

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th November 2013

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), J Cooper,
A Marshall, F Kishor, C Pate,
M Boardman
District Councillors: D Johnston (from 8.30pm),
R Wright
Clerk : P Routly
and 3 members of the public

1. Public participation

Mr Carroll addressed the meeting with respect to plans he has for an extension to his dwelling, prior to submission to SDC. The Parish Council and Cllr Wright stated they appreciated the pre-application consultation.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Kendall due to another meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th September 2013.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Matters arising

a. Land Registry Feedback – Clerk and All.

The clerk prior to the meeting had circulated feedback from the Land Registry, rejecting the application. It was proposed by Cllr Bolton to set up a sub committee, Cllr Boardman seconded this. It was agreed the sub-committee would be led by Cllr Bolton and include Cllr Marshall and Mr Thornton from the Village Hut Committee.

b. Right to bid registration – Clerk to update

The Clerk reported that SDC had confirmed that Cricket Ground, Village Garden and The Cottage Tavern had been accepted onto the register.

c. Bus stops at Newbold Pacey – Clerk to update

The Clerk circulated the response from WCC transport prior to the meeting. Cllr Boardman stated there had been a near miss incidence again, and requested that Stagecoach be written to again. It was resolved to write again to WCC and Stagecoach. Cllr Johnston also agreed to follow up. *Clerk to write.*

d. Flooding works update-

i) Additional road drains – Cllr Kendall

ii) Silt traps/ grant – Clerk and Cllr Wright

Cllr Bolton stated that he was waiting to progress discussions with Cllr Kendall. Cllr Bolton also thanked the Clerk for securing a grant of £2000 from SDC for flood works when it is required. With respect to the silt traps Cllr Bolton had met with Rob Burtonshaw from Farm Services and he agreed there may be a better solution and will get back to the Clerk and Cllr Bolton in due course. Cllr Wright informed the meeting he had discussions with AMAC and ART but they had not got back to him. It was agreed to wait for the Farm Services recommendation before progressing further, at which time further quotes may be sought.

e. Marking Centenary of WWI and Big Tree grants – All

Cllr Bolton stated he understood the Big Tree planting grant had now finished, but others may be available, and enquired whether the Cllr's would like to progress any tree planting on the allotment field. There was no decision at this stage and the discussion moved onto the Centenary of the First World War. There was discussion about enhancing the war memorial plaque at Newbold Pacey. Cllr Bolton stated he had asked the Village Hall Committee who were due to meet what their views might be. It was resolved to communicate ideas by email before the next meeting.

f. Close signage – Cllr Johnston

Cllr Johnston informed the meeting that he had emailed the Head of Service pointing out that the current sign is homemade and asking the District to install a proper sign at the entrance to the Close. *Cllr Johnston to progress.*

g. Village Garden maintenance – Clerk and Cllr Boardman

The Clerk was asked to seek a quote from annual maintenance from MFM services, but to exclude May and June to allow the wild flowers to come through. *Clerk to seek quote.*

h. Welcome pack - Brief update - Cllr Cooper to update Council

Cllr Cooper informed the meeting the cost is actually now £122 due to extra pages .It was proposed to accept this by Cllr Cooper, this was seconded by Cllr Boardman, and carried unanimously. It was also agree the pack would be added to the website by the Clerk. *Clerk to add to website.*

i. Bench painting update –All

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting he had purchased micro-porous sealant for the bench and a new catch for the notice board. Due to the weather it was now important to wait until better weather. It was resolved to ask for volunteers via the Village hut newsletter. *Cllr Cooper to arrange.*

6. Planning

a. Applications to consider

13/02650/FUL Retrospective application to regularise amendments to the approved 'as built' dwelling known as 'Westfield House' and alterations to the redundant Milking Parlour and inclusion into the curtilage of Westfield House. Amendments to approved landscaping scheme and change of use of agricultural land to paddock land. Flint Hall, Newbold Pacey, Warwick, CV35 9DY plus visit feedback.

Some Cllrs had visited the site on the previous Saturday and the applicant Mr Lynch was present at the meeting.

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to send the following comments:

The Parish Council has visited the site and discussed the application, and whilst it does not approve of retrospective applications it has no issue with the amendments to the dwelling, the milking parlour or the curtilage and paddocks. However the Parish Council is concerned the site has been over developed from the start and would request all permitted development rights are removed from all buildings to prevent future developments without full planning permission.
Clerk to send response.

b. District Decisions for information

13/01775/FUL Rear conservatory extension. The Old School Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DU
Permissions with conditions

c. Lighthorne Heath / Gaydon New Town Update

Cllr Johnston informed the meeting the Draft Core Strategy decisions were deferred until at least December whilst other options to the new town were considered. Cllr Bolton requested the District Cllrs kept the Parish Council informed of developments between meetings.

d. Feedback on Neighbourhood Plan meeting at Wellesbourne – All

Cllr Marshall and Cllr Cooper attended the meeting with Cllr Bolton. Cllr Cooper stated Chairman of the Kineton spoke about the development of their plan, and it was a huge amount of work, and professional costs involved. The discussion was whether it should be a Ward wide plan, it was agreed this should follow the draft Core Strategy. Cllr Cooper emphasised that the development of a plan must include various members of the community and is not necessarily led by the Parish Council. There will be another meeting to get into the detail and make plans to progress.

7. Finance

a. Approval of payments

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

1. Roundbox creative walking guide	£384.00
2. Village hut printing August and October	£32.00
3. MFM services Village Garden	£245.00
4. BPS (Bench painting + notice board latch)	£22.36
5. P Routly - Salary (Sept/ Oct) via D Tonks)	£392.92
6. P Routly – Expenses (Sept/Oct)	£112.90

b. Receipts

The following receipts were reported:-

1. Donation for Footpath Maps – Wests Bakery	£100.00
2. Donation for Footpath Maps – The Fox Inn Loxley	£25.00
3. Donation for Footpath Maps – GWS Petrol	£50.00
4. Donation for Footpath Maps – Wellesbourne Fish and Chips	£100.00
5. Wayleave	£27.74
6. Precept	£2665.00

c. External Audit feedback

The Clerk informed the meeting the external audit was complete. There had been advise on depreciation, which the Clerk will take account of in future accounts

d. Mid Year Financial report

Thee clerk pre-circulated a mid-year budget report, that showed expenditure was within budget. Cllr Bolton stated he was awaiting the outcome of the District Cllr grant to see if money was forthcoming for the bridge pointing.

8. District Councillor's report

Cllr Johnston pre-filed the following report :-

Core Strategy

The adoption of the Submission Draft of the Core Strategy has been further delayed whilst further consideration is given to two sites near Southam. It is hoped that this will be completed for the December meeting of the Council. The likely date for final adoption will be well into 2014.

Street Signs – I have e mailed the Head of Service pointing out that the current sign is home made and asking the District to install a proper sign at the entrance to the Close.

Bus stop at Newbold Pacey – I have suggested the installation of a temporary sign if funding for a permanent solution is leading to delays.

Walking Guide. We have had further offers of sponsorship which have really been quite generous. Our current timetable is to print the Guide during December and January, with a formal launch at he Wellesbourne and Kineton Community Forum in Ashorne Village Hall on March 6th. We shall though start delivery as soon as the printer delivers the Guide.

Cllr Wright pre-filed the following report :-

Core Strategy

Submission is still held in abeyance due to further work required for the new settlement at Lighthorne/L Heath & Gaydon, it is clearly apparent Jaguar Landrover were not consulted on the development proposals and thus, quite rightly raised objections based on restriction to its proposed expansion plans on the same land holdings now proposed for development. We wait and see the outcome but I believe it delays the Core Strategy by a further 6 months at the very least, and final adoption - if accepted by the Secretary of State – possibly circa the Spring of 2015.

New Homes

Bonus Grants Scheme has just been launched by SDC with the aim of supporting projects across the district to enhance existing facilities or, to create new community facilities and associated activities. A total budget of £119,400 is available to Parish & Town Councils together with constituted voluntary community groups who are invited to apply for grant aid between £500 and up to £10,000. The council is keen to hear from applicants that can demonstrate sustainability and economic benefits to its community. Contact: Lana Long on 01789 260609 or alternately by email direct to lane.long@stratford-dc.gov.uk.

Community Infrastructure Levy

SDC are commencing with the first formal stage of consultation on CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy – with the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule out for a six week consultation from 31st October to 13th December. The system is intended to raise finance for infrastructure and community facilities and will work alongside S106 Agreements. Under CIL Regulations 2013, a proportion of revenues will be passed to Town & Parish Councils for spending on local priorities for infrastructure and community facilities. If a council has a Neighbourhood Plan in operation, it will yield 25% of CIL receipts from within the plan area, but if no plan is developed a community will receive 15% of CIL receipts with a limit of £100 per dwelling.

Cllr Kendall pre-filed the following report:-

Future of Kineton High School:

With reference to the proposed new settlement at Lighthorne/Gaydon, I spoke to the Portfolio Holder for Children & Schools regarding the future of Kineton High School. Heather Timms confirmed that there are certainly no plans at present to close the school. She told me that she saw no reason why Kineton High could not continue in addition to the proposed new Learning Academy.

9. County Councillor's report

Cllr Kendall pre-filed the following report:-

Police & Crime:

County Councillors had a briefing from Crime Commissioner & Chief Constable (26/9/2013)

- We start from a very low crime level, making it hard to drop much further
- Overall crime is down 2.9% (1st April-25th Sept)
- Serious Sexual crime is up, 24.8% - mainly due to new reports of historic abuse - the "Saville Factor"
- Car crime is down, but theft from cars is up slightly... Mainly from unlocked cars.
- Changes to the powers of PCSO's - including the power to ticket for parking obstruction and working hours changed to allow shifts to continue until midnight.

Shaping the Future - WCC Budget Consultation:

County Council Leader Izzie Seccombe reported to the council the extent of the cuts required by Central Government. (26/9/2013)

- WCC must find £92M of savings over the next four years.
- Job cuts are inevitable, but will be carried out (as closely as possible) with consultation with staff and unions.

- There also be a full public consultation on the shape of Warwickshire County Council services inviting views on where savings should be made.
- WCC officers have suggested a 2% increase in council tax - this is not the final policy of the council and the final decision will be made by members following a full public consultation.
- See new document "Shaping the Future" for further information.

County Councillors Grant Funding:

The process closed on 11th October. I am meeting Amanda Wilson-Patterson on the 12th November to discuss the applications.

10. Correspondence

i) Road sign repairs

It was reported that the Culvert sign had been repaired.

ii) Ashorne House verges

It was reported the rocks had been replaced with wooden bollards

iii) Dog Fouling letter

The Clerk had prepared a draft letter that was intended only to go to dog owners causing fouling. Cllr Cooper suggested it should go to the whole village and agreed to re-word and circulate.

iv) Diamond Jubilee Trees

Cllr Bolton asked for a letter of thanks to go to Mr Mann for avoiding the trees whilst hedge cutting.

11. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

Cllr Bolton confirmed the Community Forum would be held in Ashorne Village Hall on 6th March 2014, and would include the launch of the Footpath walking guide.

On Saturday 8th March 2014 there would be a short walk from the Stags Head in Wellesbourne to Walton also to launch the map.

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 8th January 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm