

# NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

**PRESENT: Councillors:** S Bolton (Chair), C Pate,  
W Carroll, F Kishor.  
**District Councillors:** A Parry  
**Clerk :** P Routly  
and 18 members of the public

### 1. Public participation

Roger Wright raised the issue of the churchyard maintenance. Cllr Bolton stated this would be discussed on the agenda.

### 2. Declaration of Interests

None.

### 3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Marshall and Cllr Kendall who was chairing the East Area Planning Committee.

### 4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July were proposed for approval by Cllr Kishor; this was seconded by Cllr Carroll and carried unanimously as a true record of proceedings.

### 5. Matters arising

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

Cllr Kendal was not present but had sent a report.

He stated:-

‘At present the sites have been agreed by County Council, funds have been identified and secured, approval in principal from Stage Coach is provision although they seem unwilling to commit fully as yet, pending the reappraisal of routes more generally. It seems likely that our two proposed stops will be along the main bus routes, there is however another period of delay as we await Stagecoach’s final approval’. Cllr Bolton stated in response to a question by Mrs Boardman that the bus stops had been agreed and it was just a matter of final concurrence from Stagecoach. *Cllr Kendal to report back at the next meeting.*

#### **b. Flooding works update - Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton stated that he was in the process of obtaining quotes. The clerk confirmed that highways had stated road traffic measures would be required. Cllr Bolton confirmed that neighbours would be involved when quotes had been received. *Cllr Bolton to report back to the next meeting.*

**c. Defibrillator update – Clerk / Steve Routly**

Mr Routly informed the meeting that the defibrillator box had been delivered. He would now arrange with the Village Hut Committee for installation. *Mr Routly to follow up*

**d. Church funding situation – P Cook / K Pietrecki**

Priscilla Cook explained that the funding situation at the church was critical, and with current level of reserves funding would run out in approximately five years. It costs £15,000 per year to run the church, with £8,000 for the dioceses, and £2,000 pounds for insurance. At least £30,000 was required repair the church stonework. There were only six or seven people on the PCC Committee. Roger Wright stated that it was sad that the dioceses do not support struggling churches. Priscilla Cook said they do to a certain extent. Roger also stated that despite the efforts of volunteers the churchyard did not look as good and has in previous years and it was now up to the Parish Council to step up and make provision in the precept for the churchyard maintenance. Cllr Kishor enquired as to whether donations have been sought on a subscription basis from villagers and parishioners. It was stated this had been tried before with little success. Cllr Kishor said she had not been asked for many years and was sure if villagers knew of the situation they would help. Tony Philpott stated this had been tried before with no success. After discussion it was agreed that the ongoing presence of the church in the community was important. It was resolved that a parish council member should attend the next PCC Committee to understand what could be done. It was proposed by Cllr Bolton the representative would be Cllr Kishor, this was seconded by Cllr Pate. Cllr Kishor accepted, and will attend the next PCC meeting.

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

**a. Playing Field request – Cllr Bolton**

A presentation was made by a group of local children requesting that the Parish Council make provision for a play area, this was accompanied by a petition signed by approximately 100 villagers in support of their request.

Councillors were very impressed with the presentation and were supportive of the proposal. The clerk had prepared a brief of the likely costs and confirmed permission had been granted by the Secretary of State for some of the allotment land to be used for leisure purposes. After discussion, the council recommended the parents of the children should form a small committee of around 5 persons to put more detail around the proposal and report back at the next meeting.

**b. Phone Box painting – Clerk**

The clerk informed the meeting she had written to BT. They had replied stating the phone box is not due for maintenance but would provide a painter kit. It was resolved to accept this offer and Marilyn Boardman kindly offered to undertake the painting with help. *Clerk to arrange paint kit from BT.*

**c. Water leak between Avondale and Barn Farm – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton enquired whether anybody had informed Severn Trent of the leak. Priscilla Cook said she thought it was a Parish Councils responsibility. It was resolved to inform Severn Trent, Marilyn Boardman also offer to phone them. *Clerk to report.*

**d. Lengthmanship scheme – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that Warwickshire County Council was seeking interest and Parish Councils need to respond by 24 September. He explained the scheme involved devolving responsibility to the Parish with neighbouring parishes for minor works such as grass

cutting and sign cleaning. Councillors were skeptical as to whether any money would be available for such tasks. Roger Wright expressed concerns about insurance cover. After discussion it was resolved unanimously to express an interest with no commitment. *Clerk to respond*

**e. Approval of grant application for work on bridge by cricket pavilion – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton raised the subject of re pointing the bridge on the cricket ground. He said he estimated the cost would be around £3200. With the possibility of £800 coming from Mr. Darling, £800 from Mr. Little, £800 from the Parish Council, an £800 from the County Council grant fund. Cllr Bolton proposed a grant application be made; this was seconded by Cllr Pate and carried unanimously. *Cllr Bolton to arrange application.*

**f. Diamond jubilee trees – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that Mr. Mann would very shortly be cutting his field hedge. He suggested that the jubilee trees be identified to ensure they did not get damaged. Mr Ed Naujokas agreed to lead.

**7. Planning**

**a. Applications to consider**

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.

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

**b. Decision of Committee**

None.

**c. District Decisions for information**

15/01769/FUL Proposed re-cladding of existing building together with front extension to form main entrance and rear first floor extension to enlarge bedrooms. Ashorne Hill Management College, Ashorne Hill, Leamington Spa, CV33 9QW. **Permission with conditions.**

15/01635/FUL Two storey extension to side of existing property, alterations to roof of existing building, single storey extension to provide attached garage. Change of external material from brickwork to render. The Russetts , Ashorne Road, Ashorne, Warwickshire CV35 9DR.

**Permission with conditions.**

**8. Finance**

**a. Approval of payments**

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

1.	WCC Village Hut printing	£20.00
2.	P Routly salary (July/Aug)	£396.00
3.	P Routly – Expenses (July/Aug)	£165.44
4.	PATA payroll fees PATA	£15.20

**b. Receipts**

None.

## **9. District Councillor's report**

**Cllr Parry pre- filed the following report, and talked through the housing numbers:-**

### **West Midlands Combined Authority**

Consideration to reviewing the potential for SDC to enter into a combined authority arrangement is being discussed at Cabinet and a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 1 September. The rapid timescales are being driven and fast-tracked by the government which is pursuing its policy of economic growth through devolution.

If the Council is minded to pursue this option, which has to be decided by 4 September, then no commitment or final decision on becoming part of a West Midlands Combined Authority would be taken until all the alternatives can be considered or developed in principle by December 2015. In other words it would just be termed as a 'talking stage' in order to keep all the options open. The consultation with consultees and members of the public closed on 24 August. I will be in a better position to update the meeting on 2 September following the Full Council meeting.

### **Core Strategy**

The six week consultation on the amendments to the Core Strategy with the uplifted figures started on 13 August and will be completed on 24 September, reviewed by the policy planning team and members and presented to Cabinet and Full Council in October for submission to the planning inspectorate.

### **Sainsburys**

I've heard back from Sainsbury's and whilst they have carefully considered my suggestion of some local transport for villagers they feel that those wishing to visit the store in Wellesbourne who do not have access to a car can call the community U-Bus instead.

### **GLH**

I have received notification of a public consultation event is being held by the developers for GLH between 2pm – 7pm from 9 – 12 September at the Heritage Motor Centre when open public sessions are being held. SDC is also holding a briefing session on 29 September at 6pm at Elizabeth House to discuss schemes and initiatives which would help to mitigate the impact of this development across the surrounding villages and parishes.

### **SD311 Footpath**

The working party met on 30 July attended by Stephen Bolton, Rosalind Bolton, David Johnson, Maureen Ankrett, Judy Klinkenberg and myself to discuss the way forward and approach to re-open bridle path SD311. A range of actions were agreed and a strategy is being developed for discussed at the next meeting which is to be held at Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council offices on 1 October.

### **Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum**

The next meeting is to be held at Ashorne Village Hall on Thursday 24 September, and Stephen Bolton and myself recently attended the pre-meeting agenda meeting on 25 August. In the event that no one is forthcoming at the meeting to offer their services as Chair and Vice Chair, then Stephen and I have offered to put ourselves forward in this respect, in the interests of maintain good liaison with all the parish councils and to ensure the agenda is driven by topics which are particularly relevant.

### **Dog Fouling Campaign Moreton Morrell**

Moreton Morrell Parish Council is launching a anti dog fouling campaign and leaflets have been developed and kindly printed by the college. A quantity of leaflets are therefore available together with 'poo' bags for distribution in both Newbold Pacey and Ashorne if required as we know that MM and the college grounds are also used by dogs and their owners residing in this parish.

## **10. County Councillor's report**

Cllr Kendall sent the following report:

County Cllr grant applications were due soon.

The two significant issues that I feel I should comment on at this time though are Bus Stops and the question of Warwickshire joining the West Midlands Combined Authority.

On Bus Stops, Progress remains slow but hopeful. At present the sites have been agreed by County Council, funds have been identified and secured, approval in principal from Stage Coach is provision although they seem unwilling to commit fully as yet, pending the reappraisal of routes more generally. Its seems likely that our two proposed stops will be along the main bus routes, there is however another period of delay as we await Stage Couches final approval.

With regard to the question of the West Midland Combined Authority (WMCA) I feel confident that Cllr. Parry can give you a good understanding of what it is and where SDC are in terms of their approach to this question. From a County perspective this is a little trickier, as there is initially some hesitation about whether WMCA is the right thing for Warwickshire to join. I wish that I could give you a more decisive answer to what WCC will decided, but unfortunately, the WCC is not due to make its decision until Thursday of this week. I will however, update you all when I can.

## **11. Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been circulated by email.

Combined Authority Consultation 24/8/15

Home composting workshop 23/9/15 – 6.00pm Stratford Methodist Hall, Old Town

Community Forum – Police priorities 11/9/15

Community Forum – 24/9/15

Training Update– WALC

Courtesy letter ref Pincroft development – Jon Rajkowski

The letter from Rajkowski builder was discussed, as several parishioners has complained about the sign on the Green. After discussion it was resolved to write to the builders and request the sign be removed, and if absolutely necessary for a smaller sign to be erected, also to ask them to reinstate the Green should any damage be caused by lorries. *Clerk to write.*

## **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 would be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm . NB: This is 1 week later than usual due to the clash with WALC AGM (this was agreed at May AGM).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm