

Present; Cllr Caroline Hubbard (Chair), Cllr Clive White (Vice Chair), Cllr Andy Austin, Cllr Jacqui Bonnin,
Cllr Sue Robinson, Cllr Mike Thomas.
Clerk; Helen Klaassen
NFDC; Cllr Joe Reilly
Members of the Public; 3

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- 19/074 Apologies for Absence.** **Action**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Pickford, Cllr Mans and Cllr Tipp.
Cllr Eyre's absence was noted.
- 19/075 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.**
None.
- 19/076 Public Participation**
The water has been switched off at the allotments and the troughs drained. The date for the allotment bbq would likely be 21/22 July 2020.

It was raised that some hedges in the village were growing over the pavements. Over hanging hedgerows can be reported via Hantsweb.

The bus stop at the beginning of Ashdene Road has mud on the approach. To be passed to Lengthsman. **Clerk**
- 19/077 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 and the Chair signed them.

Bluestar sign, still to be completed. **Clerk**
Foxhills Close – nothing further heard.
Christmas lights – thanks to Cllr Austin trees were put up above the shops.
Bulbs and pansies have been planted in the planters in the precinct.
- 19/078 Reports.** To receive reports and relevant information from;
1. County and District Councillors
Cllr Reilly reported that;
 - The consultation regarding boundary changes was underway. With a view to reduce the number of district councillors from 60 to 48. Each ward would have approximately 3750 residents. It was proposed that the new warding pattern would be; Ashurst and Colbury, Netley Marsh, Copythorne North and South and Bramshaw. There had been discussions about the possibility of Ashurst joining the Lyndhurst ward.
 - Cllr Reilly had attended a planning briefing for Fawley during December. Discussion took place over environmental concerns. There was to be 1500 homes, 200 of which would be in the National Park. The site would need to be risen by 4m and a sea wall built.
 - Recycling survey. NFDC were currently canvassing opinion on recycling via door to door surveys and online.**2. Committee Chairs**
Cllr Austin – Highways and Transport
 - Map of Ashurst being produced to record PC assets on.Cllr White – Finance and Resources
 - A rise in the precept from £36,700 to £38,614 had been passed to the FC. Representing an uplift from £39.39 to £41.50 per household, per annum, approximately 2%.
 - Tasks for the Lengthsman could be added onto the spreadsheet in dropbox or emailed to the Clerk.Cllr Hubbard – Planning and Development
 - The committee are updating the Village Design Statement following the revised National Park Authority's Local Plan being finalised, to ensure it is in line with both that and National Planning Policy Framework.

3. Parish Councillors

Cllr Bonnin had attended the Vision for Hampshire 2050 - Parish Council Event – Report, Appendix 1.
Cllr Hubbard had attended the NFALC meeting. Key points;

- Steve Avery was unable to attend, so no NFNPA planning update
- Safer New Forest have produced an information leaflet. More information can be found on safer.newforest.gov.uk . PCSO Williams recommended it as a good resource.
- Some useful information provided by attendees;
Dogs Trust, plants poisonous to dogs, link; <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/factsheets-downloads/factsheetpoisonoussubstances09.pdf>
Natural England, The Countryside Code <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>

4. Police / Neighbourhood Watch.

Report from Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Mrs Karen Oliver – Appendix 2.

19/079 Committee Membership.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Bonnin should join the Community Engagement, Open Spaces and Highways and Transport committees.

Clerk

19/080 NFDC Ward Boundary Review. To formulate a response to the boundary review.

It was **agreed** to respond to the review. The Clerk was asked to formulate a response containing the points;

Clerk

- Wish to remain with Netley Marsh and Copythorne
- NP villages with similar issues
- Shared borders
- Similar demographic

The Clerk would write article about the review and the council's response for the March magazine.

Clerk

19/081 Community Chat.

Community Chat is a national initiative to encourage people in local communities to chat, via locally arranged events.

It was agreed that this was something that the Parish Council would like to support, the matter was passed on to the Community Engagement Committee.

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19/082 Time Banking. To review current situation and decide on next steps.

Cllr Robinson reported that;

The magazine article had only one respondent.

There was the possibility for a £28,000 grant funding to administer the scheme for two years.

She was enquiring whether the scheme had to be limited to Ashurst as it was a small community.

It was **agreed** to form a task and finish group to investigate the matter further. The group would look into the business case for the proposal and look at the expression of interest. The group would consist of Cllr Robinson, Cllr Hubbard, and the Clerk and would report back to the full council.

It was agreed that the Parish Council supported the idea in principle.

Clerk to arrange date to meet.

Clerk

19/083 Climate and Environmental Considerations.

Cllr Thomas reported that he had met with Ashurst and Colbury Community Group. They had already been promoting their reusable bags and doing assemblies at Foxhills Schools. The restaurants in the village had been contacted regarding their use of plastic but the resounding answer was that alternatives were too expensive. Farmer Bryan had managed to reduce his use of plastic by 50% though.

Some ideas for consideration;

- Central composting site
- Education
- Kerbside swaps
- Cycle path linking through the rest of the forest
- Trees
- Water fountains

It was agreed to take the matter to the February meeting. In the meantime councillors were tasked with thinking about the above, and other ideas, and how to take them forward.

Clerk
All

19/084 VE Day. To discuss options for commemorating VE day.
Following a robust discussion, it was decided that the council would not put on an extra event as they were busy with other events and projects and it was felt that there was already many events going on in the local area for residents to attend.

19/085 Community Network Event and APM. To set date and decide format for event.
It was **agreed** to form a working party to organise this event. All councillors members. Return to February agenda.

Clerk

19/086 Accounts and Clerk's Update. To Receive and Approve the Monthly Schedule of Payments and to receive any relevant information from the Clerk.
Appendix 3. All agreed. The Clerk noted that this month's HMRC NIC amount needed some resolution as it appeared to be too much, and that she would get a cheque signed off as soon as it was.

19/087 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

- Fete
- APM / CNE
- Environmental Issues – Making Ashurst Green
- Timebanking

Meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1.

Vision for Hampshire 2050 - Parish Council Event

The meeting was very well attended with over 50 attendees. An email is to be sent out afterwards with the links and further information.

We were welcomed by Leader of Hampshire County Council, Cllr Keith Mans who gave a brief overview of the confirmed plan. He then went on to the topic of the climate emergency, which HCC declared in June 2019. He emphasised that even if you don't totally agree with the wording it allows the climate to be at the forefront of consideration and drives the process forward.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/24092019Hants2050>

The rest of the meeting was focussed on this topic.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/visionforhampshire2050>

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/.../2050-summaryreport2019...>

The council is only responsible for 1% of emissions across the county.

Communities need to be engaged more.

HCC can take our opinions into account and help us to drive change and get a positive outcome.

CO2 emissions and climate change need to be tackled by everyone, big and small.

The film Hampshire 2050 Vision For The Future was shown.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=3GDy7sU2SJI>

This basically outlines what they have done so far, and an overview of what they have learnt and future challenges. The key points are:

- Making life easier for young people in 20/30 years time
- A cross section of views on a powerful topic
- Carbon reduction needs to happen
- Unprepared for flood risks and inadequate flood protection
- Rising sea levels
- Temperature rise and climate change are linked
- We are critically unprepared for the impact
- Ageing populations

The change in the climate needs a change in thinking. At all levels.

We do not have all of the answers.

There is a growing population, and an ageing population. Reducing workforce.

Need to act faster and go further.

Adapt or mitigate? Need to do both.

Not just local – global impact. Action needs to be taken at all levels.

Various clips were shown but the primary focus was about the problems being faced and various ways to tackle them. About being a resilient county. Getting people involved locally, and then growing that involvement into bigger initiatives.

Growing population of older people – less to do – what can they do? Technology and recreation are growth areas.

Housing costs – these are not affordable. Affects recruitment and jobs, especially in lower paid jobs – care workers etc.

For example, figures for a new technology centre bid – look at costs etc. Southampton and Basingstoke stacked up well against other places, but some areas have better costs (in the north, Scotland etc.). Where will they go – probably not Southampton....

Unified approach and vision across the south need to be developed. Targeted upskilling, create jobs. Maximise key sectors (defence, marine etc.). Promote tourism, good housing and transport, develop Hampshire as a good place to live and work.

Vehicle widths have an impact on congestion – wider cars such as Land Rovers take up more space.

The number of younger drivers has reduced, so they move to areas with better public transport.

Diverse area; Hampshire has rural and urban areas – this needs to be taken into account.

Changes should be 'place led' – empowers the community and has more enthusiasm.

How is Hampshire perceived?

Who Am I?

- Traditional
- Knowledgeable
- Too comfortable
- Insular
- Confused
- Conservative

Good things:

- Aerospace
- Countryside
- 2 national parks
- Location
- 2 critical hub cities
- Education
- Innovation, research and development, defence etc
- Quality of life

Collaboration, access for all to rural areas, quicker, public engagement. Green infrastructure. Trees can take 8/10 degrees off the temperature of a town/city, (greenbelt and central London for example).

Recognise Hampshire's environment as key to area. Develop and promote to strengthen the economy and society. Work with partners. Community resilience and health. Tackle urban/rural divide. Tackle poor air quality. Green spaces in planning policy. Encourage a joined up approach. Encourage brown field development.

Skills and knowledge need to be considered together. Middle ground. Broad base of knowledge over a period of time – but skills should be embedded into young people's education. Schools should encourage aspiration.

Connected communities. People at the centre. Focus development of communities. Coherent framework, integrated approach. Work together. Prioritise physical and mental health; health and social care. More attractive to a wider range of age groups – jobs and housing are essential, culture and leisure facilities encourage younger people to stay in the area. Affordable housing for key workers. Happiness and quality of life should be included in policies.

Presentation 1

Martin Heath:

Director of Hampshire Renewable Energy Co-Operative, Basingstoke Energy Co-Op, Riding sunbeams.

<http://www.bes.coop/community-energy/>

Happy to give advice martin.heath@bes.coop 07771805000

Aldershot traction network linked directly to a solar farm – the first in the world. Various contributors to the project, Network Rail, Imperial College, University of Birmingham, etc.

IPCC scientists say we 'require rapid and far reaching transitions'.

The climate emergency in Hampshire:

85% from burning fossil fuels to generate electricity, heat our buildings and drive our transport.

15% Managing land, growing food, managing waste

6.9 million tonnes of CO2 per year is produced across Hampshire.

That is roughly equivalent to a 20kg bag every day for every person.

Hampshire – transport accounts for 51% of CO2 emissions (heating approx. 30, electricity approx. 20).

Only 1-8% of energy comes from local renewable sources. The target for 2020 is 15%.

We spend £4 billion/year buying stuff such as oil and coal. The majority is from outside of the country which is a huge drain on our economy.

£30 billion is available in renewable energy subsidies. There are also grants available for community energy schemes. If we don't use these funds other counties will.

We can meet 50% (or more) of our needs here, locally. This has huge economic advantages, but also reduces our carbon footprint. Tidal, windy, sunny and wooded areas all give opportunities for the development of renewable energy sources.

Reducing the use of energy is better than producing more. Insulation, better houses, better public transport, electrification – a modal shift in thinking and approach is required.

Electricity – better, more efficient machines are being developed. Light, air-conditioning, motors. We need to move towards being a carbon neutral economy by 2050, or earlier...

- Build houses that are built to the best energy standards, 2000kwh instead of 10000kwh. 50,000 extra homes needed.
- Transport – this is primarily reliant on diesel. Electrify trains and buses. Improve the networks. Reduce numbers of cars by 50% and replace with fuel cell or battery cars. Electric vehicles are 3 times more efficient, and improvements are being made all of the time.
- Electricity requirements will increase, but much of this can be provided locally.

Community Energy:

Invest in and build the energy systems of the future. The community take ownership and control, are in charge of distribution etc. Are there any community energy projects in your parish? Could you have community energy?

This can be:

- Solar
- Wind
- Anaerobic

The community energy co-op; how does it work? The maximum you can invest as an individual is £100,000 – there is one vote per person regardless of the amount you invest.

The scheme pays investors interest; profit can be reinvested in the scheme. You can produce a surplus which can be sold or distributed as the co-op decides. A discount could be given to schools, community buildings etc.

- Share the costs and benefits
- Cheaper and greener electricity
- Money stays local
- No distribution costs

Introduce the idea to land/building owners.

Start talking to other people about the opportunities.

Lobby the local council and county council for support

These schemes encourage:

- Energy independence
- Preservation of rainforests
- Sustainability
- Green jobs
- Liveable cities
- Renewables
- Cleaner water and air
- Healthier children

Presentation 2

Terena Plowright:

Contactable at terenaplowright@gmail.com

Email her for the packs.

<https://www.sustainability-centre.org/#>

South Downs/natural burial site. The greening campaign www.greening-campaign.org

Climate Emergency!

What do I do? How? Will it actually make a difference? Etc.

There is lots of overwhelming information out there, so it seems like an enormous challenge. Lots of things that get in the way of progress – why can't car manufacturers all have one standard battery? Interchangeable etc. – work together instead of in competition so waste is reduced.

Why should I do anything? Who else is? "I'll carry on with what I'm doing and let someone else sort it out" attitude. Need to overcome that.

What is the way forward for individuals? Some suggestions are:

- Insulate u=your house properly
- Turn items off when not being used – don't leave things on standby, turn the tap off when cleaning your teeth, etc.
- Reduce usage, reduce waste, save energy, save water

Life can get in the way of efforts, it doesn't always go to plan. How can you get everyone involved?

Make it so that everyone feels included in tackling climate change. That every single action can contribute. Low cost initiatives. Community engagement.

They have a card with 8 simple changes printed on it; they can make a difference. For example, turning the tap off when you're cleaning your teeth can save energy, save water and save you money. Some of these challenges turned into events so that people could share ideas, or they would compete to see who could complete the 8 tasks soonest. They would feed back what affect the changes had so that the community would know what they had achieved – overall energy savings, etc.

It is now a different political and social climate – you can help people make the changes by providing them with simple information that works and help them put these steps in place.

Every community and every house is different.

Actions inside the home:

- Start at home – it's easier if it can be seen to have an immediate affect, if it helps the people involved. Look at what energy you are using and make small changes to reduce consumption. Use the cards, tool kit. Turn lights off. Turn the TV off.

Actions outside the home:

- Go outside and see what can be changed in your garden, your street, your community. Talk to people.

What is a sustainable community? What will your community look like 20/30 years from now?

People will be adapting to a different climate.

These changes need to be embedded in to your community plan.

Get funding and make the dream a reality.

Different people in your community will understand different things. Get them involved. Get information – share it with them – feed back.

- Led by the community, not by green groups etc.
- It's your community
- Clear process – there's a start and a finish to each section
- Everyone can be a part of it

Funding sources can include:

- Section 106 grants
- Rural grant energy fund
- Innov8 fund

Appendix 2.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT
for the A & C Parish Council meeting**

on
Tuesday 21st January 2020.

- 1) A new scam has been identified involving Cruise bookings. A family 'bought' a cruise – presumably online – only to arrive at Southampton and find their cruise was non-existent suffering a £4,500.00 loss. Whenever a 'bargain holiday' presents itself, check to ensure the agency/ travel agent you are using is ABTA/ ATOL registered.
- 2) Beware pick-up trucks driving slowly in the area. Reports have been made of 2/3 occupants looking over garden gates and fences for items worth stealing.
- 3) According to the December beat report, there were no dwelling burglaries in Ashurst that month, however outbuildings remain a target. Areas affected are mostly to the north-west of our village. Also, a car was seized and the driver arrested for driving under the influence of cocaine through Ashurst.
- 4) Theft from vehicles is still a problem – especially at Christmas when purchases were left on view.
- 5) Dog-Watch is a new initiative launched by the CountryWatch team. Details can be obtained via the Hampshire Constabulary web-site and click 'Dog-Watch'.
- 6) There are four Police Operations currently running; TORNADO - involving scrap metal, REBATE - involving plant machinery, GALILEO – involving Hare Coursing, when offenders are arrested their dogs are confiscated then re-homed, and lastly, WOLF – involving Fly-Tipping. Anyone purporting to be a collector must be asked for their collectors' licence as - if the rubbish is less than £100 and can be traced back to you – you can be fined if the collector is bogus.

Karen Oliver,
January 2020.

Appendix 3

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - 21.01.2020

Payments To be Made					
Date	Details	Payee	Chq	Amount	VAT
21.01.2020	Allotment key refund	KC	2455	20.00	
21.01.2020	Pest Services Allotments	Rokill	2456	168.00	28.00
21.01.2020	Rec Maint	Nightingale Ground Care	2457	243.90	40.65
21.01.2020	Xmas Singalong Food/allot plot and key dep refund	M Thomas	2458	275.99	
21.01.2020		HMRC	2459		
21.01.2020	Salary	A Baker	2460	156.00	
21.01.2020	Salary and Expenses	H Klaassen	2461	1052.09	47.99
			Total	1,915.98	116.64