MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL.

Held at Colbury Church Rooms on 18th June 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 HCC; Cllr Keith Mans NFDC; Cllr Joe Reilly Members of Public; 7



19/019 Apologies for Absence. Action

Cllr Derek Tipp.

19/020 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.

None declared.

19/021 **Public Participation**

Q; A member of the public raised concerns regarding the size of buses and whether double deckers were

A; Cllr White responded that whilst not may passengers may have been observed in the small section of the route that passed through Ashurst, in other areas the bus was far fuller.

It was also noted that;

- the bus companies only ran routes that were economically viable and that following previous discussion with the bus company buses were not driven more slowly through the estate
- inconsiderate parking did not help and that the road junctions, especially that on New Road to Lyndhurst Road were difficult to navigate for buses
- if it was known that driver had damaged a verge then Bluestar had committed to repairing any damage reported to them.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the H&T Cmte for them to review the issue.

Clerk

Q; Stone Walls; it was noted that stone walls on the Bratcher Estate were being removed and replaced with taller fencing.

A; it was noted that fencing of a certain height only would be allowed, but that the Clerk would contact the NFNPA to ascertain the position of the replacement without planning permission.

Clerk

19/022 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting as a Correct Record of Proceedings and Matters Arising / Action Updates From those Minutes.

19/014 - Local Plan - Action Completed.

19/015 - Fawley Waterside Development - Action Completed.

19/016 - Fete Working Party - Yet to be convened.

19/017 - Planters - Compost and top soil arriving soon. Cllrs to put into planters. Go Botanical are doing the planting and a couple of shopkeepers have agreed to do some watering / keep an eye on.

The minutes were AGREED as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

19/023 Reports and Correspondence;

1. County Councillor

Cllr Mans;

- Inspections by Ofsted of Children's Services found them to be outstanding throughout.
- He had met with 3 different government ministers recently to discussed cuts to funding and impress upon them that this could not be borne if they were to continue to provide Older People's and Children's care.
- The implantation of broadband services was becoming more successful. NFDC were leading the way to ensure houses had cable running to their front doors as fibre was becoming more
- His devolved budget was no available for small grants. This was open to village groups too.
- 2. District Councillor

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Cllr Reilly; Following Cllr Thomas' email regarding recycling and the correct disposal thereof, Cllr Reilly informed members that the majority of paper recycling was done in the UK, with the possibility of a small proportion being sent abroad.

At the Fawley Parish Council meeting Councillors agreed that permission should be granted for the demolition of Fawley Power Station.

Durley Farm; 100 houses were proposed on an area that only had one road in and out. There was the possibility that 2-3 houses were in the A&C Parish.

3. Parish Councillors

Clerk

Cllr Pickford attended the NF Consultative Panel and gave feedback to members on the matters discussed.

Cllr Robinson reported back on the Run to Pegasus and the Parish Council manning the water stop at Colbury Memorial Hall from 11pm to 7am.

Cllr White reported on the latest Outreach event at Foxhills on 3rd July and that the group were engaged in forward planning.

Cllr Austin reported back on the walk that he, the Clerk and others attended, given by Forestry England Keeper Patrick Cook. It was agreed the Clerk should write a letter thanking Mr Cook.

Cllr Austin also reported that he had entered the pub / post office into the Village of the Year competition.

4. Clerk

Nothing to report.

5. Police / Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Mrs Oliver gave her report, noting that although it was mostly quite, regrettably Colbury Church had their hanging baskets stolen.

6. Correspondence

- Letter regarding The New Forest Shakespeare Festival.

Cllr Robinson would find out more about what was required at present.

SR OS CMTE

Various correspondence had been received regarding issues with dogs in the Recreation Ground – the matter was referred to the OS Committee for discussion.

19/024 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. To review the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations with a view to vote upon any changes required.

A couple of minor typographical errors needed correction.

Clerk

It was AGREED nemine contradicente, to adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

- 19/025 Policies. To Review Current Policies and Agree any New Policies;
 - 1. Communication Protocol

Deferred to next meeting.

2. Training and Development Policy

It was AGREED nemine contradicente, to adopt the Training and Development Policy.

- 19/026 Audit 2018/19. To receive and approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19.
 - 1. Review and Approve Section 1, Annual Governance Statement Chair to sign.

Section 2 was reviewed and APPROVED and was signed by the Clerk and Chair.

2. Review and Approve Section 2, Accounting Statements – Chair to sign.

Section 2 was reviewed and APPROVED and was signed by the Clerk and Chair.

19/027 Co-option of a Parish Councillor.

It was **AGREED** to start the procedure to Co-opt a new councillor.

19/028 Accounts. To Receive and Approve the Monthly Schedule of Payments.

The Schedule of Payments (appendix 1) was reviewed and AGREED.

- 19/029 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.
 - Climate / Environment
 - Benches

19/030 Employee Matters.

Exclusion of Press and Public. Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press to protect the confidential nature of the business to be transacted during consideration of this item.

It was agreed to pay the Lengthsman sickness pay in accordance with Section 14.1 of the Clerks Contract on this occasion and to refer the matter of the Lengthsman's contract to the F&R Committee.

Clerk

| Meeting | concluded | at 9.50 | pm. |
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Appendix 1.

| Date | Chq | Payable to | Details | Amount |
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| 18.06.19 | 2390 | Fair Account | Internal Audit | 520.00 |
| 18.06.19 | 2391 | Gristwood and Toms | Tree Work in Rec | 967.43 |
| 18.06.19 | 2392 | H Klaassen | Clerks Salary and Expenses | 752.60 |
| 18.06.19 | 2393 | A Austin | Train Fare to HALC Course | 7.10 |
| 18.06.19 | 2394 | Hants & IOW CRC | CPS at Allotments | 85.00 |
| 18.06.19 | 2395 | HALC | Knowledge & Core Skills x3 | 342.00 |
| 18.06.19 | 2396 | TLC Online | Email and web A, M, J | 51.00 |
| 18.06.19 | 2397 | A Baker | Salary | TBC |
| 18.06.19 | 2398 | HMRC | PAYE and NIC Mth 3 | TBC |