

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd January 2018

PRESENT: Councillors: D Johnston (Chair), A Marshall,
J Cooper, W Carroll, C Bayliss
District Cllr: A Parry
County Cllr: A Parry
Clerk: P Routly
and 7 members of the public

1. Public participation

Cllr Johnston explained that there were a few changes to agenda, this including the pulling forward of District Cllr and County Cllr reports and section on planning, the intention being that these items could be discussed whilst the public were present.

Mr Woodfin raised a question about the poor state of fences on the allotments; Cllr Bayliss said it had been mentioned in the playing field consultation at the November meeting. Cllr Carroll and Cllr Cooper offered to take a look.

The purchaser of village garden, Mr William Wood wanted to know what was happening about the trees on the site planted by the Parish Council. It was agreed to ask Cllr Bolton to speak to purchaser to discuss options.

Mr Matt Bates, raised the subject of erecting a poly tunnel on the allotment field, and laying a pipe underground to stop water freezing. He wanted a decision on poly tunnel due to the lambing season coming. Cllr Johnston proposed accepting the poly tunnel; Cllr Cooper seconded, and it was carried unanimously. All agreed the best location was at the top of the field. A letter from the Clerk will confirm it will need to be removed when field is vacated. Mr Bates agreed to return at some point in future to discuss the water pipe.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr Bolton due to holidays. Cllr Parry arrived at 8.00pm.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st November 2017.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November were unanimously approved as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

5. District Councillors' Report

Cllr Parry read out her pre-filed report:-

'A draft Stratford Area Transport Strategy is now a major focus for 2018 and the outcomes of the comprehensive consultation process will continue to be debated by both Warwickshire County Council and Stratford on Avon District Council during 2018. My objection to potential proposals for an Eastern Relief Road which links with Wellesbourne still stands, as evidence suggests there are negligible benefits to the highway network and undoubtedly such a large-scale infrastructure project would require further development to pay for it.

Construction of the new medical centre is starting this month and has been a complex planning application to bring to fruition and reached a critical point just before Christmas in being able to discharge the construction conditions. The senior planning management team at Stratford District Council worked extremely hard and were exceptionally helpful by going the extra mile at the eleventh hour to overcome difficult planning issues and potential financial implications to the practice. We look forward to seeing the development take shape over the coming months.

The next few weeks are particularly busy ones focusing on budgets'

6. County Councillors' Report

Cllr Parry read out her pre-filed report:-

'Road Safety continues to be a key focus with accidents in Newbold Pacey and Ashorne. Increased road safety signage measures on the Newbold Road approaching Newbold Pacey from both Wellesbourne and the Crematorium end are in the pipeline. Whilst they do not go far enough in my view the introduction of new enhanced safety measures are to be welcome ... I am continuing to liaise with WCC regarding a STOP sign at the Ashorne Crossroads.

As a member of the Adult Social Care and Health OS Committee I have also been involved in a task and finish group looking into the provision of GP services across the county. Whilst South Warwickshire is better catered for in this respect, the doctors' services continue to be stretched particularly at this time of year and are being impacted by missed appointments and unnecessary visits to surgeries for minor ailments which can routinely be handled by the local pharmacy. The practices in Wellesbourne and Kineton are not immune to these issues and residents are urged not to miss appointments or block valuable surgery time unnecessarily.

As with the district, the next few weeks are going to be very busy looking at budgets.'

Cllrs discussed the road safety proposals for Newbold Pacey and concluded they felt that the proposals are inadequate, and WCC experts are not putting enough focus on traffic from Wellesbourne. Cllrs also asked Cllr Parry about the possibility of stop signs at Ashorne crossroads, Cllr Parry stated WCC will consider but budget is an issue. Cllr Bayliss also raised issue of black ice due to lack gritting. The Clerk questioned the sense of placing of the 50mph sign on the giveway sign.

7. Planning

a. New plans to consider

17/03666/FUL Single storey rear extension; single storey side extension; new rooflights; external alterations to include changes to garage doors/ windows and additional rooflights. Strawberry Barn Ashorne Road, Ashorne CV35 9DU.

After discussed it was agreed unanimously to send no objections. *Clerk to respond to SDC.*

b. Decisions of Committee (for information)

17/03449/FUL Proposed single storey and two storey extension to front and single storey extension to rear. Magnolia Cottage Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR . **No Objections sent.**

c. District Decisions (for information only)

17/03229/TREE -T1 Cedar - Remove 1 subsided limb over highway and 1 limb with hazard beam crack. -T2 and T3 yew - Crown lift to 4.5m over highway. -T4 yew hedge - Reduce in height to 2m and 1m back from highway. -T5 Ash - Crown reduction to height of 2m. -T6 Holly - Crown reduction to height of 2m. Land Rear of Pond And Pool Cottages Newbold Pacey. **Tree Works approved.**

17/03260/LBC Internal alterations to create one training room. Ashorne Hill Management College, Ashorne Hill, Leamington Spa, CV33 9QW. **Listed Building Consent Approved**

8. Matters arising

a. Rural Housing Survey adoption and event organisation –vote and debate- All / Sarah Brooke- Taylor

Cllr Johnston invited Sarah Brooke Taylor from WRCC to speak. She stated the first stage was to adopt the report, this would not commit the Council to development, but would ensure that SDC consider the report when new applications come forward. Adoption was proposed by Cllr Bayliss, this was seconded by Cllr Marshall, and carried unanimously. Cllr Marshall then led discussion on next steps, and whether a drop in session should be held to understand whether the community wanted the housing needs to be progressed, and if so whether any land owners would be prepared to be involved. Cllr Cooper agreed to talk to the W.I. to see if a coffee morning slot could be used. WRCC would support with forms etc. Cllr Johnston asked for a volunteer to work with Sarah, Cllr Cooper agreed. *Cllr Cooper to discuss date with W.I.*

b. Playing Field next steps – info – Cllr Carroll

Cllr Carroll read out an anonymous letter that Cllr Bayliss had received from a resident / number of residents, who felt the playing field need was not substantiated and questioned whether public money, should be used. Cllr Carroll stated the playing field committee met to discuss fund raising, at a similar time the anonymous letter was received. As a result the members of the committee felt the village is not behind it, and Mrs Kate Hopkins and Mrs Jane Reading told Cllr Carroll they were not prepared to put in loads of effort if the village was not behind the proposals. Cllr Carroll agreed to follow up with Kate and Jane still to see if they were still interested, as they had the PC support. *Cllr Carroll to follow up.*

c. Cricket Ground bridge quotes -info- Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting she had sent a detailed brief outlining proposed works to 9 contractors, 3 had declined, 4 had not responded and 2 were interested. It was resolved for them to meet with Cllr Bolton on his return. *Clerk to organise.*

d. Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Flooding measures feedback – info - Cllr Johnston

Cllr Johnston read a summary he had circulated by email. All agree some works had been done at done at Newbold Pacey, however, patching repair had not been done. Cllr Marshall stated he was very frustrated. *Cllr Parry agreed to follow up with WCC and to include Ashorne drains.*

e. Defibrillator Training - info – Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Doctors Mr and Mrs Gordon from Moreton Morrell had agreed to undertake the training, as long as their babysitting cost of £15 were covered and each person contributed £1, all of which would go to BHF. Cllr Carroll proposed the council pick up all costs; this was seconded by Cllr Johnston and carried unanimously. The Clerk agreed to arrange dates, likely to be in early Feb. *Clerk to arrange.*

f. 100th Anniversary of Great War - Beacon Lighting Ceremony 11/11/18 – debate – All

The item was discussed and Cllr Parry suggested a joint event with Moreton Morrell might be appropriate, as Moreton Morrell has already initiated an event and the school was going to be involved, and many local children go to Moreton Morrell School. All thought this was a good idea. *Cllr Parry to discuss with Moreton Morrell.*

g. Churchyard capacity and approach to landowner – info- – PCC rep

Mr Richard Woodfin was present from the PCC but did not know if Pricilla Cook has spoken to the local landowner. Cllr Johnston agreed to discuss with Pricilla Cook, and landowner as he understood the Church was prepared to close the churchyard.

h. New Code of Conduct – adopt or defer until training - All

All agreed to defer to the next meeting based on understanding the training date in March.

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

a. Ashorne Crossroads ‘The Square’ road safety measures – Cllr Parry

Covered in item 6.

10. Finance

a. Approval of payments

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

1.	Water Plus	£15.18
2.	R Cook grass cutting	£80.00
3.	WCC hut printing	£109.00
4.	St Georges Churchyard Grant	£320.00
5.	Village Hall Grant(Ashorne hut fund)	£320.00
6.	P Routly - Salary (Nov/Dec) inc backpay	£417.96
7.	P Routly – Expenses (Nov/Dec)	£62.24

b. Receipts

None.

c. Churchyard Grant agreement (current £320, budgeted £1000)

It was resolved to leave at the current level, as no new request had been received.

d. 2018/19 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 Cooper, seconded by Cllr Carroll, Cllr Johnston and Marshall supported, and Cllr Bayliss objected, the motion was carried by majority.

e. 2018/19 Budget approval (circulated)

The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed budget, after discussion about future costs, Cllr Johnston proposed the budget, including a 2% precept increase, be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Cooper and carried unanimously.

f. 2018/19 Precept approval – 2% increase proposed

In line with the budget Cllr Johnston proposed the precept be set at £6070, this was seconded by Cllr Marshall and carried unanimously. *Clerk to inform SDC.*

g. Clerk pay rise (back dated to April 17) 1% national agreement

Cllr Cooper Johnston proposed the increase, Cllr Marshall seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

11. Correspondence (emails forwarded regularly) – these particular items require short discussion

a. National Garden Party Nominations by 31st Jan.

A proposal was agreed. *Clerk to make application.*

b. Anonymous letter on playing field discussions.

Covered in item 8b.

12. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

It was agreed to add allotment boundary fences and the PC website to the March agenda.

Cllr Marshall informed the meeting that Wellesbourne have new lengthman. He said the will follow up.

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 7th March 2018 7.30PM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm