MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL.

Held at Colbury Church Rooms on 17th September 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 Joe Reilly.



19/041 Apologies for Absence.

Received and accepted from Cllr Tipp and Mrs Oliver.

Action

19/042 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.

None.

19/043 **Public Participation**

> Foxhills Close; A resident reported that an application had been made for a drop kerb to a property in Ashdene Road that would negatively impact the residents of Foxhills Close. The Clerk would speak to HCC.

Clerk

A resident queried why the bus times did not enable him to use his concessionary pass to catch the 9.27 bus. The Clerk would contact HCC and enquire.

Clerk

19/044 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 an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair signed them.

The Co-option of a Parish Councillor was moved to October.

Cllr Robinson reported that she would be speaking to the timebank organisers in Totton and that she was attending a training day. She requested that the Clerk asked her colleagues on the forum if anyone had dealt with timebanking before.

SR

Clerk

19/045 Reports and Correspondence;

1. County Councillor

Cllr Mans reported that;

- The next phase of savings were underway. Continued pressure on Children and Social Services. Some funding from government had been forthcoming, but it wasn't enough.
- There was 2000 extra older people each year to accommodate and currently a shortage of carers.
- There is the hope that future government recognise that these less fashionable areas needed more funding.

2. District Councillor

Cllr Reilly reported that;

He had attended a coach tour to look at local waste to power stations. Which through burning waste created electricity for 22,600 homes. Marchwood takes excess commercial waste too.

3. Parish Councillors

Cllr Pickford had attended the New Forest Consultative Panel. Report Appendix 1. Cllr Pickford to do article for the magazine.

4. Clerk

CP

Wildplay Feedback

The Clerk reported that opening day had been very successful and the PC had received many compliments on the new equipment.

5. Police / Neighbourhood Watch

None.

Page 1 of 4

6. Correspondence

None.

19/046 Local Plan Review. To receive feedback on the adopted NFNPA Local Plan 2016-2036. Cllr Hubbard reported back. Appendix 2.

19/047 Accounts.

1. To Receive and Approve the Monthly Schedule of Payments (appendix 3)

The payments were reviewed and approved.

2. Renewal of Insurance Cover – 3 year agreement.

The Clerk reported that the insurance was due for renewal, that there would be a couple more items to add – Wildplay and that there would likely be an increase in premium as a result.

3. To Receive and acknowledge the AGAR Conclusion of Audit for the year 1st April 2018 to 31st Match 2019.

Th conclusion of audit was noted, with no raised issues.

19/048 Christmas Event.

Resolved; To form a Working Party to deal with the arrangement of the event. Comprising interested councillors and members of the public.

Preferential date; 10.12.19. If not 11.12.19.

19/049 Benches.

It was noted that many companies has been asked to quote for the installation, but those who met the insurance requirements, were often too large for such a small job. A quote had finally been obtained and it was presented to councillors.

Agreed. That due diligence had been satisfied and that the quote was accepted. Clerk to proceed matters.

Clerk

19/050 Community Network Event.

The event would be intended to bring local groups together and give them an opportunity for promotion. It would be combined with the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was **agreed** to support this event. The Clerk would create a list on dropbox to be populated with interested or potentially interested groups, starting with the community groups from the Parish Plan.

which

Cllr Hubbard would speak to the Memorial Hall regarding potential use for the event, which would be held in March / April 2020.

19/051 Parish Council Laptop.

It was **agreed** that the laptop should be replaced. Min spec; Intel i5 / AMD Ryzen 5, 8gb ram, ssd drive min 128gb, screen 15in +, budget ex. VAT, £600. Clerk to purchase from John Lewis. Transfer of data to be arranged separately.

Clerk

Clerk CH

19/052 Christmas Lights in Precinct.

It was noted that this had been discussed at the Highways and Transport Meeting and Cllr Hubbard and the Clerk would be arranging.

Clerk/ CH

19/053 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

- Timebank (as part of CEN event)
- Buses
- Environment WP

Meeting concluded at 9.25pm.

Signed:				
Date:				
Page 2 of 4				
Signed:				

Appendix 1.

Key points from NF Consultative Panel

Steve Avery;

Partnership plan now being prepared.

Glover review - to review national parks reported interim findings Felt national parks falling short in terms of environment and nature Felt that governance was a problem, lack of diversity, Bigger role to play in terms of environment and health issues.

Copy of authorities annual review.

Bruce Rothnie, Forestry England;

Staff changes announced

Centenary year of Forestry England

Forest design plans, parts return to heathland, environmental impact statement now approved.

Full plan awaiting formal approval.

Marley Heath archaeological work, revealed Neolithic origin, probably earliest indication of occupation of new forest Unofficial camping campaign being enforced, at least 90 enforcement orders.

Rise in homelessness, individuals living in forest. Programme of relocation and help.

Hosted part of European heathland conference Protect and report commercial fungi collection Audited by soil association against UK woodland assurance standard.

White tailed eagles released on IOW

CP asked question about climate change and global warming. FE are looking at planting for fifty year ahead so looking at seeds from 2 or 3 Degrees Latitude further south of here.

Ash die back severe problem, strategy is not to cut and burn but identify survivors as they might be provide source for future seed bank and planting.

Burley PC concerned about forest design plan and speed of habitat recovery - Church enclosure for example.

Recreation Manager;

Recreation management strategy presentation heavily focused on process rather than outcomes.

Objectives

Raise awareness about new forest as special place Address negative impacts of recreation Reduce barriers to responsible participation in forest Influence WHERE people go Funding - must be appropriate Collate evidence Review progress Visit www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/futureforest

Other points raised;

Local plan formally adopted

Open to challenge

Policies to protect environment remain

Looking to achieve 50percent affordable housing Space limitations to 100 square meters per dwelling May need to consider govt changes re permitted developments Broadband consultation out

Appendix 2

Key points from NFNPA Local Plan Meeting

Background on Planning and Planning Applications given. Circa 900 applications annually, 8% of which go to committee. Current planning issues are;

- Notable planning applications e.g. Fawley
- Affordable Housing
- Care Homes
- Exempted campsites
- Encroachment

Local plan adopted with immediate effect and will run to 2036.

If issues / applications accord with LP then assumption is to commit. It also gives a stronger position with Govt Inspectors / Appeal if LP is up to date.

The Govt focus is to speed up planning permissions and increase housing delivery. NPA has some protection, but still must deliver new housing.

Over the last 4 years there has been 9 months of consultation (over 4 periods). 200 comments received and two court hearings. The Secretary of state judged the plan on it's

•	
Signed:	

Page 3 of 4

- Soundness
- Legal and procedural process
- Duty to cooperate.

In the final copy of the LP policy numbers have been changed from previous. New policies include SP7 – Landscape and Character, SP20 housing for older people restricts the occupancy of the new C2 class to local people. SP21 – Restricts the size of new dwellings to 100sqm, to ensure development meets identified local need of houses between 1-3 bedrooms. SP27 affordable housing has been modified at the examination stage to include reference to scheme viability in order to exerts some control and contributions. These new policies have had an impact on the developments at Whartons Lane and Ashurst Hospital;

SP22 – Land at Whartons Lane.

- 60 houses 50% affordable
- Dwelling limited to 100sq m floorspace
- Measures in place to protect trees
- Contribution required to enhance WL Recreation Ground
- Flooding assessment.

SP23 – Land at Ashurst Hospital

- Allocated for mixed use development
- Around 30 residential units class C2 on the footprint of the existing buildings and car park
- Site unlikely to achieve 50% affordable target
- Current boundaries strengthened by planting.

Appendix 3

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - 17.09.19

Payments To be Made							
Date	Details	Payee	Chq	Amount	VAT		
17.09.19	Salary and expenses	H Klaassen	2414	989.57	34.17		
17.09.19	Salary	A Baker	2415	146.40			
17.09.19	Tax and NIC	HMRC	2416	22.29	28.00		
17.09.19	Band at Fete	Stanleys Own	2417	50.00			
17.09.19	Allotment and Rec Maint	Nightingale ground care	2418	243.90	40.65		
17.09.19	Fete Leaflets	TLC	2419	38.00			
17.09.19	CPS in Allotments	Hants and IWO CRC	2420	85.00			
17.09.19	Allotment Water Feb to Aug 19	SW Business Stream	2421	171.35			
17.09.19	Cllr Training	Lyndhurst PC	2422	25.00			
17.09.19	External Audit Fees	PKF Littlejohn LLP	2423	240.00	40.00		
•			Total	2,011.51	142.82		

Signed: _____