

ASHURST & COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
Tuesday 19th October 2021 – 7:30pm
Colbury Church Rooms, Deerleap Lane, Colbury

Attended by: Cllr Caroline Hubbard, (Chair), Cllr Adrian Eyre, Cllr Sue Robinson,
Cllr Mike Thomas, Cllr Bobbie Torkington, Cllr Clive White, Cllr Derek Tipp NFDC
In Attendance: Karen Miles (Clerk), 4 members of the public

21/058 **Apologies** – Cllr Andy Austin, Cllr Caroline Smith, PCSO Richard Williams
NFDC Cllr Joe Reilly, HCC Cllr Keith Manns

21/059 **Declarations of Interest** - None

21/060 **Public Participation** – None

21/061 **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting as a Correct Record of Proceedings and Matters Arising / Action Updates From those Minutes.**

To Receive Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st September 2021

PROPOSED: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st September 2021 were formally received.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Eyre and Seconded by Cllr Robinson, the Minutes were **AGREED** by all Members and the Clerk provided the Chair with a copy for signing.

21/062 **Matters Arising:**

Cllr Hubbard advised that she had met with the resident that had reported the overgrown hedges and overhanging branches and they had walked the road together. There was a lot of foliage at ground level obstructing the pavement and some barbed wire exposed on the fencing around the top end of Whartons Lane near to the field where the new development has been proposed. Hunters Hill was also a problem area with overhanging branches which could cause obstructions to cyclists. Councillor Smith had already reported this to HCC Highways.

Councillor Hubbard also said that there had been issues with householders not keeping their streams/ditches clear. Clerk to put an article on Riparian Landowners on the website and Facebook and Cllr Torkington to put an article in the magazine reminding residents of their responsibilities.

Councillor Hubbard also advised that she had spoken to Cllr Joe Reilly recently and he advised that he would be back attending meetings in November.

KM/BT

21/063 **Reports**

a. County & District Councillors

NFDC Cllr Derek Tipp – Councillor Tipp told the Council that he had recently attended a meeting about installing an average speed camera along Roger Penny Way which NFDC gave their support.

Joint Municipal Waste Strategy for Hampshire – this is still to be passed by Government but it is anticipated that this will be coming in about 18 months or so. This strategy will see different streams of household waste being able to be collected from householders – possibly using wheely bins. Waste would be collected on alternate weeks including food waste. Larger households would have larger wheely bins.

b. Committee Chairs/Working Parties

Cllr Robinson gave an update on the Whartons Lane Planning Application. There has been an extension to the deadline date of September – this has now been moved to 23rd December 2021. The Parish Council had heard from the applicant via email to say that they had produced an online consultation form with updated illustrative layout for the Parish Council and residents to respond to. On viewing the document there was no further narrative of explanation on the proposals. The Parish Council felt that this was a wholly inadequate attempt to engage with residents and it was not inclusive to all residents who did not have online access and did not know about the consultation. The only publicity about this online consultation was an A4 laminated notice on one of the Recreation Ground gates. The timescale for responses was also very short (12 days).

Cllr Robinson advised members that she had written to the developer and NFNPA officer expressing her disappointment with the actions taken by the developer so far, the application was still factually inaccurate which had already highlighted by the Parish Council some months ago and no attempt had been made to correct them. There was a new footpath shown to the northern boundary, which was not visible on the original layout drawing, but the top part of the drawing had been cut off. The Parish Council would like clarification as to its purpose.

Cllr Robinson will write to the Planning Officer to ask about timescales and Clerk will write to The Chief Exec Officer at Vivid Homes to express our disappointment about Foreman Homes and their lack of trying to engage with the Community and the Parish Council.

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Village Design Statement

Councillor Robinson has been busy attending planning training course and dealing with the Whartons Lane application – Working Party still to be arranged.

c. Parish Councillors

Cllr Hubbard recently attended the NFALC meeting which was the first face-to-face meeting since January 2020. It was an interesting meeting attended by the Safer Neighbourhood Partnership who said that their helplines had been well used during the pandemic. There was also a discussion on Rural Broadband. Work had started on the crossroads at Ipley.

Fawley Development – work is underway in creating new exits on the roundabouts along the A326.

The next NFALC meeting is on Thursday 13th January 2022 is anyone would like to attend.

Cllr Hubbard had a meeting with Father Des at St Joseph's to find out more about them. Father Des is very keen to work closely with the Parish Council and has offered space in their grounds for a function.

**CW/CH
/KM**

Remembrance Sunday – There will be a service at the Church from 9.30am-10am with wreath laying at 10am. The Parish Council will lay their wreath at the Recreation Ground at 11am and all residents are welcome. There will be someone playing the last post there at 11am.

Cllr White asked how the Working Parties will work as there will not effectively be a Committee Chair now – it was previously resolved that the Finance & Resources and Planning & Development Committees would still stand and the rest would be Working Parties. A meeting between Cllr Hubbard, Cllr White and the Clerk would need to happen to go through preliminary discussion for next year's budget and precept and brought back to the November meeting for Full Council to agree.

KM

Cllr Thomas asked if there was a facility for the North East Quadrant meetings to be held virtually as he was unable to attend the last one due to being in isolation. Clerk to check with NFNPA if they do offer this facility. He also asked when the next consultative panel meeting was.

KM

d. Neighbourhood Watch – See separate report below

21/064

Policy

a. To Review Parish Council Policies currently on website

PROPOSED: To review and update Communication Policy and Training and Development Policy

RESOLVED: the changes to both policies were agreed and updated

b. To Review 2022 Meeting Dates

PROPOSED: Councillors to review the draft meeting dates for 2022

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed the draft dates for 2022 but still need to book a date for the Annual Parish Meeting in March/April 2022 and decide if there will be another Village Event next summer

21/065

Community & Environment

a. To consider quotes for remedial works to various trees in the Recreation Ground– Clerk advised that she had met with NFDC Tree Office Mark Bursey on 23rd September and has a quote for removal of 4 dead trees. Tree Officer didn't think that removing the Willow Trees on the boundary of the Recreation Ground/Lakewood Road was urgent. He will be able to carry out remedial works to these trees on his next inspection in February 2022.

Work had already been carried out by Gristwood & Toms for the Oak on the boundary with Whartons Lane and in his opinion, further works were not required.

PROPOSED: To accept the quote of £370.99 from NFDC for Gristwood & Toms to remove 4 dead trees from site.

RESOLVED: All Council Members agreed to the quote to remove the four dead trees from site. **KM**

b. Planters – plants dying – Rota needed for watering

Cllr Hubbard said that she had recently had a lot of contact with the ladies who plant and maintain the planters as volunteers. The planters had looked dreadful over the summer as no one had watered them apart from a couple of shop keepers. Cllr Hubbard and Cllr Torkington spent over 3 hours last week on the planters, weeding and removing litter, new plants purchased by the volunteers were planted and the planters look much better now. An appeal has gone out in the November Edition of the magazine asking for some volunteers to water them next year. Clerk to contact other Parish/Town Councils to see how they water their ones – is there an outside company that can do this for us? The current water containers are quite heavy and there are problems where to get the water from. **KM**

21/066

Accounts.

a. To Approve Online Payment Schedule dated 21.10.2021

PROPOSED: To Approve the monthly payment schedule dated 21.10.2021

RESOLVED: The schedule was received by Members and approved for payment, **PROPOSED** by Cllr Eyre and **SECONDED** by Cllr Robinson.

b. To Ratify Approval of Online Payment Schedules dated 23.09.2021, and 30.09.2021

RESOLVED: The schedules were received by Members and ratified, **PROPOSED** BY Cllr Eyre and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hubbard

c. To Receive Income and Expenditure Reports for September 2021.

d. RESOLVED: Income and Expenditure Reports for September 2021 were received by Members and ratified. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Robinson and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hubbard

e. To Consider and Approve Quarter 2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: The Quarter 2 Bank Reconciliation was received by all Members and approved

21/067

Communication

a. Parish Magazine – Cllr Torkington advised that the printing company had given us an extra 300 copies of the October edition as a gesture of goodwill due to problems with the September edition. The extra copies have been given to the Co-op, the Forest Inn and the Memorial Hall. Another 150 extra copies to be delivered on the next run due to problems with the October edition also. **BT**

Cllr Torkington said that there was about 30 addressed that she had to deliver the magazines to the distributors and asked for volunteers to help.

21/068

Correspondence - None received

Clerk mentioned that the noticeboard at the allotments is looking very tatty – All Members agreed for this to be removed by the Lengthsman and the plaques inside would be kept and given to the Memorial Hall who would store this for us.

KM

21/069

Items for Next Meeting

Christmas Lights Competition

Outdoor Christmas lights to go up

Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th November 2021

Signed:

Date:

Signed:

Expenditure September 2021 to October 2021

Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Vat
22.09.2021	Michael O'Leary	Attendance at Village Event 11.09.21	70.00	
22.09.2021	PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor for year ended 31.3.21	360.00	
23.09.2021	Viking	Stationery Print Cartridge/paper/staple	109.81	
28.09.2021	Sue Robinson	Key Cutting for Lock n Store	14.00	
28.09.2021	Zurich Insurance	Council Insurance 01/10/21- 30/09/22	750.73	
24.09.2021	Nightingale Groundcare	Monthly Grounds Maintenance	243.90	
28.09.2021	Rokill	Pest Control 29.09.21 to 28.12.21	168.00	
31.08.2021	Gristwood & Toms	Tree works August 2021	1797.16	
16.08.2021	Tesco Mobile	Mobile Phone Charges	8.50	
30.09.2021	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	18.00	18.00
Total			3540.10	18.00

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Receipts September 2021 to October 2021

Date	Receipts			Details
	Precept	Bank Int	Allotments Magazine	
27.09.2021	22,050.50			New Forest District Council Precept, 2nd payment
06.09.2021			10.00	A P & A Wright
06.09.2021			120.00	Harris Roofing - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
06.09.2021			110.00	Maids of the Forest - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
06.09.2021			- 110.00	Ahern D J - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
06.09.2021			12.00	Jeremy Gailor Plumbing - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
08.09.2021			60.00	G McLaren - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
08.09.2021			110.00	Climbers Way Tree Care - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
13.09.2021			110.00	Solent Skip Hire - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
17.09.2021			60.00	J W Plumbing - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
21.09.2021			440.00	Longdown Activity - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
23.09.2021			100.00	Mark Harrison for Reginald Harrison Plot 25 deposit & 2022 fee + key
30.09.2021			22.00	Shine Performing Academy - Magazine Advert for Sept Edition
30.09.2021		0.29		Bank interest from Natwest 04.06.21-05.07.21
30.09.2021		0.27		Bank interest from Natwest 05.07.2021 - 05.08.2021
30.09.2021		0.28		Bank interest from Natwest 05.08.2021 - 03.09.2021
Total	22,050.50	0.84	110.00	1,154.00
			Total	23,315.34

Neighbourhood Watch Report
For the
Ashurst & Colbury Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 19th October 2021.

Hampshire Police have arrested and charged a man – Awaad Deader - regarding an assault on a woman along the Exbury on the 11th October which left her with serious injuries. The assailant will appear in court in due course.

A resident in Rushington, Totton had an uninvited visit from: **Henry Smith of Bristol & Bath Landscape and Driveways** on Tuesday 12th October. The resident declined work. He then proceeded to pour some cleaning agent onto the drive which took out the colour. It is hoped that pressure washing may restore the drive. I have suggested the resident report this to the Police and Hampshire Trading Standards as – although the company is based in Bath, Trading Standards may have a link to their opposite numbers there. The address of the company was given as **38, Patch Street, Bath. BA2 5BN**

The newly elected Police & Crime Commissioner has unveiled her multi-year plan to strengthen Policing across Hampshire by committing to provide 600 extra officers by the end of 2023. She wants more High Street police stations and will utilise drones in the countryside. Efforts will be made to keep young people away from crime. This plan has – in part – come from a survey to which thousands of people replied with what they wanted to see from policing. This draft plan is available to read and/or download on the website; morepolicesaferstreets.com

A Neighbourhood Watch Alert message announces a new service being piloted by Banks and Telephone Companies across the U.K. to combat the increasing levels of fraud by telephone.

It works in the same way as 101 for the Police and 111 for the N.H.S.

'When should you call 159' ?.....

- a)....If someone contacts you saying they are from your bank – even though they don't sound suspicious.
- b)....you receive a call asking you to transfer money or make a payment – even if they seem genuine
- c).... You receive a call about a financial matter and it seems suspicious

Remember159 will NEVER call you.

Some PAYPAL purchases have been fraudulent in that items have been paid for but never received. From the 25th September to 5th October this year, customers have been scammed out of £3.800.

Try to ensure the seller you are dealing with genuine.

Cold callers purporting to be from Carphone Warehouse are offering new phone contracts for phones and tablets. Potential customers have parted with money and given bank details. The victim then receives the wrong goods and returns them to an address suggested by the fraudsters. Needless to say that money and goods are gone.....one customer was charged £245.00 with nothing to show for it.

Carphone Warehouse is not implicated in this scam.

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