Minutes of the Meeting of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council, on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the Church Rooms, Deer Leap Lane, Colbury.

Present; Cllr M Coaker, Cllr C Hubbard (Vice Chair), Cllr. S Arnold, Cllr S Jenkins, Cllr. A Sturgess,

Cllr. M Thomas, Cllr. C White.

**Cllr L Puttock** 

Clerk to the Council; H Klaassen.

19 Members of the public.

Cllr Coaker called the meeting to order and informed those present that Councillors Jenkins and Thomas were making audio recordings of the meeting for their own private use.

**Public Participation** Members of the Public, with the approval of the Chairman, will have the opportunity to ask questions relating to matters of community interest, which fall within the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Mr David White provided the council with a précis of the ongoing efforts to reduce the speed limit on Woodlands Road to a consistent 30mph throughout. He drew member's attention to the dangers faced by walkers, cyclists, drivers and trades people using the road. He is currently circulating a petition, which has over 200 signatures so far, and has written to Julian Lewis MP who has himself written to Cllr Sean Woodward, Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment at HCC, to drum up support for the cause (copy given to clerk).

Cllr Coaker confirmed that, along with Netley March PC, the PC had taken the matter up with HCC, but would be prepared to write again.

Cllr Puttock confirmed that this issue was an ongoing battle and that the reason for the split in the speed limit was the make up of the roads, in term of density of houses then leading open forest past the cattle grid. He noted that it was well used by traffic and that NM PC were unhappy with the split in speed limits and would like the entire road to be 30mph.

Cllr White advised Mr White to write to the parish magazine to encourage people to support the cause and write their own letter of support to HCC.

Elaine Mayhew asked why no clearance / tidying had been done in the area outside the shops. The clerk responded that it was because the PC were trying to ascertain ownership and responsibility for the land and trees before commencing any works.

It was suggested that there was nothing to stop individuals from clearing and tidying the area themselves.

335/FC Apologies for absence.

Cllr E Lacey, Cllr K Mans, Cllr D Tipp.

336/FC Disclosure Of Interest In An Agenda Item

None.

337/FC Police / Neighbourhood Watch Report.

Karen Oliver reported that there was a strong offensive by criminals on outbuildings, she advised people to make sure their sheds and outbuildings were locked and secure and strongly recommended that should anyone see any suspicious activity, that they report it to the Police using the 101 number. She stressed that members of the public should try to get a registration number for any vehicles seen, as well as the time, date and location of the activity. She further stated that no-one should make themselves vulnerable by approaching anyone they believe to be behaving suspiciously. She informed those present that most criminal activity was happening at night and that they were after power tools,

equipment and oil.

## 338/FC Approval of Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21.07.15 and 16.6.15.

Minutes of 16.06.15 Cllr Arnold proposed and Cllr White seconded to accept the minutes as a true an accurate record. **The vote came in at 6 in favour, with Cllr Thomas abstaining.** 

Minutes of 21.07.15 Cllr White proposed and Cllr Arnold seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The vote came in at 6 in favour with Cllr Coaker abstaining for reasons of absence.

#### 339/FC Matters Arising Not on the Agenda.

Cllr Hubbard informed the council that she had spoken to the Manager of the Co-op regarding the signs and that he had agreed to keep them in line, but that she had noticed they were creeping again and would keep an eye on the situation.

#### Accounts.

#### To consider accounts paid and payable since the last meeting (Appendix 1).

Cllr Hubbard proposed and Cllr Sturgess seconded that the accounts be accepted. All agreed.

#### 2. Approval of the Annual Return.

Following confirmation from the external auditor that the Annual Return had been audited and there were no outstanding issues, the clerk requested that the council accept the annual return. Cllr White proposed and Cllr Arnold seconded that the return be accepted. **All Agreed.** 

#### 3. Insurance.

The insurance provided via broker Came and Co was due to be renewed at the end of September. The clerk agreed to 'shop around' to see if there were better, comparable deals to be found. If not, to go ahead and renew with Came & Co.

## 340/FC Correspondence.

Letter from Ann Arscott, Chair of Governors, Foxhills Schools, requesting that the matter of a path through the allotment be raised, in order that a final answer could be given to HCC either for or against the proposal.

After discussion it was agreed to move the matter to October's agenda for a vote, as no vote could be taken as it was not an agenda item.

Letter from HALC asking for a parish representative to attend their forthcoming AGM.

#### 341/FC County Councillor's Report.

None.

#### 342/FC District Councillor's Report.

Cllr Puttock reported that NFDC are preparing to joining forces with other authorities to create a greater force, in order to do things such as gain more funds from central government and have a greater impact.

Southampton Docks are probably going to extend along the waterside. Cllr Puttock said the public and Parish Councils need to be aware of what is happening there and with the development taking place at Eling Wharf which will include houses, shops and outlets and will undoubtedly affect traffic in the area. He encouraged Councillors and the public to be aware of current thinking for the areas, and to attend public meetings to make sure their views are heard as it will affect the local community. He also understood that there is the possibility of a new road being laid to take traffic directly from the motorway to the docks.

#### 343/FC Christmas Tree Lights and Christmas Carol Service.

Discussion ensued surrounding the forthcoming carols and Cllr Hubbard said she would be prepared to take the lead, it was agreed that would be the case and that Cllr White would be willing to help, as would Charmaine Coaker. Cllr Hubbard will speak to Cllr Arnold about the possibility of a brass band. The Clerk was also asked to move the date to the Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December instead.

#### **344/FC** Parish Office. To consider the matter of a Parish Office.

Cllr Coaker informed the council that he had been approached by Rev. Paul Holley of Colbury Church to consider whether, following the refurbishment, the parish council would like an office for the clerk to use. It was discussed that having one would provide many benefits one of which would be the opportunity for the clerk to hold surgeries when where members of the parish could come in and speak to her about parish matters. Costs had yet to be discussed with the Church. It was agreed that in principle this was a good idea and more information should be sought via a meeting with the Reverend.

## **345/FC Email Address and Information in the Public Domain.** To consider individual councillor email address and the inclusion of councillor information on notice boards and in the magazine.

Discussion took place on the matter of email addresses and it was agreed that should Councillors require a separate email address then they should create their own using a service such as Gmail (Google) or hotmail (Microsoft).

It was also agreed that Councillors addresses should be removed from the notice boards and that the clerk's details should remain as she is first contact.

# **Recreation Ground.** To receive an update and approval of the minutes from the Recreation Committee meeting on 9.7.15.

Cllr Coaker explained that the minutes had been edited to reflect the comments regarding hooks for nets being added to the football posts in the recreation ground.

Cllr Arnold proposed and Cllr Sturgess seconded that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. **It** was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Coaker also informed those present that the dedication plaque had arrived and that the committee were looking into purchasing a decorative rock for the plaque to be sunk into after which they would hold an event in spring for the dedication.

Probation services had done some work in the recreation ground to clear away the rapidly growing mares tail, they had done and good job and would be returning shortly to continue the work. The plan was to continue this until the recreation ground was sufficiently cleared.

The clerk had received a quote from RTS Fencing regarding the fence on the Lakewood Road side of the recreation ground, which would be a matter for discussion at the next Recreation Committee meeting.

#### **347/FC Fete.** To receive an update from the Fete Committee.

Cllr Sturgess reported that the fete was very successful. It was noted that the help of the Air Cadets and bikers was invaluable and that help with organising the whole event was still needed but earlier in the year rather than just on the day.

A special pull out in the November edition of the magazine would be produced to showcase the event. Cllr Hubbard gave thanks to Dr Julian Lewis for judging the competitions for which there was a good turn out.

### 348/FC Highways and Transport.

A price had been obtained for a SLR / SIDS device, but it was noted that this did not include a pole if an existing one could not be utilised. Cllr Puttock was asked if Netley Marsh would like to join Ashurst and Colbury in the scheme as the PC had been advised that the unit could not be sited in one place for too

long and it would therefore be beneficial to invite other parishes to join us otherwise the unit would be under utilised. Cllr Puttock agreed to ask NM and it was agreed that the clerk would write to Copythorne to see if they would be interested too.

Cllr Puttock also mentioned the Speedwatch teams, noting that it was hard to recruit members as there was always concern that they would be recognised.

#### 349/FC Minutes of Other Committee Meetings.

1. Allotment Committee 24.07.15.

With the agreement of the committee the minutes were signed off as a true and accurate record.

350/FC Reports from Representatives of other bodies. To receive feedback of information relevant to the parish from Councillors who attended those meetings.

Cllr Jenkins attended Part 2 of the HALC councillor training.

Cllr Arnold reported that she had attended;

22.07.15 Netley Marsh PC Meeting to give a report from the NPA.

28.07.15 Copythorne PC Meeting to give a report from the NPA.

31.07.15 Meeting with Dr Julian Lewis regarding the Woodhaven development.

25.08.15 Bramshaw PC Meeting to give a report on the NPA.

03.09.15 NF Consultative Panel.

10.09.15 NPA Planning Tour

15.09.15 National Park Planning Meeting.

#### 351/FC Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

Vote on allotments footpath. SIDS / SLR

Parish / Strategic Plan

NFNPA Policy Document review.

The chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 9.08pm

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Date:			