

Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held on
Wednesday 15th March 2023 in Ashorne Village Hall

Meeting commenced 19:35 hrs

1. Record of Members Present

Cllrs Struthers, Wright, Darnell and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)

2. Apologies for Absence

None

3. Acceptance of Apologies

n/a

4. Declaration of Interest

Councillors are reminded that they **MUST** act solely in the public interests and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person to act or gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend, or close associate.

5. Dispensations

None

6. Resignation of Cllr Bolton and formal recognition of service

Cllr Bolton has resigned as a Parish Councillor after 23 years' service. The Parish Council offered their grateful thanks for his commitment and service to the Parish Council and Newbold Pacey and Ashorne as a community.

RESOLVED to remove Stephen Bolton as a signatory from the Parish Council's bank account with Unity Trust.

The Clerk advise Cllr Hiorns has also resigned as of today (15.03.23). The Clerk advised neither of these posts will be advertised as vacancies as elections for the Parish Council are due to take place on 4th May 2023.

7. Open Forum (15 mins)

The raising of the kerbs either side of the entrance to the Village Hall, is this due to happen. County Cllr O'Donnell to be contacted.

SDC – Cllr Parry's report was circulated to all Cllrs via email prior to the meeting. In addition Cllr Parry advised SDC will be providing 17 new homes through Platform Housing, these will be allocated to Ukrainian and Afghanistan refugees. SDC's Council Tax is the lowest in Warwickshire. There has been a meeting with SDC about the need for a Health Centre in Upper Lighthorne Health Centre

WCC – Cllr O'Donnell was not in attendance, her report had ben circulated to the Parish Cllrs in advance of the meeting.

8.1 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th January 2023

RESOLVED the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr Wright.

8.2 Minutes

The Clerk agreed to the request from Councillors to produce the minutes within 10 days of the meeting taking place.

9. Planning

9.1 The following planning application has been received since the last meeting held on 4th January 2023.

Planning No.	Address	Proposal	Comments due by
23/00135/LDP	Pinecroft, Church Road, Newbold	Erection of detached outbuilding to provide swimming pool and gym	SDC is not required to consultant with the Parish Council in instances of Permitted Development
23/00136/LDP	Pinecroft, Church Road, Newbold	Erection of extension to rear of house to provide master bedroom; Erection of detached outbuilding to provide home office	SDC is not required to consultant with the Parish Council in instances of Permitted Development

9.2 The following planning decisions has been received since the last meeting held on 4th January 2023.

Planning No.	Address	Decision
22/03575/LBC	Ashorne Management College, The Quad, Ashorne Hill, Ashorne	Withdrawn
22/02965/FUL	Ashorne Hill Farm, Ashorne	Permission with conditions

9.3 Appeals

None

9.4 Correspondence from SDC re planning application 23/00120/FUL Bromson Hill Farm

The correspondence from SDC Planning had been circulated via email prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED the Parish Council notes the Planning Officers comments and wish to alter their comments to No Objection.

9.5 Parish Plan

The Clerk advised she has been advised the Parish Plan will not be pursued as there was little appetite from the residents within the villages.

10. Financial Reports

10.1 Financial Report for the period 01.04.22 – 22.02.23

Noted

10.2 Bank Statement and bank reconciliation

Up to 283rd February 2023. Agreed, Cllr Wright signed the reconciliation document.

10.3 Payments made since the last meeting held on 4th January 2023

Name	£
HMRC Oct Nov Dec	185.40
Water plus – January Direct Debit	8.39
Water plus – February Direct Debit	8.40

RESOLVED the payments be made

10.4 To authorise the following payments

Name	£
Clerk Mrs J Chapman salary January 2023	
Clerk Mrs J Chapman salary February 2023	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement of WALC Training fees invoice number 61	36.00
Warwickshire County Council printing of November 2022 Hut News	46.80

RESOLVED the payments be made.

10.5 Internal Audit

RESOLVED to appoint Bill Robinson as Internal Auditor for Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council

11. Allotments

RESOLVED Cllr Darnell have responsibility for the allotments.

Allotments in general deferred to the next meeting. Put an advert in "Hut News"

12. Upper Lighthorne Healthcare Provision

Cllr Struthers advised the ICB has agreed to support the development of a Health Centre. Discussions have been held with Bird Group and Homes England re using a house as a Health Centre until the actual Health Centre is built.

13. South Warwickshire Economic Strategy Consultation

Cllrs agreed a lot of the Strategy is being based on a giga factory being built in Coventry, but this is not guaranteed as Spain are also in the running for this. The strategy also appears to be concentrating on high spec jobs and there is very little for people who are not academic. The Cllrs felt there were major flaws in the strategy, there is nothing in terms of development for Newbold Pacey and Ashorne, there is no mention of the solar farm or the gravel extraction at Wasperton. Equally there is no mention of Warwickshire College at Morton Morrell which provides skills for people within the agricultural area in which the Parish Council is based.

14. Wellesbourne University Innovation Campus Framework Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Cllrs agreed the campus will be good for getting small high-tech industry into the area. The proposed secondary entrance will increase the rat run through Charlecote and Hampton Lucy. Cllrs felt the main entrance should remain on the A429. There appeared to be no environmental consideration or preservation of the environment. Cllrs also felt the current plan is likely to lead to development of extra housing within the area.

15. Civility and Respect Project

RESOLVED the Parish Council aligns with the principals of the Civility & Respect Project they did not wish to sign up to it.

16. Police Update

No update as Cllr Wright was unable to attend the meeting held on 18th January 2023.

17. Wheelie Bin Speed Stickers

RESOLVED wheelie bin stickers are not needed as the bins are out for a short space of time.

18. Items for next Agenda

Solar Farm – Community Benefit

Date of Next Meeting - 17th May 2023 (changed do to the elections having taken place on 4th May 2023)

Meeting closed 21:05 hrs

Signed

Date

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