

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST AND COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL.

Held Online via Zoom on 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm.



Present; Cllr Caroline Hubbard (Chair), Cllr Clive White (Vice Chair) Cllr Sue Robinson,
Cllr Andy Austin, Cllr Mike Thomas, Cllr Bobbie Torkington.
Clerk; Helen Klaassen
NFDC: Cllr Derek Tipp, Cllr Joe Reilly
Police/NW: Karen Oliver
Members of the Public; 0.

19/148 Apologies for Absence
Cllr Eyre gave apologies.

19/149 Disclosure of Interest in an Agenda Item.
None.

19/150 Co-Option of Parish Councillor.
Councillors heard from Caroline Smith who had applied to be co-opted to the council. Following some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mrs Smith to the Council. Cllr Smith was invited to join the meeting and the Clerk would contact her to sign her acceptance of office and other forms. **Clerk**

19/151 Public Participation
None.

19/152 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 would sign them.

19/153 Reports. To receive reports and relevant information from;

1. County and District Councillors

Cllr Tipp:

Reported that a new partner had been selected for the Leisure Centres and it would be announced shortly.

Parking charges had been introduced in some car parks in Totton.

Free Port: Government are choosing 5/6 ports in the country to be 'free'. Applied for Southampton, Marchwood and Fawley. NFDC needs to be supportive of bid. It would be a financial bonus if the bid was successful, including more development, but depended on the area being a 'deprived' area and whilst some parts of the area were undoubtedly deprived it was not so markedly as other areas.

Grant money: applications needed before March.

Ash Die back; affected trees were being removed and replaced, costing NFDC well over £1m, being done over 15-year period. Most trees within the forest area would be affected. Trees would be replaced by two new trees, not Ash but other native species.

Cllr Reilly:

No update on Waste /Refuse as meeting on 29th January – which would include the results of the Waste Management Strategy Consultation.

Grant money: outline project details.

2. Committee Chairs

H&T:

Trees and lights were not being taken down as yet due to Covid restrictions. The matter was being kept under review.

Benches were in and looked good.

3. Parish Councillors

Concern over litter left in the Recreation ground and possible gatherings that were against Covid regulations. PCSO Williams advised to contact 101 if gatherings spotted.

4. Police / Neighbourhood Watch.

PCSO Richard Williams:

Covid was taking up a lot of their time but the vast majority of people were doing the right thing.

Thefts from sheds and outbuildings has risen, recently that had been 5 sheds broken into in the Woodlands area, some stolen property had been recovered, but it seemed the thefts were carried out 'in batches'.

One theft from a motor car parked at the Happy Cheese.

After Covid they would be resuming Speedwatch as had volunteers to do so now.

Mrs Karen Oliver, NHW Coordinator:

Sensor lights were a useful deterrent on outbuildings.

Dog thefts were prevalent and there was possibility that properties that had been reconnoitred had markers outside to highlight to others that it was a viable target.

19/154 February Meeting.

Suspending Standing Order 3.2 and moving the date of the February meeting was discussed, but it was **Agreed** to maintain the status quo.

19/155 Grants.

It was agreed to ask district councillors for a grant towards the plinth in the Recreation Ground and the wildflower verges. **Clerk**

A water fountain/drinking bottle fountain was discussed, but it was felt it may be too cost prohibitive.

19/156 Committees.

It was agreed that Cllr Smith should join the Open Spaces and Highways and Transport Committees. Cllr White indicated that he would like to resign from the Planning and Development Committee at some point.

19/157 Accounts and Clerk's Update. To:

1. Review bill from Business Stream as regards the Allotments and Approve a monthly payment amount

It was **Agreed** to request 6 payments.

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

Schedule reviewed and **Agreed**.

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

The Clerk reported that:

- The benches were all now in and had been inspected.
- The bus shelter had sustained some damage possibly after being struck by a vehicle. It appeared stable and a contractor would be looking at it to recommend action required. An insurance claim would be put in for costs.
- HCC had agreed to replace the dead tree in the Rec through their tree planting scheme.
- The Bank reconciliation and Financial Risk Assessment would be presented for review at the next PC/F&R meeting.
- The magazine would be an online version as, following discussion, it did not seem possible to be able to carry out deliveries safely.

4. Correspondence

None.

19/158 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

Meeting concluded at 9.28pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - January 2021

Date	Payee	Details	Chq	Cost	VAT
19.01.21	Rocon	Benches supply and fit	2560	£5,138.40	£856.40
19.01.21	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	2561	£117.55	
19.01.21	H Klaassen	Salary and Expenses	2562	£170.37	£6.49
19.01.21	H Klaassen	Salary and Expenses	2563	£500.00	
19.01.21	H Klaassen	Salary and Expenses	2564	£500.00	
19.01.21	Rokill	Pest Control	2565	£168.00	£28.00
19.01.21	NALC	Planning for the Future webinar	2566	£38.93	£6.49
19.01.21	Nightingale Ground Care	Rec and Allot Maint	2567	£243.90	£40.65
19.01.21	Electracare	Christmas lights elec supply work	2568	£454.36	£75.73
19.01.21	A Baker	Salary	2569	£156.00	
			Totals	£7,487.51	£1,013.76

Business Stream Payments:

6x £607.90

8x £455.93