

ASHURST & COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
Tuesday 16th November 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, (Vice-Chair),
Cllr Derek Tipp NFDC, HCC Cllr Keith Manns
In Attendance: Karen Miles (Clerk), 3 members of the public, George Bisson (HALC)

21/070 **Apologies** – Cllr Andy Austin, PCSO Richard Williams, NFDC Cllr Joe Reilly,
(Cllr Mans will be joining us after Bransgore Meeting)

21/071 **Declarations of Interest** - None

21/072 **Public Participation –**

The Chair of Allotment Association expressed his concern over the pile of rubbish growing in the allotment. There appears to be lots of non-allotment rubbish accumulating which can only have been brought in by allotment holders as the gate is always locked. A local Tree Surgeon brings in wood chippings for allotment holders to use on their plots. The Allotment Chair will ask him to stop for the time being as it is not being used at the moment.

The Chair of Governors from the Foxhills Schools expressed her concern over the plans for an access path from the proposed new development to link up to the schools. This would cause a major security and safeguarding issue. The path would need to be lit and be manned at the start and finish of school. There would need to be provision for storage of scooters and bikes. The developer thinks that they are putting this in as a benefit to the school, but the school do not have the extra funds or staff capacity to enable this. The school will speak to the HCC School Liaison Officer and also make their representations on the NFNPA Planning Portal.

21/073 **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 19th October 2021
PROPOSED: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19th October 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.

21/074 **Matters Arising:**

Cllr Hubbard started by thanking residents and Councillors for their attendance at the Remembrance Sunday events. The Lengthsman has some flint left over from last year's installation and will be adding an additional feature to the existing monument in the coming months. Cllr Torkington added that members of the public had spoken to her and said that they thought the monument looked really nice.

Cllr Hubbard also advised that following our appeal for volunteers in this month's magazine, she had received 1 offer of help to water the planters from a resident, and that Bridget from Go Botanical had received 2 offers of help.

Cllr Thomas asked if the Clerk had managed to find out if Quadrant meetings were being held as hybrid meetings as he was unable to make the last one due to isolating. Clerk had not managed to find anything out. **KM**

George Bisson (HALC) presented the magazine team, Cllrs Smith, Torkington and White with a certificate for the magazine being "Highly Commended" in the Best Parish Magazine category of the recent HALC awards.

21/075

Reports

a. County & District Councillors

NFDC Cllr Derek Tipp – Councillor Tipp – NFDC are increasing the premium on empty and unfurnished properties. The premium will rise up to 200% in the next 5 years and 300% in the next 10 years.

It is thought there is likely to be an increase in Council Tax next year, though there will be a care leaver disregard for under 25's.

Free Parking for Council owner car parks will be on Saturday 4th December, Saturday 18 December and Sunday 19 December

Cllr Tipp is happy to fund us £200 out of this year's budget towards a portable water bowser and the rest can be offset against 2022-2023 budget.

There will be a By-Election in Bransgore and Burley Ward for an NFDC Councillor.

NFDC will be looking again at the Waste Strategy Policy in February 2022 but the Environmental Bill will be implemented in 2023

HCC Cllr Keith Mans – (arrived at 8pm after Bransgore meeting)

HCC has just completed a 2-year savings program and the budget will be set in February. The Lengthsman Scheme contributions made to Parish Councils by HCC will be reducing in 2023. 45% of their budget (415 million pounds) has been set aside for Social Care. 7 million pounds will be put into roads which is badly needed. 29 million pounds will be invested for insulation and solar panels for schools.

For the Queens Platinum Jubilee there will be a tree planting scheme. There will be money available to Parish Councils to mark the occasion if we would like to apply for funding. **SR**

PCC Donna Jones – if we would like Donna to attend one of our meetings, then just ask.

b. Committee Chairs/Working Parties

Cllr Robinson gave an update on the Whartons Lane Planning Application. The deadline for comments for the amended plans need to be in by 1st December. The Parish Council will hold an additional Planning Meeting on Tuesday 23rd November to agree our response to NFNPA.

c. Parish Councillors

Cllr White thanked the Clerk for doing the background work to set next year's budget.

d. Neighbourhood Watch – See separate report below

21/076

Policy

a. To Review Parish Council Policies currently on website

PROPOSED: To review and update Email Policy and Code of Conduct
RESOLVED: the changes to the Email Policy was agreed and updated. The Code of Conduct policy is to stay the same.

b. Councillor Responsibilities/Working Parties – to agree and update the Councillor Responsibilities List

PROPOSED: Councillors to agree their responsibilities
RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed the members on the Councillor Responsibilities List

21/077

Community & Environment

a. Whartons Lane Recreation Ground – Gaps in fencing.

The Clerk explained that residents had emailed to express concern about the gaps at the bottom of the fencing around the perimeter of the park. The Lengthsman had started making remedial repairs to the fencing with green fencing roll.

b. Planters – request for volunteers to assist watering of plants

Cllr Hubbard said that she had received 1 offer of help and that Bridget from Go Botanical had received 2 offers of help.

c. To approve expenditure of £286.8- for water bowser (with help from Cllr Derek Tipp's grant)

PROPOSED: To purchase a portable water bowser to aid volunteers to water the planters.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed in principle to the purchase of a water bowser but this item is to be looked at again on the next agenda.

d. To approve Rotary club tree donation 10ft Maple Tree to be planted in Recreation Ground

PROPOSED: The Rotary Club has offered to donate a 10ft Maple Tree to the Parish Council to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to the planting of the donated tree in the Whartons Lane Recreation Ground.

e. To approve Resident's Christmas lights competition plus article for magazine

PROPOSED: To run a Christmas Lights competition for resident's Christmas Lights

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to run a Christmas Lights competition for resident's Christmas Lights. Categories are;

Best Dressed House and Best Dressed Bungalow. Judging to take place around Saturday 18th December. Posters and Social Media post will go up at the end of November.

f. To confirm dates for Parish Council Christmas lights to go up in Ashurst

PROPOSED: To decide on installation dates of Christmas Trees and Christmas Lights in the precinct.

RESOLVED: The Christmas Lights will be installed on Sunday 28th November and the Christmas Trees will follow when we can get them from the supplier. Clerk will get the Christmas stuff, hard hats, hi vis jackets from Lok N Store and drop to Ashurst. Letters to be sent to shops along the parade with Risk Assessment and copy of insurance certificate.

21/078

Accounts.

a. To Approve Online Payment Schedule dated 19.11.2021

PROPOSED: To Approve the monthly payment schedule dated 19.11.2021

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

b. To Ratify Approval of Online Payment Schedules dated 21.10.2021 and 29.10.2021

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 October 2021.

RESOLVED: Income and Expenditure Reports for October 2021 were received by Members and ratified. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Hubbard and **SECONDED** by Cllr White.

d. Precept – to review the amount to be requested for 2022/2023

PROPOSED: To review the amount of Precept to be requested for 2022/2023.

RESOLVED: The budget figures were sent to all Councillors to review before the meeting. Cllr White had looked at the budget with the Clerk and agreed a rise of 2% for 2022/2023. This increase would only bring a total of £892 to the Council. All members unanimously agreed the increase in precept.

21/079

Communication

- a. Parish Magazine – Cllr Torkington** thanked Cllr Smith for her help with the magazine. Cllr Torkington would also like to thank the volunteers who deliver the magazine to the households. As there will be no edition in January, Cllr Torkington asked for approval for extra pages for the December edition if necessary. All members unanimously agreed.

21/080

Correspondence - None received

21/081

**Items for Next Meeting
Planters**

Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th January 2022

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Expenditure October 2021 to November 2021

Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Vat
22.10.2021	Lok N Store (Inv 192275)	Hire of Unit T0702 25.10.21-21.11.21	84.00	14
22.10.2021	Business Stream	Allotment Water	459.00	
22.10.2021	Alf Baker	Salary for October 2021	156.00	
22.10.2021	Karen Miles	Salary and Expenses for October 2021	1,030.15	8.06
22.10.2021	Colbury Church Rooms	Hire of rooms 21.09.2021	40.00	
22.10.2021	HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE & NI 06.07.2021 - 05.10.21	781.51	
29.10.2021	Bobbie Torkington	Paid £25 to Tai Chi for Village Event	25.00	
29.10.2021	Go Botanical	Tulips (invoice from April but not paid)	49.00	
29.10.2021	TLC Online	Parish Magazine - November 2021	450.00	
29.10.2021	Viking	Stationery - stamps, ink cartridge	47.38	
29.10.2021	Nightingale Groundcare	Monthly Grounds Maintenance	243.90	40.65
29.10.2021	Julie Harding	Flowers for the planters	86.59	
19.11.2021	Mark Bridle Agricultural Contractor	Hedge Cutting at Allotments	198.00	33
19.11.2021	Colbury Church Rooms	Hire of rooms 19.10.2021	40.00	
19.11.2021	Elite Playground Inspections	Quarterly inspection of Play Area	50.40	8.4
19.11.2021	Karen Miles	Salary & Expenses for November 2021	1,062.70	
19.11.2021	Alf Baker	Salary for November 2021	156.00	
19.11.2021	Lok N Store (Inv 193208)	Hire of Unit T0702 22.11.21-19.12.21	84.00	14
19.11.2021	Tesco Mobile	Mobile Phone 02.11.2021 - 01.12.2021	8.50	
Total			5,052.13	118.11

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Receipts October 2021 to November 2021

Date	Receipts				Details
	Precept	Bank Int	Allotments	Magazine	
04.10.2021			10		WRIGHT A P A
04.10.2021				110.00	Reeves P M
22.10.2021				60.00	Laura Pickett
25.10.2021				44.00	Lyndhurst Drama
Total	-	-	10.00	214.00	

Total 224.00

Signed: _____

Neighbourhood Watch report for the Parish Council meeting
On Tuesday 16th November 2021

Wessex Driveability – part of the Driving Mobility network of assessment centres have had their fleet of 5 specially adapted vehicles stolen. This took place on the evening of Monday 8th November.

Based in Kent Road, Southampton, the thieves broke into what was deemed to be secure premises smashing fire doors, alarms and safes to gain access to keys. Only the specially adapted vehicles were stolen leaving other standard vehicles untouched. The adapted vehicles were conspicuous with many additions including wheelchair rooftop boxes. It's team of Approved Driving Instructors (A. D. I's), Occupational Therapists and Administrators provide "fitness to drive" assessments for the elderly and disabled people who either self-refer or sign-posted from the D.V.L.A., Motability, N.H.S. or the Police.

Wessex Drivability are a non-profit charity part of a larger National charity called Driving Motability and – according to the centre Manager, Rachel Odell – It is feared that the custom-made vehicles may not be able to be replaced. This will have a huge impact on those hoping to regain some independence. There is an appeal for witnesses/sightings of these vehicles/knowledge of any being sold.

Catalytic converters still feature in the criminals wanted list and are more vulnerable now the dark evenings are here.

The Cyber Champion initiative is working however, there has not been a significant take up of enquiries given the amount of current cybercrime. Trevor Brookes has put a very helpful item in the Parish Magazine but has requested that 'the word is spread' to maximise the helpline.

The beat surgeries continue. The N.P. team will be outside the Mailman's Pub in Lyndhurst on 27th November between 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. then on Sunday 28th November in the Ashurst precinct – again between 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. The focus will be on home security..... timely due to the approach to the Festive Season. I asked if P.C.S.O Richard Williams would be attending tonight-s meeting but he was unable due to "chasing his tail" with work overload.....I stated that I was sad he had lost his tail and hoped he could bring it under control very soon, hoping also that his workload would lessen...some hopes! The team has had 4 out of court disposals including drug possession, public order and malicious communication. One driver has been ticketed for driving with no insurance.

Karen Oliver,
Ashurst & Colbury N.W. Group,
Lead Coordinator.