Hampshire regarding changes in Public Health in Hampshire. Members were a little confused by the presentation but two subjects were clear and discussed. One was Fluoride in water. Most people in Hampshire were opposed to fluoridation of water. The outcome was still unclear but likely to be No. The other was the future of Lymington Hospital. It had been bought under a PFI contract and there was talk of downsizing to the detriment of residents. The Director did not say it would happen but Cllr Puttock suggested everyone be ready to respond to any consultation which maybe announced.

## **9. A & C COMMUNITY GROUP**

**Cllr Coaker** reported as follows:-

- advised them that the Cycle Path article would be in the August Newsletter
- updated them on the buses situation
- Bryan Pass had still to meet with **Cllr Bryant** on the adult exercise equipment
- although it was not in our parish the group sought the support of the Council in opposing the application for a KFC restaurant at Rushington due to the litter likely to flow down to this parish. After some discussion it was agreed that **Cllr Sopowski**, Chairman of the Planning Committee, should seek a meeting with his counterpart in Totton & Eling Town Council to seek the facts and agree what help we could give them In opposing the application.

**Cllr Kershaw** reported that he had spoken with Denny Lodge Parish Council regarding the parts of the Cycle path proposals which entered their parish. He had been invited to address their Council meeting and sought the Council's approval to do so. The Council agreed to that request.

## **10. VILLAGE FETE**

**Cllr Sturgess** said everything was going well and it was going to be another great occasion for all residents.

## **11. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

**Cllr Hubbard** confirmed that the VDS had been approved by the NFNPA on 27th June and adopted the Ashurst & Colbury Village Design Statement as a Supplementary Planning Document.

The Chairman congratulated **Cllr Hubbard** and thanked her for all her hard work over a long period. She also thanked former Cllr Peter Frost for his input and participation in the VDS. **Cllr Hubbard** said the Chairman had also spent many hours working on the document. .

## **12. CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

The Clerk said information on the application received had been circulated to all Councillors.

## **13. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

The Clerk had circulated a proposal from HCC to establish a lengthsman scheme whereby councils joined together to get lengthsman work undertaken. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should get more information from HCC.

## **14. NFDC BROADBAND**

The Clerk advised that the deadline for supporting this proposal was 9th August. Support for both HCC and NFDC was essential to indicate the necessary support to bidders.

## **15. 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF D DAY IN 2014**

The Chairman said this had been raised at the last meeting and asked if anyone had any views. After discussion it was agreed that there should be some celebration but the format would be decided later.

## **16. ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMED IMPORTANT**

The Chairman asked if the Council would like to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. **Cllr Kershaw** said he liked the idea of something which residents and the council could support and which set out the aspirations and policies for the future of the village. After some discussion it was agreed the Chairman should prepare a report on funding possibilities and the requirements for such a plan to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **17. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

- a) 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day celebration
- b) Report from the Chairman Neighbourhood plans.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38 pm

**Signed S. R. Arnold - Chairman**

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2013**