

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th November 2015

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), J Cooper,
W Carroll, F Kishor, A Marshall.
District Councillor: A Parry
County Councillor: D Kendall (from 8.00pm)
Clerk : S Routly (P Routly ill)
and 8 members of the public

1. Public participation

None.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Pate due to illness.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd September 2015.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September were proposed for approval by Cllr Carroll; this was seconded by Cllr Marshall and carried unanimously as a true record of proceedings.

5. To approve and sign the minutes of the Core Strategy Planning meeting held on 2nd September 2015

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6. Matters arising

a. Bus stops at Newbold Pacey – next steps. Cllr Kendall

Cllr Kendall informed the meeting that despite him chasing there was still no response from Stagecoach. After discussion, during which members of the public expressed their frustration, it was resolved for the clerk to write to Stagecoach and in particular the chairman. If no response is forthcoming, it was resolved that Cllr Parry would follow up with a press release.
Clerk to send letter.

b. Playing Field request – Villagers / Cllr Bolton

A letter from Kate Hopkins had been pre circulated to council members. Cllr Bolton asked if a committee had been formed. Kate addressed the meeting stating they had come to the conclusion that the activity needed to be Parish Council led, as any grant applications would

need to be in the Council's name as the Council owned the land. She also stated that land on the right hand side allotment field was unsuitable, as it was on too much of a slope. She requested that the land on the left hand side of the allotments field be made available. Cllr Bolton explained this may cause some difficulty as they did not have authority from the Department for Communities and local Government, and it was let to allotment tenants. After discussion it was resolved to write to the Department for Communities and Local Government. Cllr Marshall agreed to undertake this action. Cllr Bolton stated that as the land on the left hand side of the allotment field had tenants, they should be asked for their views. It was therefore resolved that the Clerk would write to the allotment tenants to see if they would be prepared to move. *Cllr Marshall to write to the Secretary of the Environment. Clerk to write to the allotment owners.*

c. Flooding works update and quotes – approval of works - Cllr Bolton

The Clerk explained she had permission in writing from Paul Cowley of WCC to progress with installation of two gullies at the road entrance to Crabtree allotments, as long as the contractor was from the WCC approved list. Cllr Bolton explained he had obtained a quote from Richard Shirley of RS Plant Hire for £2360 to install to gullies and pipes and connect them to the main highway drain. The clerk explained other quotes had been sought but no other contractors were interested. The one quote was lower than the grant from SDC and Council's standing orders do not require a second quote. It was resolved unanimously to accept the quote from RS Plant Hire subject to approval from WCC. The clerk was also asked to copy Paul Cowley's email to Roger Wright and Danny Kendall. *Clerk to action.*

d. Defibrillator box update and vote of electricity funding– Clerk / Steve Routly

Mr Routly informed the meeting the defibrillator box had been installed. Cllr Bolton informed the meeting the hall committee have also installed low energy led light that would be on during the hours of dark. As previously agreed, it was proposed by Cllr Bolton that the village hall received £10.00 per year to fund the running costs of the box. This was seconded by Cllr Cooper and carried unanimously. Mr Routly then informed the meeting he needs to register the box with the Warwickshire Ambulance Service and needed two locals names to put on the form as points of contact if necessary. Cllr Bolton and Cllr Kishor agreed for their names to go forward. *Clerk to register the box.*

e. Lengthmanship scheme feedback from Wellesbourne meeting– Cllr Cooper

Cllr Bolton explained the lengthmanship scheme again, which is basically about devolving simple jobs such as hedge cutting drain cleaning, sign washing, pot hole filling etc from WCC to the local council. The intention is to get jobs done quicker with less bureaucracy. Cllr Bolton was not able to attend the briefing session in Wellesbourne but Cllr Cooper went instead. The meeting was chaired by David Close with a representative from WCC. The intention was that a number of local parishes would collaborate with one another. Wellesbourne for example already has a handy man. There has been a pilot scheme running in Rugby and feedback is awaited. Cllr Kishor asked where the money comes from to fund such activities, the reply was 'at the moment Wellsbourne funds themselves', but the intention is there would be a saving at the WCC. After discussion it was resolved at this stage to continue to show interest. Cllr Parry also attended on Moreton Morrell's behalf and stated they will also be expressing an interest. *Clerk to respond.*

f. Church and Churchyard funding situation - PCC feedback– Cllr Kishor

Cllr Kishor confirmed she had met with Krys Pietreki to understand the church and churchyard finances. In summary the church running costs were around £15k per year, with £8k going to the diocese, £1760 to the almanac fund, £2000 for insurance, and the remainder in running costs. There is an annual shortfall in income that has been coming out of emergency funds. In

summary there is a shortfall of around £8k pounds per year, on top of this long-term repairs are required. Cllr Kishor suggested a stewardship scheme to make up the shortfall, and as there were around 100 properties in the Parish, each would need to donate around £10.00 per month or the price of a cup of coffee per week. It was suggested the campaign should be launched in the spring and will be based around the cup of coffee theme. There would be a team of people to form a small committee and to knock on every door when the scheme is launched. Hopefully the outcome would be that the PCC would be able to concentrate on fund raising for long-term repairs rather than the day to day running costs. Priscilla Cook and Tony Philpott were present from the PCC and welcomed the support. It was resolved for the clerk to write to the PCC and confirm that Cllr Kishor would be the parish council representative. *Clerk to write.*

g. Phone Box painting – Clerk

The clerk informed the meeting a painting kit had been obtained from British Telecom and was with Marilyn Boardman who had offered to organise the painting. Mrs Boardman who was present said that she would ask for help in the spring when the weather was better.

h. Brief update on Wellsbourne footpath – Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting the working party had met twice, and were due to meet again on the 26th of November, after which further information would be communicated. Cllr Bolton also informed the meeting he had submitted a grant application via to the County Council fund for the bridge repair on the cricket ground. Cllr Kendal said this would be decided on 19th November.

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

a. Feedback from SDC meeting on GLH development and Exhibition – Cllr Marshall /Cllr Carroll

Cllr Marshall had pre circulated a report on the SDC meeting. He said the key issues were about infrastructure of roads and traffic. He said the developer is putting the onus on WCC. The WCC traffic surveys were conducted in 2011 and since then the traffic had increased dramatically due to JLR expansion. There was no substance whatsoever to the planning applications with respect to transport, and the only concession being a re-routing of the bus service. The whole situation was woefully inadequate. He said the Cllr Carroll and himself and also attended an exhibition of JLR on the plans for the site which included car parking access and environment. Finally Cllr Marshall stated there had been no feedback from their meeting at SDC. *Cllr Parry said she would follow up.* Tony Philpott shared a letter that he had received from JLR confirming they would take disciplinary action against employees who were using the village as a rat run.

b. Election for Chairman for Jan meeting onwards - Clerk

Cllr Bolton declared again, as at the AGM that he was not prepared to continue as chairman. He had done the job for many more years than was agreed in the standing orders and it was time for fellow Councillors to take on the role. There was much discussion, the outcome being that Cllr Marshall agreed to the chair until the May AGM. This was proposed by Cllr Bolton, seconded by Cllr Carroll and carried unanimously. *Cllr Marshall to chair the January meeting.*

c. Approval of funding of waymakers for Walks around Wellesbourne from remaining funds – Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton confirmed via the clerk there was £996 left in the ‘walks around Wellesbourne’ fund. It was proposed by Cllr Bolton to spend up to this sum to provide waymarkers and to possibly update the website, this was seconded by Cllr Kishor and carried unanimously. David Johnson agreed to write an article for the village hut magazine.

8. Planning

a. Applications to consider

15/03014/FUL Replacement of 15/03855/TREE- T1 Poplar: fell. - T2 Scots Pine: fell. Cob House Newbold Pacey Warwick CV35 9DP

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to send no representations. *Clerk to respond.*

b. Decision of Committee

15/03400/TREE - T1 Corsican Pine: fell. - T2 Corsican Pine: fell. - T3 Corsican Pine: fell. Pineroft Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR- T1 Corsican Pine: fell. - T2 Corsican Pine: fell. - T3 Corsican Pine: fell. **Response was No representations.**

15/03363/FUL Retrospective change of use from agricultural forestry land to a leisure wood with the retention of existing buildings. Bromson Hill Wood . **Response was No representations.**

c. District Decisions for information

15/03014/FUL Replacement of existing windows/glazing, addition of 4 rooflights and new rear door. Cob House , Moreton Road, Newbold Pacey, Warwickshire CV35 9DP. **Permission with Conditions.**

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9. Finance

a. Approval of payments

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

1.	P Calcutt Electrics for Defibrillator box	£140.00
2.	Severn Trent	£205.32
3.	Grass Cutting – Ray Cook	£80.00
4.	P Routly salary (Sep/Oct) via PATA	£396.00
5.	P Routly – Expenses (Sept/Oct)	£74.01
6.	PATA payroll fees	£10.60
7.	Village Hut printing	£20.00

b. Receipts

The clerk reported the following receipts.

1.	Precept	£2775.00
2.	Wayleave	£29.60

c. External Audit feedback

The clerk reported the external audit was complete with no issues.

d. Mid Year Financial report (circulated)

The clerk had pre circulated a mid year financial report. The council's expenditure was well within budget.

10. District Councillor's report

Cllr Parry pre- filed the following report :-

West Midlands Combined Authority

Members of Full Council voted in favour of not joining the West Midlands Combined Authority – 16/14 with one abstention and will therefore pursue other alternatives with neighbouring district and county councils.

Core Strategy

Full Council agreed on 19 October to submit the proposed modifications to its Core Strategy for independent examination that have been produced in response to the Inspector's interim conclusions. These proposed modifications are focused on:

- Establishing the Housing Requirement at 724 dwellings per annum
- Meeting the increased housing requirement through the identification of additional strategic sites
- Affordable Housing
- A limited number of employment related issues

SD311 Footpath

The working party is meeting on 26 November at Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council offices to progress discussions on the way forward and approach to reinstating footpath SD311.

Lengthman's Scheme

I attended a very useful meeting chaired by Cllr David Close to discuss the Lengthman's Scheme which was well attended by neighbouring parish councils.

Medical Centre

I shall be attending a meeting at Hastings Medical Centre with WWPC on 17 November for an update on the plans for the new medical centre.

Spotlight on the Community – SDC Annual Conference 2015

Residents are invited to Stratford-on-Avon District Annual Conference where there will be an opportunity to meet leaders from the county council, district council, police, health and voluntary sector.

The conference will take place in Wellesbourne on **Wednesday 2nd December 6 pm - 9 pm** at The University of Warwick (formerly Horticultural Research Institute, A429 Cirencester Road), Wellesbourne Campus, Wellesbourne CV35 9EF. Registration and refreshments will be available from 6.00 pm with a market place, and presentations from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. This event is being organised by Warwickshire County Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council with a 'spotlight on our communities' giving residents the opportunity to:-

- **hear 'what's on the horizon' from the leaders in the public and community sector,**
- **hear about the positive work that all partners are doing with communities linked to the priorities within Stratford-on-Avon District Social Inclusion Statement, ****
- **celebrate in the achievements of local communities,**
- **be involved in the development of future priorities for the community, and discuss issues that are emerging in the district.**

Steve Orchard Touch FM will be facilitating this year's conference with guest speakers to include:-

- **Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council.**
- **Cllr Chris Saint, Leader Stratford-on-Avon District Council**
- **Ron Ball, Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire**
- **David Squires, Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon District**
- **Dr David Spraggett, Chair of South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group**

If anyone is interested in attending please let me know.

Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum

The spring meeting of the Wellesbourne & Kineton Community is being held at Compton Verney on Thursday 10 March.

11. County Councillor's report

Cllr Kendall had no more to add.

12. Correspondence

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

- a) Winter gritting map – no changes for Ashorne
- b) WRCC Energy prices – info only
- c) Rajkowski builders confirming will repair any damage to 'The Green'
- d) HMRC letter
- e) WCC sandbags offer

It was resolved if possible to obtain some more sandbags.

13. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

It was resolved to write a letter to Cllr Pate from the council to wish him well, and let him know his fellow Cllrs were thinking of him during his illness.

14. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent

None.

15. Date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 6th January 2016.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm