

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15TH MAY 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors: S Bolton, M Whyte, L Tranter, A Parry

Clerk: C Price and 3 members of the public

1	Public Participation
	None
2	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
	None
3	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies had been received from Cllr Johnston & Cllr Brazel.
4	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 th March 2019
	The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th March 2019 were unanimously approved as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman. Proposed: Cllr Whyte Seconded: Cllr Bolton
5	District Councillors' Report
	<p>The Parish Council noted the content of Cllr Parry's report (given earlier at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council) which stated:</p> <p>First of all I would like to thank everyone who kindly supported my election and to advise I will continue to work hard on behalf of all the villagers.</p> <p>The last 12 months have been busy ones and I was delighted to see the opening of the new medical centre in Wellesbourne in March, which I am sure has been much welcomed by the villagers – there is no doubt that the new facilities will encourage additional doctors to join the team when they are in a position to recruit more staff.</p> <p>The District Council has been particularly busy under the new leadership of Cllr Tony Jefferson and SDC has become a councillor driven district council which includes the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spearheading the Compulsory Purchase Order of Wellesbourne Airfield to stop and protect the owners from selling the airfield to Gladmans for more housing. Work is still on-going with potential future partners/operators and a further meeting with the owners is scheduled for June. £1.25m set aside if required for CPO legal fees • Increase in council tax was 1.5%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Year Housing Land Supply which currently stands at 6.25 years is being recalculated as of 31st March 2019 and results are anticipated in July • Budget approved in February 2019 and expected level of revenue reserves c£10m – current Corporate Strategy extended to cover 2019 with the main priorities being: a flourishing local economy, people and their environment and being a responsible community leader. <p>Over the last year I have been Chair of Regulatory Services, Vice Chair of Planning East and a committee member of Planning West. As ward member I was also co-opted onto NPAPC earlier this year to avoid the parish council being inquorate and am delighted to see and meet the new councillors. I am pleased to advise that I have been appointed to Cabinet and am the new portfolio holder for Regulatory Services which includes environmental health, building control, land charges and enforcement. The next SDC Full Council Meeting is on 22 May 2019.</p>
6	County Councillors' Report
	<p>The Parish Council noted the content of Cllr Parry's report (given earlier at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council) which stated:</p> <p>Broadband After much continued lobbying I am pleased to report that FTTP (Fibre to the Premise) broadband is now available in parts of the Ashorne/Ashorne Hill area. The network in the area has been upgraded, meaning that some properties may not be able to order the improved service. FTTP is a relatively new type of fibre broadband with ultra-fast speeds of up to 1000 Mbps.</p> <p>Community Grants Through my community grants a donation of £975 was given to the Village Hall and £125 towards the replacement of the Jubilee Trees. The new Community Grants have just been launched and will close early June, so it is recommended that organisations submit their applications quickly.</p> <p>Pot Holes Pot holes have increasingly become a serious road safety issue, however WCC has been active in repairing pot holes throughout the district so it's therefore important to continue to report any pot holes via the WCC website and also alert myself so that I can chase them.</p> <p>Adult Social Care and Health As a member of the Adult Social Care and Health team I have been extensively involved in a Task and Finish Group looking at GP Services throughout the County over the last 12 months. It is widely known that GP Services are extremely stretched at present, however the issue is being compounded by no-shows from patients and those booking appointments for minor ailments which could otherwise be dealt with by the local pharmacy. Over £153 million is spent on delivering adult social care and health services across the district and this year's Council Tax</p>

4.99% increase includes 2% which has been ringfenced specifically to cope with the rising costs in this area with a growing elderly population.

Speeding

Following the horrific road traffic accident last year, I have been working with WCC on the installation of further road safety measures to the Newbold Road with additional signage, white lining and cats eyes. Newbold Road continues to be of serious concern and in my view additional measures are still required to enhance of the safety of traffic movements through Newbold Pacey. WCC has also implemented a maintenance programme of filling pot holes in and around the villages over the last three months.

Warwickshire Road Safety Fund

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Philip Seccombe has opened a £500,000 grant fund for initiatives tackling road safety, as part of his commitment to reduce the numbers of people killed and seriously injured on the county’s roads. The PCC invites applications for any project that aims to address road safety problems in Warwickshire and which will have outcomes aligned to the Police and Crime Plan priorities. All applications should be for one-off funding for a specific project. Projects may be focused on prevention, engagement, education and/or enforcement. The grant scheme is open to both established and new service providers. Applications will be welcomed from community, voluntary, third sector and statutory organisations that deliver projects or services at a countywide level or for projects that are targeted in one or more local authority areas within Warwickshire. The grant form can be downloaded via: <https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/your-pcc/commissioners-grants/warwickshire-road-safety-fund/>

Problem solving is at the centre of my role and I wish to reassure the Parish Council and residents that whilst I try to resolve issues quickly there are often processes and procedures that appear to block actions and decisions being more rapid which is not only frustrating for all of you but also myself. Thank you for your understanding and I am always happy to help where I can and I look forward to working with you all over the next 12 months.

The next WCC Full Council Meeting is on Tuesday 21 May 2019.

7	Planning		
	a) New plans to consider None		
	b) Decisions of the committee since the last meeting None		
	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Address</u>
	19/00952/TREE	No Objection	Magnolia Cottage Ashorne Road Ashorne CV35 9DR
			<u>Proposal</u>
			-T1 birch - Fell.

	19/00724/FUL	No Objection	Land Between 7 And 8 Ashorne	Erection of detached two-bed dwelling with basement (revision of 18/01940/FUL)																				
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d) Other planning matters None																								
8	Updates on Parish Issues																							
<p>a) Allotment Water Bill The replacement water meter should be installed by Severn Trent very soon. Once this is complete and the meter readings confirmed the Clerk will issue allotment holders with updated agreements and invoices for rent and water costs (pro rata to the size of the plot). The water use will be kept under review and a 'no hosepipe' rule will have to be considered is usage is similarly high this year.</p> <p>b) Councillor Training and Recruitment All Councillors have had the opportunity to book on to the induction training. Cllr Johnston has provided names of a few people who may be interested in joining the PC. The Clerk will write to them in the first instance. Expressions of interest are encouraged from any residents who would like to be involved.</p> <p>c) Bridge Maintenance Work Chris meek has reconfirmed his previous quote for the work and Cllr Bolton anticipates work could commence in mid-June, subject to agreement with the Cricket Club. The Clerk will be making applications to both the WCC Councillors Grant Fund and the WALC Parish Council Grant Fund to cover some of the cost but budget has been allocated for the full amount in case these are not granted. A budget of up to £250 was agreed for Cllr Bolton to purchase the supplies needed for the work which will be reimbursed against receipts at the next meeting.</p>																								
9	Finance																							
<p>a) Approval of Payments The following payments were proposed by Cllr Johnston, seconded by Cllr Bolton and approved unanimously.</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="321 1705 345 1736">1.</td> <td data-bbox="418 1705 548 1736">15/05/19</td> <td data-bbox="581 1705 1117 1736">C Price - Salary (Mar/Apr)</td> <td data-bbox="1133 1705 1247 1736">£426.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="321 1743 345 1774">2.</td> <td data-bbox="418 1743 548 1774">15/05/19</td> <td data-bbox="581 1743 1117 1774">C Price - Expenses (Mar/Apr)</td> <td data-bbox="1133 1743 1247 1774">£111.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="321 1780 345 1812">3.</td> <td data-bbox="418 1780 548 1812">15/05/19</td> <td data-bbox="581 1780 1117 1812">Occsys Ltd – Internal Audit</td> <td data-bbox="1133 1780 1247 1812">£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="321 1818 345 1850">4.</td> <td data-bbox="418 1818 548 1850">15/05/19</td> <td data-bbox="581 1818 1117 1850">Eon – Electricity</td> <td data-bbox="1133 1818 1247 1850">£46.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="321 1856 345 1887">5.</td> <td data-bbox="418 1856 548 1887">15/05/19</td> <td data-bbox="581 1856 1117 1887">WALC – Annual Subscription</td> <td data-bbox="1133 1856 1247 1887">£104.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					1.	15/05/19	C Price - Salary (Mar/Apr)	£426.02	2.	15/05/19	C Price - Expenses (Mar/Apr)	£111.77	3.	15/05/19	Occsys Ltd – Internal Audit	£150.00	4.	15/05/19	Eon – Electricity	£46.37	5.	15/05/19	WALC – Annual Subscription	£104.00
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	6.	15/05/19	WALC – Training x2	£30.00
	b)	Receipts		
	1.	18/03/19	Julie Pate – Tree donation	£65.00
	2.	08/04/19	HMRC – VAT Rebate	£286.61
	3.	24/04/19	Yorkshire Bank – Compensation	£50.00
	4.	26/04/19	SDC – Precept Instalment	£3102.00
	c)	Finalised Budget 2019/20 Having been updated to reflect the approved year end figures for 2018/19, the 2019/20 budget was proposed by Cllr Tranter for approval, seconded by Cllr Bolton, and was adopted.		
10	Any Other Business			
	None			
11	Date of the Next Meeting			
	It was resolved that the next meeting would be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 3 rd July 2019 at 7.00PM			

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05pm