

ASHURST & COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
Tuesday 19th April 2022 – 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,
NFDC Joe Reilly,

In Attendance: Karen Cramoysan (Clerk), 0 members of the public

- 21/118** **Apologies** – Cllr Caroline Smith, Cllr Clive White, HCC Cllr Keith Manns (left after the Annual Parish Meeting), PCSO Richard Williams, Dave Bedford
- 21/119** **Declarations of Interest** - None
- 21/120** **Public Participation** – None.
- 21/121** **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 15th March 2022
PROPOSED: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15th March 2022 were formally received.
RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Eyre and Seconded by Cllr Thomas, the Minutes were **AGREED** by all Members and the Clerk provided the Chair with a copy for signing.
- 21/122** **Matters Arising:**
Broken wooden play equipment to be removed by a contractor **KC**

Swings – Clerk still to contact Wickstead to give dimensions for toddler swing **KC**
– Cllr Reilly has promised £200 for a grant towards this. **KC**

Broken Ashurst Sign and Missing Gate – Clerk has received a quote of £1780 from the original artists to replace the missing sign – Clerk has still not heard back from insurance company despite chasing
- 21/123** **Reports**
a. County & District Councillors

Cllr Mans - HCC - gave his report at the Annual Parish Meeting –(the full report can be found on the APM Minutes), in summary; he advised that Hampshire's population was 1,389,200 in 2020 and it was the third most populous county in England. HCC maintains 5400 miles of roads, 4300 miles of pavements (85% rural and 15% urban) and 150,000 streetlights as well as 474 maintained schools for 38,000 pupils, 10 residential homes for children and young people, 18 older persons care homes, 24 household waste centres and 5 country parks. 4.8 million books, eBooks and magazines are loaned each year. 96% of all Hampshire waste is either recycled, reused , composted or sent for energy recovery. The waste sent to energy recovery produces sufficient energy to power 50,000 homes.

Council Tax for a Band D property will be £1390.86, an increase of 78p per week.

Hampshire County Council has reduced its own emissions by 43% and will have more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and will achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Cllr Tipp – NFDC – advised that there was a new video on the NFDC website explaining why we may move to wheelie bins.

NFDC have invested 14 million in housing stock, have awarded £215,000 in community grants and committed £600,000 to Citizen's Advice New Forest

b. Committee Chairs/Working Parties

Cllr Robinson – The Whartons Lane application will be heard by NFNPA Planning Officers on 26th April – the recommendation is permission. Cllr Robinson will be giving her presentation and Cllrs Hubbard, Thomas and Torkington will also be attending.

The Village Design Statement has been put on hold until the Whartons Lane Development is decided.

Local List Project – no Councillor has been in touch with Cllr Robinsons as requested at the March meeting with their reasons for nomination.

c. Parish Councillors – No reports

d. Neighbourhood Watch –PCSO Williams issued a report for the Annual Parish Meeting. This has been included at the end of the minutes

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Policy

- a. To Review Parish Council Policies – Social Media, Equality & Diversity, Grant Awarding Policy** - All Policies were reviewed and amendments made as necessary

KC

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Community & Environment

- a. Planters & Seats in precinct** – Cllr Smith has met with the Lengthsman and agreed what needs doing. The Lengthsman will start painting the seats and noticeboards shortly.
- b. Resident issue with overhanging trees in Recreation Ground neighbouring their property following NFDC Tree Survey.** Clerk advised that following an email exchange with the resident, she had asked Mark Bursey to contact them directly to agree works. Meeting would happen after 19th April 2022 due to his prior commitments. **CS**
- c. Queens Platinum Jubilee – Event at St Joseph's 2nd June 2022** – The Working Party are meeting on 20th April to finalise the plans for the event.
- d. To Consider the Quote from Go Botanical for £175.00 for Queens Platinum Jubilee Wooden Signs for planters** **KC**

- e. **PROPOSED:** To Consider the Quote from Go Botanical for £175.00 for Queens Platinum Jubilee Wooden Signs for planters
RESOLVED: All Members approved the Quote for the signs to be made from Go Botanical

KC

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Accounts.

- a. **To Approve Online Payment Schedule dated 19.04.2022**

PROPOSED: To Approve the monthly payment schedule dated 19.04.2022

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

- b. **To Ratify Approval of Online Payment Schedules dated 31.03.2022**

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

- c. **To Receive Income and Expenditure Reports for March 2022.**

RESOLVED: Income and Expenditure Reports for March 2022 were received by Members and ratified. **PROPOSED by Cllr Hubbard** and **SECONDED by Cllr Eyre.**

- d. **To Receive Bank Reconciliation Report for Q4** – Clerk hadn't managed to reconcile the accounts in time for the meeting due to several training sessions on Scribe (the new accounts system.) This will be done in time for the internal audit which is scheduled for 12th May. Item to be deferred.

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Communication

- a. **Parish Magazine** – Cllr Torkington advised that there had been problems with the printers recently and the last 2 batches had been 2 weeks late.

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Correspondence – No correspondence received

Items for Next Meeting

Local List Project
Queens Platinum Jubilee

Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th May 2022

Signed:

Date:

Signed:

Receipts March 2022

Date			Details	Total
Allotments	Magazine			
23.03.2022		40.00	The Green Gardener - Magazine Advertising	40.00
24.03.2022	45.00		Havercroft V - Half Plot Allotment Fee & key deposit - Plot 8b	45.00
25.03.2022		110.00	Solent Skip Hire - Magazine Advertising	110.00
29.03.2022		60.00	Robinson Natasha - Magazine Advertising	60.00
30.03.2022		60.00	Totton Glass - Magazine Advertising	60.00
31.03.2022		60.00	247 Electrics - Magazine Advertising	60.00
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			Total	375.00

Expenditure February 2022 to March 2022

Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Vat
15.03.2022	Lok N Store	Hire of Unit T0702 14.03.22-10.04.22	96.00	16.00
15.03.2022	Tesco Mobile	Mobile Phone 02.03.22-01.04.22	8.50	
19.03.2022	Parish Online	Parish Online Subscription 2022-2023	124.80	20.80
21.03.2022	Absolute Technology	Upgrade issues with Windows 11	25.50	4.25
21.03.2022	TLC Online	Website Maintenance Jan, Feb, Mar 22	45.00	
22.03.2022	Business Stream	Water for Allotments	459.00	
25.03.2022	Nightingale Groundcare	Monthly Grounds Maintenance	267.60	44.60
28.03.2022	TLC Online	Parish Magazine for April 2022	450.00	
29.03.2022	Rokill	Pest Control 29.03.22 to 28.06.22	168.00	28.00
29.03.2022	Ian Oliver	Refund plot 8b & key for Peter George	40.00	
31.03.2022	Unity Bank	Bank Service Charge	18.00	
			Total	1,702.40 113.65

Report from PCSO Williams

Again this year there have been 3 main areas of focus as a result of the crimes and issues that have been reported to us.

BURGLARY – these are both residential (HOMES) and non-residential (OUTBUILDINGS) and happen across the Forest especially when most people's outbuildings are a long way from their houses.

OP TREADSTONE was started by New Forest Heart Cops in November of last year when there was an increase in these thefts and also thefts from cars and vans parked in hotel and pub car parks. This was particularly a problem in MINSTEAD and STONEY CROSS but the crimes were being committed all over including the Happy Cheese at Ashurst, as well as the train station, Woodlands Road and on various roads in the village. **OP TREADSTONE** ended in a car being caught in the act at the Stoney Cross Travel Lodge, sadly it rammed us and made off but that car was later found burnt out in a Forest car park. A different car we found parked near to the Cadnam roundabout still had stolen property in it and a forensic examination of it has given us a DNA match for an offender so we are hopeful of some good results soon. BUT THERE HAS BEEN A REAL DECLINE – almost to nothing – on those types of crimes since the incident at the Travelodge which is now three months ago. Of course, there isn't just one person who travels around committing these crimes so our patrols and proactive work will continue.

Thefts from Motor Vehicles will start to increase again with the arrival of the holiday season. That means that we will be re starting **OP KOEMAN** soon which is the operation that since we started it 6 years ago has seen a reduction of just over a third in that crime BUT we need to keep driving the message home about never leaving any valuables on display in your vehicle and taking them with you. We will be patrolling the Beat with the help of the cadets throughout the holiday season and would encourage you to tell your family and friends too please.

OP KOEMAN will also include the New Forest campsite and pub and hotel car parks and will be targeting people with bikes with the same message – DON'T LEAVE THEM UNATTENDED or they will be stolen. We will be spending a lot of time in the ASHURST CAMPSITE spreading the word because the campsites have been the most targeted venues in recent years.

SPEEDING – OP MOUNTIE – in response to speeding across the Forest and in the villages and towns we have increased our enforcement operations especially on Roger Penny Way. With our partners at Forestry England, the National Park Authority, New Forest District Council and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team we have held many sessions where drivers receive a mixture of enforcement and education and it is working really well and the good news is that it's being franchised out across the Forest. We have already held a couple of smaller sessions in Ashurst on the A35 and caught several people going well over the 30mph limit. Our highest was 49mph!!!!!!

The **ASHURST SPEED WATCH** team – is two people and we are always open to having new members – now that the days are longer, we will be out early morning and late evening when we get the most offenders when the road is quieter.

Another issue across the Forest and in this parish is FLY TIPPING – sadly it would be almost impossible for us to catch someone in the actual act of dumping rubbish and they very rarely leave any evidence with the rubbish they dump so we have started (again with our partner agencies) holding enforcement days where we stop all vans going down Lyndhurst High Street and check what they are carrying and if they have the right licences.

Again, we will be bringing this to the rest of the Forest. Ideally, we would like to do this in Ashurst but need to find a venue.

Those are the major issues that we have reported to us and that is how we are looking to deal with them – we still try and visit all victims of crime on our Beat – and we would encourage anyone with any issues to contact us directly except in an emergency when you should always dial 999.

At the moment we are waiting to appoint a new Police Officer to the beat but I am still your PCSO and can be contacted on 07554 775469 or Richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

We have also just started a new Beat Surgery once a month on a Tuesday morning at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese – the actual dates for those are published monthly in our Beat Report. If anyone has any questions about Policing in Ashurst or in the New Forest generally then please contact me directly.