

# NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**PRESENT: Councillors:** A Marshall (Chair), F Kishor,  
S Bolton, D Johnston, J Cooper  
W Carroll  
**District Councillor:** A Parry  
**Clerk:** S Routly ( P Routly ill )  
and 10 members of the public

### 1. Public participation

The Council was asked by Mr Tony Philpott if they were worried about possible traffic increase as a result of GLH development. Cllr Marshall, said yes they were, and their views had been put forward to SDC/ WCC meetings, including one recently attended by Cllr Johnston. Mrs Pricilla Cook stated the road was narrowing near her house due to verges collapsing, Cllr Marshall agreed to speak to the Lengthsman.

### 2. Declaration of Interests

None.

### 3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Kendall.

### 4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January were unanimously approved as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

### 5. Matters arising

#### a. **Housing Survey – Sarah Brooke-Taylor**

Sarah introduced herself and explained the purpose, logistics and benefits of conducting a housing survey. It will inform of local housing needs. After discussion, Cllr Carroll proposed that the survey be conducted, this was seconded by Cllr Cooper and carried unanimously. The survey will happen during April / May. *Clerk to liaise.*

#### b. **Playing Field Next steps – Clerk / All**

The Clerk explained that approval had been granted by the Allotment Society and subsequently the Secretary of State to allow a portion of the vacant allotments to be used for a play area, if required. It was resolved that Cllr Carroll and Cllr Johnston would visit the site and meeting with the playing field committee and allotment holders to discuss the possible areas. The Council members made it clear that this needs to be a community funded activity and not PC funded, although the PC would support. *Cllr Carroll and Cllr Johnston to follow up.*

**c. Lengthmanship scheme jobs – Cllr Marshall/All**

Cllr Marshall stated he would follow up with the Lengthman on jobs highlighted by Cllr Bolton, and include phone box painting and sign cleaning. *Cllr Marshall to follow up.*

**d. Ashorne Flooding next steps - Clerk / All**

The Clerk had circulated a response from Patch Bryne of WCC stating he would liaise with other parts of WCC to understand what needed to be done. It was resolved to write to Patch again to follow up. *Clerk to write.*

**e. Newbold Pacey Highways Issues – Cllr Kendall / Cllr Marshall**

Cllr Marshall informed the meeting that he had raised the subject of road safety and flooding at the Community Forum. The Clerk read out a letter from WCC highway safety, that acknowledged 4 of the accidents, but stated there were many hotspots in Warwickshire and resources were limited, currently there had to be 5 or 6 accidents to make it onto the action list. The Council acknowledged that at least the white lines and now been repainted. The Clerk also read a letter from Patch Bryne stating action was planned on the flooding, including some resurfacing and new gulleys. It was resolved to ask Cllr Kendall if he had any funds for further signs, it was also resolved to follow up with Patch on timing of flood measures. *Clerk to write.*

**f. Cricket Ground Bridge repairs- Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton stated he had sought quotes from a few contractors to install a pipe whilst works were to be conducted. One was interested and a price limit had been set of £2000, but the quote was still awaited. It was resolved to follow up with Cllr's outside of the meeting. *Cllr Bolton and Clerk to follow up.*

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

**a. Allotment field shed request – Matt Bates**

Mr Bates asked permission for a temporary shed on a similar site as Mr Perkins on the allotment field. This was agreed unanimously. He also said he would like to bring small groups (those with learning difficulties and alike) onto the land, to teach them about the land and farming etc, this was also agreed. The Clerk stated that Mr Bates would need to provide his own public liability insurance.

**b. Community Forum feedback – All**

Cllr Parry informed the meeting that the Forum was attended by WCC Officers (which was an improvement). Cllr Marshall also made a very good presentation on highway issues at Newbold Pacey. A discussion was also held on school planning wrt new housing. Cllr Marshall also stated the police presence was good and the Community Officer Catherine Morgan had offered to come to PC meetings if she was available. It was agreed the Clerk would invite to the May AGM. *Clerk to invite.*

**c. Wellesbourne & District Walking, Cycling & Beer Festival' – S Bolton / D Johnston**

Cllr Johnston and Cllr Bolton explained the event would take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017, and feature beer , cycling , walking and hog roast (not necessarily in that order), based around the Bowling Club on the sports field in Wellesbourne . All are welcome.

**d. WCC grant plan – Cllr Carroll**

The Clerk informed the meeting the WCC grant of £1000 had been received. Cllr Carroll stated a small committee had been formed and they were planning a series of activities for the local children over the next 12 months. The community would informed by letter.

## **7. Planning**

### **a. New plans to consider**

None.

### **b. Decisions of Committee (for information)**

None.

### **c. District Decisions (for information only)**

None.

### **d. Other**

B4100 GLH feedback , next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March – D Johnston

Cllr Johnston stated he had attended the last meeting, and would also attend on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Minutes have been circulated.

## **8. Finance**

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

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

1.	Citizens Advice Donation	£100.00
2.	Village Hut printing (jan)	£20.00
3.	P Routly - Salary (Jan/Feb)	£399.96
4.	P Routly – Expenses (Jan/Feb)	£98.76
5.	PATA payroll services	£17.50

### **b. Receipts**

The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

1.	WCC District Cllrs grant	£1000
2.	Allotment field rent – Mr Bates	£350.00
3.	Allotment Rent – G Such	£9.00
4.	Allotment rent – Handsley	£27.00
5.	Allotment rent – Woodfin	£18.00
6.	Transparency fund	£766.00

### **c. Clock Maintenance agreement**

The Clerk sought approval for the next 3 year contract, the cost £488 versus £465, 3 years ago. This was unanimously approved.

### **d. Transparency Fund grant**

The Clerk informed the meeting that a grant for £766 had been applied for via WALC to cover IT and staff costs in support of meeting the Transparency Act requirement.

## **9. District Councillors' Report**

Cllr Parry gave the following report:-

### **Council Tax**

The Council Tax rates were agreed and approved at Full Council on 27th February and the Band D household rate for Newbold Pacey and Ashorne will be £1674.09 per annum. The increase reflects a 2% SDC Council Tax increase for which the contribution per Band D

Household is £135.71; with the Parish precept up to £47.52. The police precept for Warwickshire is £191.98 and the main proportion of the Council Tax is in respect of the County Council which includes funding of adult social care, education, transport and highways, fire and rescue, libraries, public health, waste disposal etc. In addition, the Budget was approved providing adequacy of reserves over the next five years.

### **New Transport Strategy for Stratford**

Stratford District Council is working with Warwickshire County Council to develop a new Transport Strategy for Stratford. It proposes a range of approaches to ease congestion, reduce traffic in central areas, improve air quality, protect the historic core of the town and improve the opportunities for travel by public transport, by cycle and on foot.

The public consultation was launched at a fourth Stratford Traffic Summit hosted by Nadhim Zahawi MP on February 9th 2017 at the Stratford Arts House on Rother Street. The consultation will run until 23rd March 2017.

Previous traffic summits have explored the key transport issues in Stratford-upon-Avon and identified the need to relieve traffic congestion on the Birmingham Road and explore opportunities for a relief road / third river crossing as priorities for action.

Approaches proposed in the strategy include: supporting the delivery of relief roads to the south and west of Stratford to link the A46 at Wildmoor with the B439 Evesham Road; a new relief road to the east of the town to route through traffic away from Clopton Bridge; revising town centre streets to reduce traffic and improve the environment for pedestrians; focusing long stay parking on out of centre areas and developing the provision of Park and Ride; improving facilities for walking and cycling; improving rail and road connections with key locations, such as supporting the proposals to upgrade the A46 between the M40 and M5 and improving connectivity between Stratford and the proposed HS2 interchange and wider UK Central area. Stratford District Council are holding this public consultation to share its proposed improvement ideas for Stratford-upon-Avon and to ask people's views. The shared vision is for Stratford to be a better place to live, work and visit.

It will still be important for the parish council to take part in the consultation process even though the parish is not directly impacted by the proposals.

<https://askwarks.wordpress.com/2017/02/10/stratford-upon-avon-area-transport-strategy-consultation/>

### **Community Forum**

The Wellesbourne and Kineton Community Forum was held at Ashorne Village Hall last Thursday 2 March when guest speakers included Jo Edwards, WCC Principal Road Safety Engineer and Chloe McCart, WCC School Organisation Planning Manager. Andrew Marshall, Chairman of NPAPC also gave an inciteful presentation on the hazardous road issues in respect of Newbold Road.

In a nutshell WCC advised that a lack of funding meant it was difficult to address speed reduction measures on the road due to higher priorities elsewhere in the county, but were now far better informed of the issues due to Andrew's excellent presentation.

Chloe McCart advised on the impact of new developments on the local primary schools in Wellesbourne, Moreton Morrell and Kineton as well as Kineton High School and Moreton Morrell College. She talked about the anticipated number of pupils per year group for new housing numbers and whilst there was capacity in some of the schools many places were being filled as a result of preferences from parents living both in and outside the local area. Priority on application would be given to children from the immediate area.

It was resolved to complete the SDC Transport survey with the following concerns:-

- 1) The provision of an Eastern Relief Road will increase the number of vehicles including HGV's travelling through the surrounding villages, adding to the existing rat runs fuelled by JLR and later by the impact of GLH.
- 2) The provision of an Easter Relief Road is likely to attract more housing between Wellesbourne and Tiddington in a bid to help fund its construction! (There would be no funding from SDC, WCC for a road of this scale – so it would have to come from government, LEP, West Midlands Combined Authority if at all)
- 3) An Eastern Relief Road would urbanise the south of Stratford-upon-Avon – in particular Tiddington and Wellesbourne - and result in losing swathes of valuable countryside, which will be lost forever.

*Clerk to complete survey.*

#### **10. County Councillors' Report**

Cllr Kendall was not present.

#### **11. Correspondence (circulated by email)**

a. Broadband Grant.

The Clerk explained superfast was in CSW contract 2.2 and Ashorne is included, delivery should be by end 2018. In the meantime government grants were available for individuals and business to install satellite broadband up to approx £350.

b. WCC Rural Growth plan survey

Info.

c. WCC Preparing for an Emergency – info

Cllr Cooper agreed to look at the current plan to see if it needed updating.

d. How to keep it local –info#

Info.

e. Devo+ - info

Info.

f. Stratford Time bank – invite ?

It was decided to communicate via the Hut news.

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

Cllr Marshall reminded the meeting it was his intention to stand down as Chair at the AGM  
Cllr Kishor offered her resignation as she is moving house. She agreed to inform the Clerk in writing.

**13. 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Note change of date from 3<sup>rd</sup> May due to Cllr availability.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm