

# NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**PRESENT: Councillors:** S Bolton (Chair), J Cooper, A Marshall,  
F Kishor, C Pate, M Boardman  
**District Councillors:** D Johnston, R Wright, D Kendall  
**County Councillor:** D Kendall  
**Clerk :** S Routly ( stand in )  
and 1 member of the public

Before the meeting started Cllr Bolton called for a minute's silence in memory of John Poole who was a former Parish Councillor and sadly passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

## **1. Public participation**

Sarah Brook Taylor spoke on behalf of WRCC and their Oil syndicate that was operating county wide. The syndicate was on saving members 5ppl on average, they had also negotiated saving on LPG. She wanted help from the Parish Council to publicise. It was agreed to pass on the information again in the Village Hut news.

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that he had discussed opportunities with the Clerk to make the meeting slicker and stay within the 2 hour standing order limit. In future members of the public would be limited to 3 minutes each and 15 in total, and District and County Cllrs would be asked to pre file reports.

## **2. Declaration of Interests**

None.

## **3. Apologies for absence**

P Routly recovering from a back procedure.

## **4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013.**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

## **5. Matters arising**

### **a. Allotment Wood Feedback**

The Clerk informed the meeting that finally permission had been granted by the Secretary of State to use 1 acre of the allotment for a recreational purposes, including a play area and woodland. Any plans will be subject to future meeting discussion.

**b. Bus stops at Newbold Pacey**

Cllr Johnston stated that the works were not budgeted for so little progress had been made, he would see if there was money in the Stratford Area delegate budget. Cllr Boardman pointed out that the bus stop sign now stated 'and opposite' which would encourage people to stand on a very dangerous bend. It was resolved to write to WCC, and copy Cllr Kendall. *Clerk to write.*

**c. Flooding works update**

Cllr Bolton read pre-prepared notes stating he thought that works required included 5 additional drains between 'Saddlestones' and 'Victoria Cottage' and two silt pits across the entrances to Crabtree allotments and the Holloway. All agreed these should be flagged to WCC Highways. Cllr Wright stated the Parish Council should be proactive and seek quotes to support a grant application. He agreed to get one quote and pass onto the Clerk so another quote could be sought from Farm Services. Quotes to be copied to Cllr Kendall. In the meantime a holding grant application should be made to SDC. *Cllr Wright and Clerk to seek quotes and Clerk to make grant application to SDC.*

**d. Dog Fouling**

Cllr Bolton thanked Cllr Cooper for the note in the Village Hut. Cllr Boardman stated there were still offenders. It was resolved for the Clerk to draft a letter that could be dropped through letterboxes by Cllrs and to put another note in the Village Hut. *Clerk to draft letter.*

**e. Speed reduction measures update**

Cllr Kendall stated consultation was underway and the work would be complete before April 2014 , possibly much earlier.

The Clerk was asked to report signage issues at the Square and Culvert on the Moreton Morrell road. *Clerk to report.*

**f. Close signage**

No progress. *Cllr Johnston agreed to follow up.*

**g. Ashorne House verges**

The Clerk informed the meeting she had a response from Patch Byrne at WCC who stated he was not concerned about the wood edging boards but was concerned about the rocks . He would write to Mr Darling and ask him to remove the rocks and allow him to install wood bollards with reflectors if it was his wish.

**h. Warwick District Travellers sites – Clerk to update Council**

The Clerk informed the meeting a response had been sent, there was no further update.

**i. Village Garden – Clerk to update Council**

The Clerk informed the meeting she had sought 5 quotes from Villagers and Mr Mann. Only one quote was received from Mr Mann of £320 to cut and grass and pivot hedge, cut brambles and clear from site. It was resolved to accept his quote. It was also resolved to discuss future actions at the next meeting. It was also resolved to write and thank Mr Woodfin who had cut some of the grass. *Clerk to follow up.*

**j. Welcome pack - Brief update - Cllr Cooper to update Council**

Cllr Cooper informed the meeting the new welcome pack was almost complete, and extra folders had been obtained from Moreton Morrell. She proposed spending £80 on printing 50 packs, this was seconded by Cllr Kishor and carried unanimously. *Cllr Cooper to arrange printing.*

**k. Jubilee Trees – Cllr Bolton to update Council**

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that the trees had been watered 6 times and he had developed a rota. As rain was forecast it was resolved that Cllr Bolton would contact others if more watering was required. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Beale and Mr Mann to ensure the trees were not damaged during hedge cutting. Cllr Bolton to provide contact details. Cllr Wright suggested putting in red marker posts, Cllr Bolton stated he would look into this. *Clerk to contact land owners.*

**6. Planning**

**a. Applications to consider**

13/01775/FUL. Rear conservatory extension. The Old School Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DU  
All agreed there were no issues and neighbours were happy. *Clerk to send 'No reps' response.*

**b. District Decisions for information**

13/00996/FUL Change of use of redundant milking parlour to stables. Flint Hall – **Refused**  
13/01415/FUL Construction of concrete slabs, installation of oil tank, installation of boiler and brick house. Cob House . Newbold Pacey – **Permissions with conditions**

**c. Other Planning issues**

The Gaydon / Lighthorne new town proposal was discuss. Cllr Marshall informed the meeting of his attendance at the presentation. It was resolved unanimously to send the following letter in response to the consultation:-

Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council would like to make the following comments with respect to the new town proposals:-

1. Whilst the Parish Council recognises that the District Council has to meet its obligations to the Government by producing a Core Strategy which encompasses many new houses, it feels that the process has not been transparent. The strategy has been in development for many years and it is inappropriate to introduce such a massive development in the final phase with such a short consultation period.
2. The Parish Council recognises that the development has to go somewhere, however, this location will have a significant impact on our Parish in terms of traffic and disruption during the building phase and afterwards.
3. The plan contains no information on how the disruption to local villages maybe mitigated, a study should be undertaken.
4. The plan does not contain detail on how Lighthorne Heath may benefit from the development; this village has been in need for an improvement strategy for many years.

5. The proposal contains little detail on the ‘upside’ for neighbouring communities ie. Improved leisure facilities in the North of the District.

In Summary the Parish Council is not objecting per se at this stage but has the strong opinion that the most significant development proposal for the District in its history should not be rushed, the whole community should be properly consulted.

## **7. Finance**

### **a. Approval of payments**

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

1. P Routly - Salary ( July/ Aug) via D Tonks	£387.22
2. P Routly – Expenses ( July / Aug)	£93.55
3. WCC Village Hut Printing	£27.00

### **b. Receipts**

The following receipts were reported:-

1. Donation for Footpath Maps – Black Horse	£50.00
2. Donation for Footpath Maps – Stags Head	£250.00
3. Donation for Footpath Maps – Boars Head	£200.00
4. Donation for Footpath Maps – Touchdown Inn	£75.00

### **c. Internal and External Audit feedback**

The Clerk informed the meeting the internal audit was complete with no issues. The external audit was not yet complete.

### **d. Clerks salary**

As a national increase was due, Cllr Bolton proposed moving the Clerks Salary scale from SCP19 to SCP20, this was seconded by Cllr Pate and carried unanimously.

## **8. District Councillor’s report**

Cllr Johnston pre-filed the following report :-

Core Strategy - The pre-submission draft of the strategy was approved by SDC at the end of July and is now out for consultation until 15<sup>th</sup> September. There is no development proposed for Ashorne or Newbold Pacey but there are developments proposed elsewhere which may impact. The big change which has only been made public since July is the proposal for effectively a New Town at Lighthorne Heath. This will over some years become the second biggest town in Stratford District. There is an active campaign group, whose website is [www.forse.org.uk](http://www.forse.org.uk). There is disbelief that the developers have been working on this proposal and have made progress on land assembly, without the knowledge of SDC.

There are other areas of impact locally. There will be on second river crossing in Stratford, so local roads will remain potential ‘rat runs’ between South Stratford and Warwick and Leamington. Secondary schooling will be reorganised as Kineton High School is likely to be replaced by the new Learning Academy at Lighthorne Heath. We need to ensure that this has a

positive impact for Wellesbourne and Moreton Morrell Schools. HRI I believe remains as a Technology and a business park.

Speed limits – should be going for statutory consultation shortly.- 50 mph on all the roads meeting at The Square.

Bus stop at Newbold Pacey – I have asked for an update. I shall report further at the meeting

Walking Guide - We hope to complete the web based version this evening. Almost £1000 has been sponsored by local businesses to produce the paper based version for all households and for visitor use. Could I thank the Parish Council for it's support.

Cllr Wright pre-filed the following report :-

The Draft Core Strategy is undergoing possible legal objections from Lighthorne Parish Council regarding proposals for the Proposed New Settlement at Lighthorne Heath due to a total lack of public consultation with the communities at both settlements. It appears Lighthorne Heath are less objectionable than Lighthorne Village – the latter surely not effected by the development I would have thought – but clearly, the District Council have acted unforgivably on the proposals and one must question the logic in the way this has been managed. NP & A come in the 'Other Settlements' category and are not affected by this other than further possible delays in the formal adoption of the Strategy currently planned for November 2014.

The consultation on Community Governance (Parish) Review is now completed and changes made to 14 Parish Boundaries, this did not have any bearing on Parishes in Wellesbourne Ward other than Wellesbourne PC will be renamed to Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council in April 2014.

The Electoral Review undertaken by SDC to reduce members from 53 to 36 together with associated changes to Ward boundaries is currently with Boundaries Commission for consideration following public consultation. To date I have not heard of clarification requests coming from the Commission, and we can only hope the end of September will see a positive response from them.

Cllr Kendall pre-filed the following report:-

Draft Core Strategy - The Strategy progresses along its projected timetable. At present it is undergoing an additional consultation process to gain public opinion of the New Settlement (4800 homes) in Lighthorne Heath and the Canal Regeneration Quarter in Stratford (700 home). But I'm confident that Roger could probably give a far more detailed overview of this.

In addition Cllr Wright informed the meeting that SDC Enforcement were taking action at Flint Hall.

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

Cllr Kendall pre-filed the following report:-

Children's Centre Consultation -Over the next four years all councils and local authorities must make savings in their budgets. Unfortunately this also applies the range of services provided by

WCC. Children's Centres must cut their budget from £7.5m to £5.2m 2014/15 (a reduction of £2.3m)

Our closest Children's Centre is Wellies based in the Wellesbourne Library. Presently the County is consulting on one a choice of three available options. Option One sees all Children's Centres remain open but with a reduction in senior management and a more "focused" targeting of specific services. Both Option Two and Three would see Wellies close.

Consequently I will be recommending (as part of the consultation process) that WCC select Option One. I hope this will meet with your support and approval.

County Councillors Grant Fund -On happier news I am pleased to announce that Wellesbourne will again benefit from the Councillor's Grant Fund this year. The Councillor's Grant Fund (provided by Warwickshire County Council) helps communities address issues of local concern to them.

The fund is aimed at community and voluntary organisations and will provide a total of £5,000 for Wellesbourne (County Division), which the County Councillor is permitted to allocate to small-scale projects that meet community needs (ideally up to 4 projects per area but there is flexibility where significant demand for more projects is shown). Closing date for all applications is Friday 11th October 2013.

*After discussion it was resolved to apply for a grant to re-point the Wozzley bridge. Cllr Wright and Bolton to meet and make proposal to Cllr Kendal*

#### **10. Correspondence**

- i) Community Forum 26<sup>th</sup> September
- ii) Neighbourhood Plan .

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that the Clerk at Wellesbourne would be making contact with a view to consider a ward wide neighbourhood plan. It was resolved that Cllr Bolton, Cllr Cooper and Cllr Marshall would attend.

#### **11. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items**

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that it was the Centenary of the start of the First World War next year and there were grants available to communities to remember. He also stated there were Lottery Grants for 'Big Tree Plants'. He would pass the details to the Clerk for circulation and discussion at the next meeting.

#### **12. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent**

None.

#### **13. Date of next meeting**

It was resolved that the next meeting is to be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm