

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL.

Held Online via Zoom on 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm.



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

Clerk; Helen Klaassen

HCC: Cllr Keith Mans

NFDC: Cllr Derek Tipp

Police: PCSO Richard Williams

Members of the Public; 1.

19/130	Apologies for Absence. Cllr Joe Reilly.	Action
19/131	Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item. None.	
19/132	Co-Option of Parish Councillor. A vote was taken and it was AGREED to Co-opt Dr Bobbie Torkington to the parish council. The Clerk would contact her to sign her acceptance of office and other forms.	Clerk
19/133	Public Participation None.	
19/134	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 Clerk would provide the Chair with a copy for signing.	
19/135	Reports. To receive reports and relevant information from; 1. County and District Councillors Cllr Keith Mans: Cllr Mans reported on the moderately rising cases of coronavirus in the area, noting that the numbers for the New Forest area were lower than Hampshire overall. He reminded those present to abide by the rules and suggested it was likely if residents continued to do that the area may be in a lower tier after lockdown ended on 2 nd December. HCC were carrying out trials for care homes to accept visiting relatives safely and were also focusing on ensuring schools had the right advice too. Cllr Derek Tipp: NFDC's waste strategy consultation was out for comments and Cllr Tipp encouraged councillors and residents to take the survey. The Leisure Centre handovers were still on track to consider the bids final bids are now in and being considered by NFDC. 2. Committee Chairs H&T: - Metal bench has arrived. - Electrics for the Christmas lights are installed end of this week/beginning of next. CE: The recent meeting discussed the idea of a virtual coffee morning, but it decided it may be too difficult due to the fact that only one person at a time can speak in Zoom. The committee were running a best dressed Christmas House Competition and an Easter Card competition in Feb/March 2021. The APM was on hold until it was safe to hold one. 3. Parish Councillors Cllr Hubbard: Remembrance Day ceremony had been held in the Recreation Ground. Wreaths, handmade poppies and wooden crosses were placed round the Tommy and the RBL was represented by Julie Harding and her husband Mark. The Last Post was sounded and a reading given. Refreshments were kindly provided by Mandy Stanton for people as they left the Recreation Ground.	

Julie was keeping aside some burgundy tulips from those going in the planters to go around the Tommy.
Outreach had their first zoom meeting and were in discussion to send out Christmas cards and a small present to their elderly members as they hadn't been able to physically meet.

4. Police / Neighbourhood Watch.

PCSO Williams reported that theft from motor vehicles was still prevalent, more people were coming into the forest and leaving valuables in their cars. One such theft occurred at the entrance to Ashurst campsite.

Mobiles had been stolen by a man in shops in Lyndhurst and Ashurst who distracted and confused people and then took their mobiles.

Lockdown feels different this time. The Police's aim is still to engage and educate, with enforcement being a last option, but they are finding that people are not breaking the rules. There have been people reporting their neighbours for a breach of rules purely because they dislike them and no infraction has been committed.

Speedwatch has 4 new members, but training has been delayed because of lockdown, looks likely to start after the new year now.

19/136 Precept.

Due to the cancellation of the F&R meeting it was **AGREED** to defer this agenda item and hold a December full council meeting at which it would be reviewed and agreed.

The F&R Meeting would be held on 23rd November at 2pm.

19/137 Accounts and Clerk's Update. To:

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

The payment schedule was reviewed and agreed.

2. Receive any relevant information from the Clerk, including any decisions taken under delegated powers.

The Clerk reported that:

- She had been working on the committee's budgets this month ready for the precept request to NFDC and that the F&R had been rescheduled to next Monday at 2pm.
- She had met with Community Payback Scheme to review the work that they were undertaking at the allotments. They were working through lockdown and not charging a fee as they were at reduced capacity. They cleared the ditch at the end of the car park, trimmed the hedges, would be repairing the central track, continuing to dig the ditch, which would be filled with pipe and gravel to form a French drain.
- She would shortly be sending out the Allotment Renewal letters and fee requests.
- The Lest We Forget bench had arrived and was being stored at Cllr White's house, an installation date was awaited from the contractor.
- The Best Dressed Christmas House competition was underway, the poster was on the website and Facebook (Sue and Andy will place in noticeboards). **Clerk**
- She was completing the Christmas Light Risk Assessment for use when the lights were being installed.
- She had been speaking to the Lengthsman about the plinth that the OS Committee had agreed he could build around the Tommy, and arranging the supply of materials for him.

3. Correspondence

- Copythorne SID – request to share costs and device amongst 3 parishes.

It was decided to stick with the current arrangements. Clerk to advise. **Clerk**

19/138 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

Consideration was asked to be given to the possibility of placing a plaque in memorial of Ann Sturgess, who had served as a councillor for many years before resigning and who had recently passed away. The matter would be added to the next agenda and the Clerk would write to her family to seek their agreement. In addition, a policy would be needed for placement of plaques and memorials within the parish – Clerk to prepare.

The next meeting would be on 15th December and Cllr Thomas requested everyone stay after for a virtual drink.

Meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

Signed:

Date: _____

Appendix 1

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - November 2020

Date	Payee	Details	Chq		VAT	Total
17.11.20	TLC	Nov and Dec Mags	2540	900.00		£900.00
17.11.20	David Ogilvie Engineering	Lest We Forget Bench	2541	1,030.50	206.1	£1,236.60
17.11.20	Nightingale Ground Care	Rec and Allot maint	2542	203.25	40.65	£243.90
17.11.20	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	2543	200.00	40	£240.00
17.11.20	EPI	Quarterly Rec Safety Inspection	2544	42.00	8.4	£50.40
17.11.20	A Baker	Salary	2545	156.00		£156.00
17.11.20	H Klaassen	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	2546	1,411.63	52.89	£1,464.52
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			Totals	£3,943.38	£348.04	£4,291.42