MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL. Held at Colbury Church Rooms on 19th February 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 **HCC**; Cllr Keith Mans Members of Public; 4



AGENDA

FC/987 Apologies for Absence.

Action

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mike Thomas (on holiday) and Cllr Derek Tipp.

FC/988 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.

None received.

FC/989 Approval of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18th December 2018 as a Correct Record of Proceedings and Matters Arising / Action Updates From those Minutes.

FC 982 'expected to receive' removed from minutes.

FC/971 – Precept; The Clerk had completed the precept request form and sent it back to NFDC. The Clerk would complete the article closer to council tax renewals being sent out. April Mag

FC/974 – Emissions outside school; the Clerk has yet to email but would do so shortly.

The Clerk report that she had emailed the School and that they had their own project regarding emissions underway.

FC/974 – The Clerk would check councillor details against the magazine proof when it came out.

Done. Noted that updated picture of Cllr Austin needed as current a bit dark.

FC/979 Cllr Hubbard asked the Clerk to request the money needed to replace the trees in the recreation

The money had been forthcoming Cllr Tipp, who had requested to attend if there was going to be a tree planting ceremony. The trees would be ordered soon and Clir Hubbard reported that a resident had offered to help plant them.

Clerk/ CH

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FC/985 It was noted that the a-frame in the recreation was dangerously rotten and would need taping off. Clerk to inform Lengthsman. Since the last meeting the money bars and a-frame had both been removed.

FC/985 The Clerk was asked to write to Bluestar to find out if the rumour had any basis and if there was a chance of extending the Calmore / West Totton Route. Would be brought forward to next meeting. All other items/actions moved to February Agenda.

Clerk

The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

FC/990 Reports;

1. County Councillor

Cllr Mans reported that;

- HCC had raised their precept by, the maximum amount allowed by Government, 2.99% It was a necessary raise in order in invest in care of the elderly and services for young people. Cllr Mans hoped the upcoming green paper on social care would highlight the need for more investment in this area. He noted that other counties were in a drastic situation where this was concerned. HCC sought to forward plan to ensure greater sustainability in this area. Cllr Mans noted that government may have to look at what services Counties would offer as the cost of care of the elderly and children's services could wipe out the ability of the CC to provide any other services if they were to continue to have their precept capped.
- HCC had new machines for preparing potholes that and contractors had been informed that they need to repair any potholes near the one they have come out to repair, rather than wait for them to be reported.
- Redbridge flyover needed repairs of £25 million, and HCC were trying to get financial help from government, who were a bit reluctant.
- The use of current technology was helping in older people's care and an app called Brain in Hand for Asperger's sufferers was proving very successful.
- Cllr Mans was keeping an interested eye on developments at Ashurst Hospital.
- Cllr Mans devolved budget would be renewed and available from May.

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2. District Councillor

- Cllr Tipp had asked the Clerk to pass on that he intended to give a grant to Foxhills for litter picking equipment, which he hoped the parish council would approve. Councillors confirmed their approval.

3. Police / Neighbourhood Watch

None.

FC/991 Planning Applications. To review and provide a response to NFNPA Officers on the following applications:

Case no.	Address	Proposals
18/01006	11 Knightwood Close	Single storey car port to side elevation

Decision; Recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

The proposals appeared to have no negative impact on neighbouring properties, nor on the character of the area or the street scene.

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Decision; Recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed below.

It was noted that the cladding proposed on the exterior of the extension was timber which was not the same as the rest of the dwelling. Members felt that this made the extension look out of keeping with the existing dwelling. It would be out of character with the immediate area as the extension would be visible from the road, thus going against the provisions of policy CP8 (Local Distinctiveness), the Village Design Statement, and NPPF S12. It was noted that there would be no negative impact on neighbouring properties by way of loss of outlook or shading.

Tree works:

		Tree		
Case No.	Address	Ref	Reason for Work	Proposals
TPO/19/0	Highcorner,	G2	Maintain Ditch and Flow of Water	Prune Group Consisting of
089	12 Elmtree		Along Edge of Stream	Beech Trees and an Oak
	Close,			Tree
	Ashurst	All		
		T1	Arboricultural Maintenance and	
			Allow More Light into the Garden	Prune 1 X English Oak Tree;
		T2	Arboricultural Maintenance and	
			Allow More Light into the Garden	Prune 1 X Turkey Oak Tree;
		Т3	Arboricultural Maintenance and	
			Allow More Light into the Garden	Prune 1 X English Oak Tree
No Comment.				

FC/992 Committee Parish Plan Updates.

Cllr Lacey noted that she circulated the minutes of the latest Parish Plan Team meeting to councillors and that David Podesta had not be able to attend the meeting to report back on the business questionnaire. The meeting had focused on the questionnaire for the community groups in Ashurst and Cllr Lacey ran through the questionnaire. Each members of committee had been allocated groups to speak to and Cllr Lacey asked the Clerk if she would get feedback from the Church and Cllr Austin if he would get feedback from the Scouts, both agreed.

Clerk/ AA

FC/993 Local Plan Response to Ashurst Hospital Consultation.

Following the notes Cllr Hubbard had forwarded to councillors and comment received by Cllr Thomas via email before the meeting, the matter was roundly discussed. It was agreed to use Cllr Hubbard's comments as a base for the submission and to make the following small changes;

Move point f to the end of point a, so that it reads;

a. The proposed 30 residential units should be for Class C2 or extra care with occupancy limited to those with a local connection.

Consideration for on-Site affordable housing for local people in housing need should be addressed if viable.'

Discussion took place regarding the type of housing to fall under C2 use and whether this would be acceptable to the Parish Council and NFNPA. It was agreed that supported, older people's accommodation or extra care accommodation would be the ideal.

- b. Built Development should be confined to the previously developed land to ensure the green buffer remains and habitats are protected. The existing vegetated southern boundary should be strengthened. To remain as is.
- c. The Victorian Chapel should be retained as part of the Development. Added; Or with the option for community use.
- d. All protected trees should be retained. Added; This relates to individual trees, groups of trees and woodland trees covered by a TPO.
- e. Any residential Development must allow the Healthcare facilities to continue to operate efficiently. It was felt that this gave enough provision as parking provision was a planning matter.

Cllr Hubbard would meet with the Clerk to finalise the submission, which would be forwarded to councillors via email for final thoughts before submitting.

Clerk / CH

FC/994

Letter to Dr Julian Lewis MP. Lead; Cllr Thomas. To consider the proposal from Cllr Thomas to write to The Right Honourable Dr Julian Lewis MP regarding the matter of allocation of green fields in NPs in housing development.

Consideration was given to Cllr Thomas' suggested wording;

"The Parish council notes the quasi-judicial role of the minister in planning matters. However, we seek guidance on the general point of whether the government expects that green fields should be allocated for housing in National Parks?

"Secondly, does meeting part of the local OAN figure constitute an exceptional circumstance that requires land to be allocated for housing?

"For your information, the planning inspector at the hearings into our new local plan said he was unable to answer the first question and referred us to government."

A robust discussion took place.

It was **agreed** that sight of the letters that ClIr Thomas had written to and received from Dr Julian Lewis would be needed to ascertain both the question asked and Dr Lewis' response. If it was felt that if the response from Dr Lewis did not sufficiently answer the question then the Clerk could write and ask using the suggested wording but removing the final sentence regarding the inspector.

Clerk

FC/995

Ashurst Post Office Closure. To receive an update from Cllr Andy Austin.

Cllr Austin reported that the Post Office had closed earlier than expected, and unbeknownst to PO HQ. However, there would be a provision made for the village by way of an outreach service from another local PO branch. The location and opening times were TBC, but possibly 2-3 days per week. The Clerk would email this news out to the residents list and Cllr Austin would write an article for the magazine.

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FC/996

Benches. To receive an update and next steps. Lead; Cllr Ian Hobbs.

Cllr Hobbs reported that he had put in a plan for bench locations and was now on the hunt for appropriate contractors. He was also awaiting a quote for the planters.

FC/997

Committee Memberships. To consider the addition of new members to committees.

It was **agreed** to add Cllr Austin to the P&D committee, and it was noted that there may be the possibly of a non-voting member joining the OS Committee.

FC/998

Agenda Review. To review the layout of the agenda following the trial period.

The matter was given due consideration. It was noted that the revised agenda worked well, but on the Clerk's advice public participation was moved back to the beginning of the agenda. CH would write an article for the Magazine regarding this.

Clerk CH

FC/999 Accounts and Clerk's Report.

- 1. **Schedule of Payments.** To Receive and Approve the Monthly Schedule of Payments. **The payments were approved. Appendix 1.**
- 2. Correspondence
 - Email from Veterans Charity, regarding Run to Pegasus.
 It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to the charity pledging their support for a refreshment stop and find out numbers of runners / volunteers needed.

Clerk.

3. Clerk's Report

None.

FC/1000 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 to raise any other relevant issues for information or discussion. (No decisions may be made under this item, only information exchanged).

DW Thanked the PC for the Speedwatch article in the magazine and reported that they would soon be out again with dates and locations booked in for March and April.

FC/1001 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

- CH; Travel Team report.

Meeting c	included at 9.45pm.
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Date:	

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - 19.02.19

Payments T	Payments To be Made					
Date	Details	Payee	Chq	Amount	VAT	
15.01.19	Cultivation Licence	HCC	2347	125.00		
19.02.19	Monthly Maint Programme Jan	Nightingale Groundcare	2348	243.90	40.65	
19.02.19	Lengthsman Salary	A Baker	2349	124.80		
19.02.19	TAX and NIC	HMRC	2350	47.30		
19.02.19	Salary and expenses	H Klaassen	2351	938.53		
19.02.19	CAB	LexisNexis	2352	110.99		
19.02.19	Rec Inspection	Elite Playground Inspections	2353	50.40	8.40	
19.02.19	Mag extra pages	TLC Online	2354	54.10		
19.02.19	CPS in Allotments	Hants and IOW CRC	2355	80.00		
19.02.19	Monthly Maint Programme Feb	Nightingale Groundcare	2356	243.90	40.65	
19.02.19	Fence at Rec	New Forest Fencing Ltd	2357	8380.80	1,396.80	
			Total	£10,274.72	£1,486.50	

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Signed:	

Appendix 1.