NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: Councillors: A Marshall (Chair), J Cooper,

W Carroll, F Kishor, S Bolton

District Councillor: A Parry **Clerk:** P Routly and 2 members of the public

1. Public participation

Mr David Darling introduced himself and talked about the lack of superfast broadband in the village. He has been studying the situation with Dean Wood. The village is only getting 1 to 2 Mbps compared with the minimum superfast of 24Mbps (as per Moreton Morrell), and in Leamington Spa, speeds of 100Mbps are available. He said that it would never to commercially viable for BT to bring superfast, but it was on the subsidised role out plan from BDUK and CSW, however, this might mean that the village has to wait into 2017. In the meantime it was important that all households registered interest on the CSW, and BT websites, as so far only 27 had done so. He would also look into the cost of bringing the service early. It was resolved to publicise in the Village Hut news, and for the Clerk to write to WALC to raise awareness. It may even be raised at the next community forum.

2. <u>Declaration of Interests</u>

None.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Pate due to illness. Cllr Kendall due to illness.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 11th November 2015.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November were proposed for approval by Cllr Bolton; this was seconded by Cllr Marshall and carried unanimously as a true record of proceedings.

5. <u>Matters arising</u>

a. Bus stops at Newbold Pacey – Update on StageCoach. Cllr Kendall/ Clerk

Cllr Kendall was not present and the clerk had not heard from him. No more had been heard officially from Stagecoach so it was resolved to write to Steve Burd, the MD to ascertain the status. *Clerk to write*.

b. Playing Field Update – All / Clerk

The location of a possible playing field was discussed again, and it was resolved to write to all allotment holders to see if any were prepared to move or give up their plots. *Clerk to write*

c. Flooding works update- Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting the contractor Richard Shirley had accepted the job and would be able to start towards the end of January into February. The Clerk informed the meeting Paul Cowley at WCC Highways was happy with the work planned and the contractor. It was resolved for the clerk to write to the contractor to confirm the dates, and then also write to Pauline Perkins, Roger Wright, Joseph Carroll and William Carroll to let them know it would be happening in the next few weeks. *Clerk to write*

d. Lengthmanship scheme update – Cllr Marshall

Cllr Marshall informed the meeting he had attended the recent meeting at Wellesbourne and the scheme seemed well organized and was funded by WCC until May 2017. Wellesbourne has employed a contractor and Newbold Pacey and Ashorne would have access for around 5 hours per month. Wellesbourne PC would do all the admin. Jobs could include gulley cleaning, hedge cutting, sign cleaning, pot hole filling etc. The scheme would start soon and the council agreed to start compiling a list of jobs for discussion at the next meeting.

e. Brief update on Wellesbourne footpath - Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton gave an update, most of the route to Wellesbourne had been reported to WCC for inclusion in the rights of way update, but this may take many years.

f. Church funding campaign update – Cllr Kishor

Cllr Kishor stated she had not been contacted by the PCC. The Clerk informed the meeting she had given Cllr Kishor's name. *It was resolved for the clerk to send a letter*.

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

a. Financial Regulations – Clerk

As the internet had been out in the village, Cllrs could not / had no time to read the 20 page document, so it was resolved to add to the next meeting

b. Cricket Ground bridge works – Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton confirmed he had notification that he had been successful in obtaining a grant of £800, along with donations and £800 from the Parish Council, the works to point and repair the bridge were funded. It was resolved for the Clerk to ask the Environment agency about the works Inc damming and piping the brook. Cllr Bolton said he would also raise the matter with the Diamond Jubilee committee, to see what interest there was in the villagers undertaking some of the work themselves. *Clerk to write to the Environment Agency*

7. Planning

a. Applications to consider

Info only as neighbouring parish – 15/04200/OUT – 1000 houses Gaydon Lighthorne Heath.

After discussion it was resolved to send comments about the traffic impact on the Parish. *Clerk to respond*.

b. Decision of Committee

None.

c. District Decisions for information

15/03363/FUL Retrospective change of use from agricultural forestry land to a leisure wood with the retention of existing buildings. Bromson Hill Wood. **Retrospective permission Granted.**

15/03855/TREE- T1 Poplar: fell. - T2 Scots Pine: fell. Cob House Newbold Pacey Warwick CV35 9DP. **Tree works approved.**

8. Finance

a. Approval of payments

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Carroll, seconded by Cllr Cooper and approved unanimously.

1.	Village Hall Rent 2016 (Ashorne hut fund)	£108.00
2.	St Georges Churchyard Grant	£310.00
3.	Village Hall Grant (Ashorne hut fund)	£310.00
4.	Village Hut printing	£20.00
5.	P Routly - Salary (Nov/Dec)	£396.00
6.	P Routly – Expenses (Nov/Dec)	£118.48
7.	Citizens Advice donation	£100.00

b. Receipts

None.

c. 2016/17 Allotment rental review (Proposal to stay the same £18 per lot, £350 for the field)

The proposal to remain the same was made by Cllr Bolton, seconded by Cllr Carroll, and carried unanimously.

d. 2016/17 Budget approval

The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed budget, which included a 2% increase in precept to £5660. After discussion Cllr Bolton proposed the budget be accepted including increase in precept, this was seconded by Cllr Kishor and carried unanimously. It was also resolved to purchase a replacement Hornbeam, up to a maximum of £300 that had been damaged in hedge cutting. This was proposed by Cllr Bolton, seconded by Cllr Cooper and carried unanimously. Clerk to order tree and write to landowner to ask him to be more careful in future

e. 2016/17 Precept approval – 2% increase proposed

In line with the budget Cllr Bolton proposed the precept be set at £5660, this was seconded by Cllr Kishor and carried unanimously. *Clerk to inform SDC*.

9. <u>District Councillor's report</u>

Cllr Parry pre-filed the following report:-

Core Strategy

The public hearings involved in the examination of Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Core Strategy will resume on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at the District Council Offices in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Planning Inspector, Pete Drew BSc (Hons) Dip TP MRTPI will continue the examination into the District Council's Core Strategy.

Five Year Housing Supply

An interim Five Year Housing Land Supply Calculation has been published as of 31 December 2015 which shows the equivalent of 5.2 years' worth of housing land supply. It has been emphasised that the objective is not simply to achieve a five-year supply of housing sites, but rather to maintain a minimum of five years' worth of housing land supply on an ongoing basis. The calculation is predicted on a number of assumptions about the deliverability of sites.

The plan period is proposed at 14,480 houses which is to be divided by 20 years to average 724 per annum plus a 5/7% headroom figure which rounded up is approximately 15,500. The new Five Year Land Supply also does not include a number of sites awarded planning permission from October to December 2015 which are yet to have the completion calculation scrutinized. Further information – www.stratford.gov,uk/5yearsupply

Planning

Retrospective planning permission has been given to Bromson Hill Wood which is now reclassified as an amenity woodland.

Spotlight on the Community – SDC Annual Conference 2015

Attended the above event in December at the University of Warwick campus near Wellesbourne, which provided a good opportunity to network with other parishes and County Councilors.

Medical Centre

Working closely with the Parish Council to support the Medical Centre in their efforts to get the NHS to prioritise funding for the Wellesbourne surgery. In liaison with Jeremy Wright QC MP and Nadhim Zahawi MP.

Moreton Morrell College

MMPC are in discussions with MMC in respect of villager access to college grounds which are also frequented by some residents within NPAPC. Legal advice being obtained in respect of Rights of Way etc.

10. County Councillor's report

Cllr Kendall was not present due to illness.

11. Correspondence

The clerk had circulated the following correspondence by email prior to meeting.

- a) Letter about Village Hall keys new location Info only
- b) Stratford Citizen Advice funding request

After discussion it was agreed this was a worthy cause that's supports local people. A donation of £100 was proposed by Cllr Bolton, seconded by Cllr Carroll, and carried unanimously. *Clerk to action*.

- c) New Year's Honours Deadline 4th Feb
- After discussion it was decided to make no proposals.
- d) Clean for the Queen 90th birthday initiative

Cllr Carroll offered to lead a litter picking party, Clerk to order equipment from SDC.

e) WCC Pan Equalities Service Survey

It was agreed to make no response.

f) WCC Healthier Communities Grant

The Clerk informed that she had registered interest.

12. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

None.

13. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent

Cllr Marshall made a presentation of a gift on behalf of the whole council to Cllr Bolton to thank him for his role as Council Chair for the past 8 years. Cllr Bolton expressed his thanks.

14. Date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 2^{nd} March 2016.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm