NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th MARCH 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Johnston (Chair), S Bolton, A Marshall, M Whyte, P

Brazell

Clerk: C Price and 11 members of the public

| 1 | Cooption of new Parish Councillor | | | | |
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| | Cllr Johnston proposed that Lee Tranter be coopted to the Parish Council. Cllr Brazell seconded the motion and it was unanimously supported. Mr Tranter completed the declaration and joined the Council. | | | | |
| 2 | Public Participation | | | | |
| | None | | | | |
| 3 | Declarations of interest in items on the agenda | | | | |
| | Cllr Tranter declared an interest in application 19/00489/TREE and left the room during discussion of that item. | | | | |
| 3 | Apologies for Absence | | | | |
| | Apologies had been received from Cllr Parry. | | | | |
| 4 | To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019 | | | | |
| | The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 th January 2019 were unanimously approved as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman. | | | | |
| | Proposed: Cllr Johnston Seconded: Cllr Bolton | | | | |
| 5 | District Councillors' Report | | | | |
| | The Parish Council noted the content of Cllr Parry's report (previously circulated) which stated: | | | | |
| | The last month has all been focused on budgeting and at Full Council on 25 th February it was agreed to increase the Council Tax by 1.5% which marks an increase of £2.05p for the year on a Band D property from £137.07 to £139.12. The Council Tax for Newbold Pacey and Ashorne in respect of Band D which includes precepts for Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police together with Newbold Pacey and Ashorne will therefore be £1847.45 per annum which is less than Moreton Morrell, Wellesbourne and Kineton. | | | | |
| | Wellesbourne Airfield SDC is continuing to progress with a Compulsory Purchase Order for Wellesbourne Airfield and has set aside £1.25M for legal costs. | | | | |

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Medical Centre

I am delighted to see the opening of the new Hastings House Medical Centre in Wellesbourne which serves Ashorne and Newbold Pacey become a reality from concept to completion and am looking forward to attending the Official Opening by Jeremy Wright MP on Saturday 16th March.

6 County Councillors' Report

The Parish Council noted the content of Cllr Parry's report (previously circulated) which stated:

Warwickshire County Council has increased its council tax receipts by 4.99per cent with effect from April – 2% of the increase will be ringfenced to contribute towards increasing costs of Adult Social Care and Support. This will amount to about £5 extra a month or £60 for the year for an average Band D household before proposed increases from Warwickshire Police are also applied.

The county council is still facing large budget cuts and in the next financial year has to find savings of £9 million followed by an expected £16 million between 2019 and 2020. This is on top of the £100 million it has had to save since 2010.

Despite these cuts, the authority will use some of its £370 million budget to invest £5.7 million into children's social care services and £1.3 million into additional adult social care and support – just over £153 million is now being allocated to adult social care. The council will also spend £2.5 million on a digital transformation programme to make it easier for people to access its online services and help it to become "an enabler for residents to help themselves.

Other investments include £200,000 into digital fibre optic hubs to enhance communications in communities and £330,000 to convert six school-based children's centres into specialist provision for pupils with special needs, £100,000 to expand its transport planning team to "maximise the funding received from developers to deliver the infrastructure requirements for associated housing and business growth across the county. An investment of £108,000 will be made into maintaining the council's library network including Sunday opening while £150,000 will go towards a joint project to integrate those for those in need of support due to mental health issues, homelessness and drug abuse. The council will also invest £1.4 million into home to school transport and invest £500,000 into Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service to reduce the service's savings target.

In total, this 4.99 per cent council tax increase is equivalent of an increase of £1.25 per week for a Band D dwelling.

Warwickshire Police has increased its precept by £24 per annum following its public consultation and the increase is being used to recruit and train an additional 100 more staff.

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| 7 | Planning | | | | | | |
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| | a) New plans to consider | | | | | | |
| | Reference | Decision | Address | Proposal | | | |
| | 19/00489/TREE | No Objection | Pinewood House Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR | -T1 pine: fellT2 pine: fell. | | | |
| | b) Decisions of the committee since the last meeting None | | | | | | |
| | Reference | Decision | Address | Proposal | | | |
| | 19/00175/FUL | No Objection | Staddle Stones Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR | Replace existing conservatory with sun lounge | | | |
| | 18/03535/FUL | No Objection | Green Acres Ashorne Road Ashorne CV35 9DR | Two storey side & rear extension and replacement garage | | | |
| | c) District decisions | | | | | | |
| | Reference | <u>Status</u> | <u>Address</u> | Proposal Control of the Propos | | | |
| | 19/00008/TREE | Tree Works Approved | Pinecroft Paynes Lane Ashorne CV35 9DR | T1 - pine - Fell T2 - pine - Crown lift two lowest primary branches (nearest to property) to maximum 5 metres | | | |
| | 18/03362/FUL | Permission with conditions | Cob House Moreton Road Newbold Pacey CV35 9DP | Alterations to windows on single storey gable, installation of porch canopy, 8 new rooflights and Juliet balcony to accommodate internal changes. | | | |
| | 19/00071/TREE | Tree Works Approved | Ashorne House Ashorne | -T1 cedar: Shorten back large, lower limb overhanging adjacent Gardeners Cottage LPG tank and car parking space, by approximately 2-3metres, pruning back to a growth point. Tip-back lower pendulous growth from this limb by 0.5metres. Tip-back growth overhanging post box in wall, adjacent parking area, by approximately 1metre. (Amended specification). | | | |
| | d) Pre-application advice on amendment to Village Garden development Plans were presented to amend the previously approved application to introduce a basement with the above ground accommodation essentially unchanged. This additional space is intended to make the property a more sustainable home in the longer term. The changes should not be visible fro the outside and thus not impact on the street scene, available parking or greenspace. The Parish Council thanked the applicant for attending with hi agent and answering their questions fully. | | | | | | |
| | e) Other planning matters None | | | | | | |
| 8 | Updates on Parish Issues | | | | | | |
| | a) Allotment Water Bill The Parish Council has received a very large water bill for the supply at the allotments. Some of the current allotment holders to attend to discuss how | | | | | | |

this might be handled. It was agreed that the meter reading needed to be confirmed and a new meter installed that could be read regularly. The Allotment holders were advised that, as per their agreements, the Parish Council would need to seek to reclaim the cost of water usage from them to ensure the allotments remained sustainable. **Action: CP** to contact Water Plus to arrange a new meter reading and the change of meter.

The issue of fence maintenance was raised. The upkeep of fences is the responsibility of the allotment holders. It was agreed that the Parish Council would investigate the possibility of the Lengthsman undertaking the work with the Allotment holders bearing the cost. Action: AM to discuss with the Lengthsman.

b) Flooding Measures Feedback

Work is currently underway to replace the blocked drain in the village which will hopefully address the issue. The Parish Council will review its effectiveness and the next meeting. It was also noted that the potholes had been filled with one exception. **Action: DJ** to ask AP to look into why that might be.

c) Replacement of Jubilee Trees

New trees have been planted and the Parish Council would like to thank all involved. Action: CP to write to Andrew Hopkins and John Beale.

d) Councillor Taining

All Councillors were encouraged to take advantage of the training offered by WALC, particularly the free New Councillor Training

e) Website

The hosting issues have now been resolved and the website is running smoothly.

f) Lengthsman

The footpath from the green to the bridge will be cleared. The quality of the work being done by the Lengthsman was acknowledged.

g) Elections

Nomination forms are now available for the Parish Council elections to be held on 2nd May and should be returned to SDC.

9 Finance

a) Approval of Payments

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Johnston, seconded by Cllr Bolton and approved unanimously.

1. 01/03/19 C Price – Laptop and Printer

£607.99

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| | 2. | 06/03/19 C Price - Salary (Jan/Feb) | £412.04 | | | | |
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| | 3. | 06/03/19 C Price – Expenses (Jan/Feb) | £51.44 | | | | |
| | 4. | 06/03/19 Water Plus – Field Supply | £214.62 | | | | |
| | 5. | 06/03/19 WCC – VHN Printing | £144.00 | | | | |
| | 6. | 06/03/19 R Cook – Grass Cutting | £80.00 | | | | |
| | 7. | 06/03/19 PATA – Payroll Services | £12.75 | | | | |
| | 8. | 06/03/19 S Bolton – Tree supplies | £49.32 | | | | |
| | b) | Receipts | | | | | |
| | , | 26/02/19 WCC Cllr Grant | £125.00 | | | | |
| | c) | c) Other finance issues | | | | | |
| | The Clerk reported that the 2018/19 VAT reclaim had been submitted. | | | | | | |
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| 10 | Any Other Business | | | | | | |
| | It was noted that the Parish Council needed to appoint a lead for the | | | | | | |
| | emergency plan which will be discussed at the May meeting. | | | | | | |
| | It was noted that a clear plan for the management of the defibrillator was | | | | | | |
| | needed which will be discussed at the May meeting. | | | | | | |
| | It was noted that a date needed to be set for the bridgework to commence. | | | | | | |
| | Action: CP to speak to contractor. | | | | | | |
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| 11 | Date of the Next Meeting | | | | | | |
| | It was resolved that the next meeting would be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on | | | | | | |
| | Wednesday 15 th May 2018 at 7.00PM to include Annual Parish Assembly and the | | | | | | |
| | Annual Meeting of the Parish Council | | | | | | |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30pm