

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th April 2018

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Johnston (Chair), A Marshall, J Cooper, W Carroll, C Bayliss, S Bolton

District Cllr: A Parry

County Cllr: A Parry

Clerk: C Price and 0 members of the public

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| 1 | Public Participation |
| | None |
| 2 | Declaration of interest in items on the agenda |
| | None |
| 3 | Apologies for Absence |
| | None |
| 4 | To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd January 2018 |
| | The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd January 2018 were unanimously approved, with a minor amendment to minute 10g correcting the seconder, as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman. |
| 5 | District Councillors' Report |
| | <p>Cllr Parry spoke to her previously circulated report:</p> <p>The Dairy, Flint Hall Farm SDC is requesting permission to close the enforcement case at Flint Farm which related to the installation of a tennis court and change of use from agriculture to recreational use. The case officer is now saying that it is not expedient to pursue. His reasons are that although a dead hedge was removed and has not been replaced this bordered a domestic boundary and therefore permission was not required for its removal. Although the paddock area has no boundary between the paddock and the garden, the owners are aware and there is a condition on decision notice 13/02976/FUL that makes it clear the paddock cannot be used for residential purposes.</p> <p>That said there is a small pond that straddles what was the domestic boundary and the agricultural paddock. The owners state this is a wildlife pond whereas others have thought it appear too domestic. Given it is such a small pond the case officer does not consider that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) It is expedient to pursue; and B) It would not be in the public's interest to pursue formal enforcement action. |

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| | <p>By agreeing to close the case now will not prevent the Council from re-opening a new case should the need arise and the paddock be used for recreational purposes or any other non-agricultural use. I have requested an extension but wish to discuss further with NPAPC before responding back to the case officer in view of the sensitivities surrounding this project.</p> <p><i>Cllr Parry asked for the Parish Council's views on this. It was agreed that the main concern was that the previous hedge had marked the boundary between the domestic curtilage and the agricultural paddock area and that it's removal may allow inappropriate development 'by stealth' in the future. The Parish Council are prepared to support the closure of the case on the condition that a hedge of a type specified by planners be reinstated in the same position within 12 months.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed :Cllr Bolton, Seconded: Cllr Marshall</i></p> <p>Council Tax Stratford on Avon District Council is increasing its element of the council tax by 1%, Warwickshire County Council by 4.99%, Police and Crime Commission by 6.25% which means the rate for a Band D property in Newbold Pacey and Ashorne will be £1752.94. The element of Council Tax which goes to Stratford District Council is £137.07 per annum for a Band D property. The 6.25% increase by the PCC follows an extensive consultation with residents throughout Warwickshire and equates to an extra £1 per month and means the force can retain around 33 police officer posts that might otherwise have been lost</p> <p>Stratford-upon-Avon Area Transport Strategy Cabinet agreed to bring the draft plans for the Stratford-upon-Avon Area Transport Strategy last month to the next Full Council Meeting for debate and discussion on 24th April. Personally I feel that it lacks detailed evidence for the proposals which also includes plans for an Eastern Relief Road, although there is no funding for such a scheme, and my concerns are that it could necessitate huge swathes of development to support its construction and would have a major impact on Wellesbourne and the surrounding villages.</p> |
| 6 | <p>County Councillors' Report</p> |
| | <p>Cllr Parry spoke to her previously circulated report:</p> <p>Council Tax WCC voted in favour of a 4.99% increase in Council Tax of which a 2% increase has been ring-fenced to help fund the increased pressures on Adult Social Care and Childrens' Services. This will represent an increase of £1.25p per week on a Band D property.</p> |

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| | <p>Due to the success of Warwickshire’s growing economy and its prudent management of finances, the county is on a sound footing to protect important front line services and in particular the most vulnerable people. The following additional investment was also agreed at the Budget Meeting in February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest £300,000 over two years in Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol services. • Invest £200,000 to attract £12million into digital fibre optic hubs in 20 schools. This will allow the Schools and surrounding communities to benefit from a broadband experience at new superfast Gigabit speed. • Invest £330,000 into dedicated provision for school based Special Education needs. A local approach to keep vulnerable children in their own school community. • Invest £108,000 to maintain Sunday opening in WCC’s main Libraries and support the volunteers and community groups that operate from these libraries. WCC will also invest £100,000 in digitalisation of its heritage collection, linking the villages and town of Warwickshire, the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1 and Coventry City of Culture – this will enable the county to keep a record and cherish the memories of Warwickshire folk. • Last year WCC created the Capital Investment Fund. In 12 months WCC has been able to invest up to £30m extra in projects and this investment fund will be continued. <p>Members’ Community Budget The community budget for members is being increased by £1000 to reflect the increased area sizes of the members’ divisions. I would therefore urge councillors to consider community projects which would benefit from such a grant.</p> <p>Action: All councillors to consider possible projects for the next meeting.</p> <p>There was discussion of the recent fly tipping incident and it was agreed this should be reported to SDC and the landowner asked to provide any photos.</p> <p>Action: AP to investigate the appropriate route for reporting for future incidents.</p> <p>Cllr Parry reported a new dog warden has been appointed and would be focussing on dog fouling.</p> <p>Action: AP to invite dog warden to a future meeting.</p> |
| 7 | Planning |

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| | <p>a) New plans to consider None</p> <p>b) Decisions of the committee since the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/00111/TREE-T1 sycamore (Group of): Fell. -T2 fir (noted as pine on form): Fell. Land Rear Of Pond And Pool Cottages Newbold Pacey Road Newbold Pacey CV35 9DP. No Objection sent • 17/03214/FUL Full application for a Storage building. Ashorne Hill Management College Ashorne Hill Ashorne CV33 9QW. No Objection sent. <p>c) District decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17/03666/FUL - Single storey side link extension; new rooflights. Strawberry Barn, Ashorne Road, Ashorne, CV35 9DU. Permission with conditions • 17/03449/FUL Proposed single storey and two storey extension to front and single storey extension to rear. Magnolia Cottage Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR . Permission with conditions. • 18/00111/TREE-T1 sycamore (Group of): Fell. -T2 fir (noted as pine on form): Fell. Land Rear Of Pond And Pool Cottages Newbold Pacey Road Newbold Pacey CV35 9DP. Tree Works Approved |
| 8 | Matters arising from the previous minutes |
| | <p>a) Rural Housing Survey event The event will be going ahead on 7th April run by Sarah Brooke Taylor. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be represented. Action: DJ/SB/WC to each attend for part of the session Action: JC to report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>b) Cricket Ground bridge works Cllr Bolton reported that he was currently waiting to hear back from Chris Meek and then would be putting a piece in the Village Hut News to ask for volunteers. WCC are asking for a second application fee of £50 because some additional information needed to be added from the contractor and Cllr Parry was asked to see whether this could be avoided. Action: SB to report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>c) Flooding Measures Cllr Marshall highlighted the problem caused by the incorrect positioning of the new tarmac and asked Cllr Parry to raise the matter with Highways at WCC, suggesting a site visit might be informative. Cllr Bolton reported that he had spoken with the owners of Saddlestones and asked that they contact WCC as residents to reinforce the issues. They have been told more work is planned for the next financial year. Action: AP to establish timescale for work.</p> <p>d) Defib training</p> |

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| | <p>Expenses have been agreed for training and a date will be scheduled in mid June. Action: DJ to ask Mary Cobb to coordinated responses. Action: CP to arrange a date.</p> <p>e) 100th Anniversary of Great War - Beacon Lighting Ceremony 11/11/18 It was agreed that we would join in with the Moreton Morrell event. Action: AM to liaise with Moreton Morrell.</p> <p>f) Churchyard capacity The PCC are arranging a surveyor to assess the suitability of the land. Some money may need to be raised.</p> <p>g) New Code of Conduct It was agreed to adopt the previously circulate Code of Conduct from SDC. Action: CP to confirm adoption with SDC and circulate DPI forms. Action: All Cllrs to complete the new DPI forms before next meeting.</p> | | | | |
| 9 | New Agenda Items | | | | |
| | <p>a) Tree relocation Cllr Bolton reported he had relocated the 5 trees so the SDC sale can now go ahead. These trees were mainly in memoriam so it was important they were kept and they can now be found in the orchard. They will require some work and watering initially. Richard Woodfin has agreed to help but a more permanent arrangement may be required. Action: DJ to contact Richard Woodfin to discuss.</p> <p>b) WI Adoption of Phone Box for Centenary The WI would like to get the phone box painted and then use it for activities like book swapping or displaying flowers during their centenary. The Parish Council welcomed the concept but would like further information. Action: DJ to email WI for details.</p> <p>c) New Clerk Cat Price has now taken over as Clerk and her new contract of employment was signed by Cllr Johnston. As she is also Clerk to Welford on Avon Parish Council it was agreed to make a contribution of £5 per month for the use of their ICT equipment, printing facilities etc rather than purchasing new equipment. Cllr Johnston welcomed this cooperation and asked the Clerk to pass on the Parish Council's thanks.</p> | | | | |
| 10 | Finance | | | | |
| | <p>a) Approval of Payments The following payments were proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Carroll and approved unanimously.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>18/2/18</td> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£40.96 (paid)</td> </tr> </table> | 1. | 18/2/18 | Water Plus | £40.96 (paid) |
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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 07/3/18 WCC hut printing £20.00 (paid) 3. 07/3/18 P Routly - Salary (Jan/Feb) £403.96 (paid) 4. 07/3/18 P Routly – Expenses (Jan/Feb) £114.34(paid) 5. 08/3/18 PATA payroll (Jan/Feb/Mar) £17.50 (paid) 6. 08/3/18 WALC Training (Green Belt SB) £35.00 7. 04/4/18 WALC Membership £104.00 <p>b) Receipts The following payments were received this month.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allotment rent M Bates £350.00 2. Allotment rent S Handsley £27.00 3. Allotment rent C Such £9.00 |
| 11 | Correspondence |
| | None |
| 12 | Items for the Next Agenda |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Lengthsman scheme (to be regular item) |
| 13 | Any Other Business |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthsman scheme – Cllr Marshall reported that the scheme was showing considerable benefit already and asked for suggestions from the Parish Council and residents for work that could be undertaken within the 30mph area. • Defib equipment – In light of the planned training a review of the maintenance of the equipment will be needed and agreement on the best way to access the code. Action: CP too investigate options • Emergency Plan – Sand box keys are held by Cllr Cooper but also available in the break glass box at the village hall in an emergency. The emergency plan should be reviewed after new officers are elected in May. • WALC Census – Cllr Bolton reported that WALC have a survey on their website to gather information about the work of Parish Councillors and asked others to complete it if they had time. • Chairman Training – WALC are running training for prospective Parish Council Chairs on May 12th. • Ditches – Could landowners please consider clearing their ditches, particularly near the crossroads. |
| 14 | Date of the Next Meeting |
| | It was resolved that the next meeting would be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 2 nd May 2018 7.30PM. |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45