# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL.

Held at Colbury Church Rooms on 16th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present; Cllr Caroline Hubbard (Chair), Cllr Clive White (Vice Chair), Cllr Andy Austin, Cllr Adrian Eyre, Cllr Charlie Pickford, Cllr Sue Robinson, Cllr Mike Thomas

Clerk; Helen Klaassen NFDC; Cllr Derek Tipp Members of Public; 7



#### 19/031 Apologies for Absence.

Action

Apologies were received from Cllr Mans and Cllr Reilly.

#### 19/032 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.

Councillors are reminded that, under the Code of Conduct, if they have a personal or pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda they must declare it now.

None.

#### 19/033 **Public Participation**

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.

Representation was made to Parish Council from two residents regarding the situation with the Forest Inn and the enforcement letter from the NFNPA. The Clerk affirmed the Councils' position and that she had advised Councillors not to comment at this time in case a planning application should be forthcoming. The concerns of the residents were noted however.

19/034 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 a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

19/021 Had been referred to the H&T Committee for their attention.

19/023 - Cllr Robinson reported that she had emailed but so far received no response.

The matter of dogs in the recreation ground had been discussed at the Open Spaces Committee meeting and an article would be placed in the magazine to garner opinion.

#### 19/035 Reports and Correspondence;

## 1. County Councillor

None.

### 2. District Councillor

Cllr Tipp reported that;

- The Leisure facilities review was going through the tendering process and a decision would be made by next April.
- Waste and Recycling would be undergoing a complete review. DC was waiting to hear the government wanted councils to do, it was feared it may be very prescriptive.
- Both Cllrs Tipp and Reilly's community grants were available now.

### 3. Parish Councillors

Cllr Austin reported he had been speaking to businesses regarding the fete and to the Community Group regarding litter.

Cllr Robinson had attended the NFNPA Planning meeting to present the Planning and Development Committees views on the application for 8 Peterscroft Avenue and found it to be very interesting.

Cllr White had attended meetings for the Outreach and a presentation regarding Recycling at Foxhills.

Cllr Pickford had attended an affordable housing workshop (report appendix 1). The potential for the parish council's involvement was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk should contact NFDC to ascertain whether the PC could have any say on those on the housing list being allocated housing in the parish and whether those properties would also be subject to right to buy.

Clerk

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#### 4. Clerk

The Clerk reported that she had met with Claire regarding the building work for wild play, which would commence week beginning the 5<sup>th</sup> August for approximately 10 days. The open day was set for 28<sup>th</sup> August. Planters in the Precinct; had been lined and soil added and would be planted up soon.

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None.

6. Correspondence

None.

**19/036 Environmental / Climate Change Response.** To discuss and review the Parish Council's position on environmental issues within, or having an impact on, the Parish. In addition to consider what, if any, action should arise from the resolution of the Parish Council's position.

The matter was roundly discussed and it was **AGREED** to contact the Community Group to discuss forming a working party to review options.

Other options discussed were the possibility of a 'time bank'. Cllr Robinson to investigate and report back.

**19/037 Policies.** To Review Current Policies and Agree any New Policies;

1. Communications Policy

It was AGREED to adopt the policy.

19/038 Committee Membership.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Austin be made a member of the Open Spaces Committee.

19/039 Co-option of a Parish Councillor.

The notices had gone up and the matter would be taken to the September meeting.

Clerk

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19/040 Accounts. 9

Agreed; to approve the Monthly Schedule of Payments (appendix 2).

19/041 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

- Fete feedback
- Wildplay feedback
- Environment working party
- Christmas carols / lights

Meeting concluded at 9.01pm.

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### Appendix 1.

### **Rural Housing Week**

## Feedback on workshop run by HARAH on Friday 5th July at Braishfield, Romsey

#### Context

The Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH) is an organization that works on rural exception sites, where planning is only given because there is a demonstratable need for affordable housing in that area. The planning consent gained on these sites restricts the housing to local people in housing need. Through planning conditions set out in the Section 106 agreement the housing must remain affordable housing for local people in perpetuity.

The proposed Ashurst development at Whartons Lane is an allocated site development and as such is different to a rural exception site. The nature of the development at Ashurst is as yet unknown. It is feasible that the lessons learned and guidance gained from the HARAH workshop may not be wholly replicated on either of the Ashurst sites, nevertheless there are some key messages that may strengthen Councillors understanding of how best to manage the Ashurst developments for the benefit of the village.

### Structure of the workshop

Presentations from:

Campaign for Protection of Rural England — Chair of Hampshire branch HARAH Shedfield Parish Council Braishfield Parish Council Pamber Paris council Site visit to Braishfield affordable housing development

### **Key Points**

#### **CPRE**

Affordable housing for people with a moderate income, enable people to stay in area, protect vital services within the host community, meet needs of all residents. It is important to sustain the longer-term viability of rural communities.

Challenge where affordable housing is proposed is that the viability of the development has to be assessed and developers can argue that the site is not sufficiently viable to offer affordable housing.

### **HARAH**

Not their role to support Ashurst Parish Council with our developments; suggest the Parish Council initiates discussion with Tim Davis the Housing Manager for the New Forest.

### Shedfield

- Council led initiative.
- Adopted a shared ownership (rather than tenancy) scheme.
- Available in perpetuity for residents of the parish.
- Can be allocated to those with a very strong connection to the parish

## Braishfield

- Council led initiative.
- Crucial that housing allocated to people in village or with a very strong connection to the village.
- Ensure that housing design aligns with existing dominant style of housing within village.
- Tenancy model preferred, however a joint tenancy/shared ownership model adopted.
- Chair of Parish Council has a say in who occupies properties.
- If no one 'in village' available then can reach out to adjoining villages.
- Apply consistent selection criteria for occupancy (see below).
- Communicate with parishioners about criteria.
- Work closely with landlord/housing association or similar.

Selection	criteria for	occupancy

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- Type of connection to village (immediate family connection i.e. parent or sibling)
- Length of connection to village
- Age group
- Current housing circumstances

### Pamber

- Similar points to Braishfield and Shedfield above.
- Placed greater emphasis on local people.
- Placed greater emphasis on need to communicate with parishioners.
- Embrace and manage affordable housing role of Parish Council.

### Site visit

- 7 affordable rent properties consisting of 4x2 bedroom 4 person houses and 3x1 bedroom 2 person houses.
- 2 shared ownership properties consisting of 1x2 bedroom 4 person house and 1x1 bedroom 2 person house.
- Attractive brick construction terraced properties.
- Affordable rents 2 bed £150 per week, 1 bed £115 per week (includes £40 per month service charge).
- Shared ownership ladder up to 80%.

Charlie Pickford - 22 July 2019

Appendix 2.

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - 16.07.19**

Payments To be Made					
Date	Details	Payee	Chq	Amount	VAT
16.07.19	Salary and expenses	H Klaassen	2397	994.02	31.78
16.07.19	CPS at Allotments	Hants and IOW CRC Ltd	2398	85.00	
16.07.19	Pest control at allotments	Rokill	2399	168.00	28.00
16.07.19	July and Aug mags and domain renew	TLC Online	2400	975.00	
16.07.19	Allotment and Rec Maint.	Nightingale ground care	2401	243.90	40.65
16.07.19	Travel to Training course	S Robinson	2402	35.10	
			Total	2,501.02	100.43

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