

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL.  
HELD AT COLBURY CHURCH ROOMS ON 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 AT 7.30PM.**



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

**Clerk;** Helen Klaassen

**NFDC;** Cllr Derek Tipp

**HCC;** Cllr Keith Mans

**Members of Public;** 6

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**The Parish Council welcomed Gareth Owen, Archaeologist for the New Forest NPA, to talk about the project he was leading; Historic Routes and Past Pathways.**

The aim of the project is to create self-guided walks along existing rights of way (ROW). Currently they were trying to track down old ROWs with a historic connection, for example old drover's routes or smuggler's routes and find out how they came into being. They were working their way through the 691 ROWs that were in, or came into, the NF national park and which of these routes could be made into.

They are still looking into how the routes historic information could be promoted to appeal to both technology literate and non-literate.

The project is due to be completed by March 2020 but, in the meantime, assistance is needed from volunteers to assess routes and possibly to be trained to take guided walks towards the end of the project.

A small amount of money is available to enable them to provide the historic route information.

Councillors expressed a keen interest in the project and some indicated they would be happy to be involved.

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		<b>Action</b>
<b>FC/943</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hobbs and Morris for reasons of work commitments. Apologies were also received from Mrs Karen Oliver.	
<b>FC/944</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.</b> None.	
<b>FC/945</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as a Correct Record of Proceedings and Matters Arising / Action Updates From those Minutes.</b> The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. FC/936 The letter to Citizens Advice had been written and sent. FC/940 1) The Clerk had provided a half yearly update of Parish council Finances and the first F&R Meeting had taken place. FC/940 3) The insurance had been arranged. FC/941 - The Clerk had reported the missing water meter to HCC and the search for it was ongoing. - The CE meeting was in the process of being arranged.	
<b>FC/946</b>	<b>Reports;</b> <b>1. County Councillor</b> Cllr Keith Mans reported that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- HCC was on target to make the savings that it wanted it, but no doubt more would be expected next year, although that wouldn't be known until next February.</li><li>- The A35 flyover bridge over the River Test would cost £25 million to repair. Hampshire has an extensive road network and the County Council has always used a spend capital to save revenue method for expenditure for repairs.</li><li>- There was a £500,000 community fund being made available by Hampshire County Council for funding for projects. Cllr Mans had emailed details to the Parish Council.</li></ul> <b>2. District Councillor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Government were allowing councils to borrow to build council houses and had a fund that councils could bid for. NFDC intend to bid.</li><li>- The investigation of savings on leisure centres was still ongoing. The first phase was complete and NFDC were now putting out feelings to see if any not for profit leisure companies wished to provide the service.</li></ul> <b>3. Police / Neighbourhood Watch</b> None.	

- FC/947 Committees.**  
It was **Resolved** that Cllr Austin should join the Highways and Transport Committee and Community Engagement and Cllr White would join Open Spaces. **Clerk**
- FC/948 Installation of 'Tommy'.**  
Cllr Hubbard had bought sandbags to be filled and placed round the Tommy and a wreath to go at his feet over armistice.  
The Clerk reported that she had received an answer from HCC on the siting of the Tommy, but at the bottom of Hunters Hill not the top, and that he was not allowed to be placed any closer than the existing gateway sign.  
It was **agreed** that the Tommy should stay where he was, in the Recreation Ground, for the time being and that Cllrs Hubbard and White would, with the assistance of the Lengthsman, reposition him to a more suitable location therein. **CH/  
CW**
- FC/949 Installation of Benches.** To discuss and agree locations and funding of new benches.  
Carried forward to November.
- FC/950 Parish Plan.**  
Following on from the questionnaires being evaluated the team had been working on a summary response to the questions consisting of data and written answers with the purpose of their driving the committee's action plans. The team had nominated committees to questions where appropriate and Cllr Lacey had produced a template to enable committees to identify and plan priorities to carry forward for the next few years.  
Committees should in due course publicise their plans in the magazine. The summary response document could go on the website. Full Council to review committee action plans at January Meeting. **Clerk/  
Cmte  
Chairs**
- FC/951 Minutes of Committee Meetings.**
- Finance and Resources – 09.10.18
  - Open Spaces - 10.10.18
- FC/952 Accounts and Clerk's Report.**
1. To Receive and Approve the Monthly Schedule of Receipts and Payments  
The accounts were received and agreed.
  2. Clerk's Report  
The Clerk reported that besides her usual tasks, she had this month started the ball rolling for precept for 19/20.  
The CPS had been in a couple of times to work in the allotments.  
That CE and H&T Committee meetings were being organised.
  3. Conclusion of Audit  
The Clerk reported that she had received the notification of conclusion of audit from PKF Littlejohn and that there were no issues.
  4. Correspondence
    - Letter from resident regarding memorial to SA.  
The Clerk explained the content of the letter and it was agreed that she should write back to the letter and explain the choices made regarding SA's memorial. **Clerk**
- FC/953 Public Participation and Councillor Reports.**  
A fifteen-minute period will be allowed for members of the public, with the approval of the Chairman, to have the opportunity to make representations, raise issues, or ask questions and for Councillors raise any other relevant issues for information or discussion.  
(No decisions may be made under this item, only information exchanged).
- Q;** Could thanks be passed to Alf, the Lengthsman? Signs have never been so clean nor pathways so clear. His efforts are being delightedly received and it was wished that thanks be passed to him.  
**A;** The Clerk would pass on the message. **Clerk**
- Q;** Was there a timetable for the local plan consultation?  
**A;** There is online at the NPA website. Cllr Caroline Hubbard would be attending on 13<sup>th</sup> November on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Hubbard informed everyone that the next Outreach Event would be on 30<sup>th</sup> October and would be attended by Mike O'Leary, Storyteller.

The Parish Council's Christmas event this year would combine two events; the Parish Council Christmas meeting and the carols. It would be on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm and those who had helped in the Parish through the year would be invited to attend.

**FC/954 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.**

- Precept
- Benches
- Local Plan
- Tommy

**Meeting concluded at 9pm.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_