

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th January 2014

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), J Cooper,
A Marshall, F Kishor, C Pate,
M Boardman
District Councillors: D Johnston (from 8.15pm),
R Wright
Clerk : P Routly
and 6 members of the public

Before the meeting a few minutes of silence were held in memory of Mr Tarver.

1. Public participation

Mr Ed Naujokas raised the issue of trees being marked in orange paint in Oakley Wood rides and paths, he presumed for further thinning . He stated the outcome last time was growth of brambles. Cllr Cooper who is a member of the Friends of Oakley Wood stated there was a management plan in place, but she would raise the concern at the next meeting. It was also resolved she would post a copy of the management plan on the notice board. *Cllr Cooper to publicise plan.*

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Kendall and Cllr Wright due to East Area Planning meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th November 2013.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Matters arising

a. **Land Registry Next steps – Cllr Bolton / Cllr Marshall**

Cllr Bolton stated a sub committee had been formed including Mr Thornton, Cllr Marshall and himself. Cllr Marshall stated he had spoken with the land registry who complimented the council on the high standard of its previous application. However, he implied there might be some issues. It was resolved the sub committee would meet once more and report back to the next meeting.

b. Bus stops at Newbold Pacey – Cllr Johnston/ Clerk to update

The Clerk informed the meeting there had been co-respondance on this subject and both WCC and Stagecoach were looking into the options. Cllr Johnston stated he was also chasing. Report back at next meeting.

c. Flooding works update- Cllr Bolton / Clerk

Cllr Bolton stated that budget quotes had been received from Farm Services, but were beyond the Parish Councils means. Fundamentally it was a WCC issue and therefore Cllr Bolton had agreed to meet Cllr Kendall on site on Saturday to try to gain some impetus. Cllr Bolton extended the invite to other Cllrs. *Cllr Bolton and Kendall to report back to the next meeting.*

d. Marking Centenary of WWI – All

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting the Centenary of the start of WW I was on 4th August 2014 and wondered how the community would like to remember this. One suggestion was to enhance the war memorial in St Georges Church, but he stated other ideas were welcome. He proposed writing to the Church, WI, Village Hut and Cricket club to seek interest. It was resolved the Clerk would write and also investigate possible grants. *Clerk to follow up.*

e. Close signage – All.

This item was discussed at length, and it was resolved to follow up with a letter to SDC. *Cllr Cooper to draft letter and forward to Clerk to progress.*

f. Community Forum 6th March – All

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting the next Community forum would be held in Ashorne and all were welcome, the WI will be providing refreshments. *Event to be publicised in the Village Hut news.*

g. Bench painting update –All

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting a volunteer had agreed to paint / stain the bench in the spring when the weather improves.

h. County Cllrs grant feedback – Cllr Kendall

Cllr Bolton reported that on this occasion the Council had been unsuccessful in securing the grant, which was planned to be used to point the footpath bridge on the cricket field. Cllr Bolton agreed to approach Mr Darling and Mt Little and report back to the next meeting. *Cllr Bolton to follow up.*

i. Welcome Pack update (website) – Clerk

Cllr Cooper informed the meeting it was complete and printed, the Clerk informed the meeting the pack was now on the website bar the maps, which she would be uploading soon.

6. New Agenda items (arising from requests and correspondence)

a. Parking around the Green – Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton read a letter from Mrs Freeman complaining about dangerous parking around the Green. After discussion it was resolved not to single out any party but for the Parish Council to write to all those who live in Ashorne and ask them to park more considerately. *Clerk to write letter and print, and to be distributed with Village Hut.*

b. Proposal for 3 new standing orders – Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton proposed the following 3 additional standing orders:-

- 1) Clerk to prepare and distribute to all Cllrs, draft minutes of meetings within 10 working days following any meeting held by the Parish Council.
This was seconded by Cllr Pate and carried.
- 2) For District and County Cllrs to produce a written report which is sent to the Parish Clerk 7 working days before and bi-monthly Parish Council meeting.
This was seconded by Cllr Marshall and carried.
- 3) For the Clerk to send out all reports with agendas 5 clear working days before any bi-monthly Parish Council meeting.
This was seconded by Cllr Kishor and carried.

c. Cricket Club email - Clerk

The Clerk had circulated an email from Mr Freeman Secretary of the Cricket Club prior to the meeting, in summary he raised 3 issues.

- 1) Lack of communication with respect to the registering of the cricket ground as a Community Asset causing issues with the land owner Mr Darling.
- 2) Repair of the memorial bench totaling £200+ VAT
- 3) A grant for the running of the cricket club.

After discussion the following response was agreed:-

- 1) The Cricket club and Mr Darling should have been informed of the Parish Council's intention, and it was resolved to write and explain the objective and apologise. It was also agreed to write the pub tenant and freeholder on the same subject. *Clerk to organise.*
- 2) After consulting the asset register and minutes Cllr Bolton concluded the Parish Council had accepted responsibly for the repairs. The quote from Mr Cottrill of £200 was accepted and proposed by Cllr Bolton and seconded by Cllr Marshall. *Clerk to organise.*
- 3) The potential of a grant was discussed, but Cllr Bolton pointed out the Parish Council has a very small precept to allocate. It was resolved for the Clerk to write to the Cricket club to seek a more specific request. *Clerk to follow up.*

7. Planning

a. Applications to consider

13/02982/FUL Demolition of outbuilding and construction of new side and rear extension, together with alterations to wall and roof finishes. Appletree Cottage Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR.

After discussion and representation from the applicant it was resolved to send no representations. *Clerk to send response.*

b. District Decisions for information

Retrospective application to regularise amendments to the approved 'as built' dwelling known as 'Westfield House' and alterations to the redundant Milking Parlour and inclusion into the curtilage of Westfield House. Amendments to approved landscaping scheme and change of use of agricultural land to paddock land. Flint Hall, Newbold Pacey, Warwick, CV35 9DY plus visit feedback. **Permissions with conditions**

c. Neighbourhood Plan next steps – All

Cllr Johnston informed the meeting that Wellesbourne was consulting with its parishioners on the way forward, and an open meeting was being held on 15th January. After discussion it was resolved the Newbold Pacey and Ashorne PC should stay engaged at this stage, and would attend the meeting.

8. Finance

a. Approval of payments

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Marshall, seconded by Cllr Boardman and approved unanimously.

1.	Village Hall Rent 2014	£60.00
2.	Churchyard Grant	£280.00
3.	Village Hall Grant	£270.00
4.	Village Hut printing	£16.00
5.	Welcome Pack printing	£119.00
6.	Roundbox Walking map images	£120.00
7.	Roundbox Creative – walking map	£186.00
8.	Alban House map printing	£1794.00
9.	P Routly - Salary (Nov/Dec) in back pay via D Tonks	£427.64
10.	P Routly – Expenses (Nov/Dec)	£34.95

b. Receipts

The following receipts were reported:-

1.	Donation for footpath map – Wellesbourne Fish bar	£100
2.	Donation for footpath map – Charlcote Pheasant	£200
3.	Donation for footpath map – Kings Head	£200
4.	Donation for footpath map – Shah's	£350
5.	Donation for footpath map – Cottage Tavern	£100
6.	Donation for footpath map – National Trust	£400
7.	Donation for footpath map – Coffee Shop	£100

c. Walking Map financial status

The Clerk informed the meeting the total donations to date were £3200 with a further £200 promised and commitments including VAT and printing were £2964.

d. 2014/15 Allotment rental review – proposal to increase to £20 per plot (last increased 2 years ago £18). Field to remain the same as March 11 at £350.

Cllr Boardman proposed that the rent remains at £18 per plot and £350 for the field. Cllr Cooper seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously

e. 2014/15 Budget approval

The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed budget, which included a 2% increase in precept to £5440. The increase is about £1 per household. After discussion Cllr Kishor proposed the budget be accepted including increase in precept, this was seconded by Cllr Pate and carried unanimously.

f. 2014/15 Precept approval

In line with the budget Cllr Cooper proposed the precept be set at £5440, this was seconded by Cllr Pate and carried unanimously. *Clerk to inform SDC.*

9. District Councillor's report

Cllr Johnston pre-filed the following report :-

Core Strategy

The SDC Cabinet meeting on 13th January is being asked to change the Core Strategy significantly.

Key Changes

- 1) Putting back the completion date to April 2015
- 2) A smaller Gaydon / Lighthorne Heath overall, but more houses in the first phase 2500 as against 1900
- 3) More houses overall – now 11,300 – which was the figure given at the Shottery appeal
- 4) Further development in Southam and South East Stratford with a new river crossing between Tiddington and Alveston.

Speed limits

Should have been done by now !

Bus stop at Newbold Pacey –

I have asked for an update.

Walking Guide.

Could the Parish Council agree to order the printing and to pay the invoice as soon as the 15000 copies are delivered.

Cllr Wright pre-filed the following report :-

Local Development Plan/Core Strategy

Changes to the Core Strategy regarding development are currently under further consideration and modification with two sites at Long Itchington and Southam now under consideration, downgrading of housing numbers at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath/Lighthorne being a distinct possibility if the former sites are included in the Local Development Plan. The Plan/Core Strategy has been changed to run from 2011 to 2031, this will assist in addressing the current shortfall of the 5 Year Housing Land Supply, and with modifications coming forward shortly, it is predicting only 1.2 years shortfall including a 1 year buffer rounding up to 6 years (giving a 1 year surplus as required by government).

Council Tax 2014/2015

Cabinet meets next Monday to consider the Capital and Revenue Budget for 2014/15 with its considered recommendations going forward to Overview & Scrutiny Committee prior to the Full Council Budget Meeting on 24th February. Government has announced plans to provide additional further resources in 2014/15 and 2015/16 to enable local Authorities to freeze Council Tax.

Cabinet proposals are to be considered on the basis of supporting a freeze of Council Tax for both 2014/15 and 2015/16 resulting in grant of £61,000, this would ensure Council Tax remains at £128.05 for a Band D property (the tax calculation basis) for 2014/15 and provisionally for 2015/16. For the year 2016/17 and beyond the assumed level of increase in Council Tax is 2% per annum.

Cllr Kendall pre-filed the following report:-

Flood Measures:

On this subject, I am very keen to help get things started, feel I still need to understand the issue more clearly. Consequently I have asked to meet Stephen for a site visit so as to gain a much better understanding of the issue before wading into the “murky waters” of county council bureaucracy.

10. County Councillor’s report

Cllr Kendall pre-filed the following report:-

County Councillor’s Grant Fund:

I met with Amanda Wilson-Patterson on 12th November to discuss all the applications. When evaluating Ashorne’s application, while it was a good proposal – it was felt that as part of the funding was ‘expected’ from private individuals and had not yet been confirmed, then the project was not strong enough to compete in an already oversubscribed field.

However, I would think it very likely to be approved in next year Grant Funding if the match funding had already been secured and was held by the Parish Council. So, please reapply next year.

County Budget Process

Budget discussions are now well underway. We already know the extent of the savings the County Council must find (£92m over the next four years) although the exact effect this will have on our locality is still not known. Given that the current Conservative administration is in the minority, a large amount of negotiation and discussion is expected. By the time of the next Parish Council meeting I will be able to give further information on the development of the budget.

11. Correspondence

None in addition to that emailed.

12. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

None.

13. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent

None.

14. Date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting is to be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 5th March 2014. Followed by the Community Forum on 6th March 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm