

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th November 2014

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

1. Public participation

None.

2. Possible Dog warden visit – still TBC

The Dog Warden was ill so could not attend, it was agreed to invite to January meeting.

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Bolton and Johnston declared an interest in the walking guide.

4. Apologies for absence

Cllr Kendall and Cllr Parry who were both at the East Area Planning Committee. Cllr Kishor wo had an illness in the family.

5. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd September 2014.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

6. Matters arising

a. **Bus stops at Newbold Pacey update . All**

The Clerk had copied the meeting a letter she had written to the MP Jeremy Wright, it had been acknowledged, but no response had yet been forthcoming. It was agreed to carry over to the next meeting.

b. **Flooding works update Cllr Kendall, Cllr Bolton and Clerk**

Cllr Kendall could not be present, but in his report he committed in his report to follow up and in the first instance attempt to secure some funding. The Clerk reported she had requested the drains and pipes to be flushed, this request had been acknowledged. The Clerk was asked to resubmit the grant request if it was not too late. *Clerk to follow up. Cllr Kendal to report at next meeting.*

c. Jubilee Trees – Clerk

The Clerk reported the two trees had been ordered and the supplier would contact Mrs Cobb to arrange delivery. Cllr Bolton expressed his dismay that the hedge cutting on Mr Mann's fields had resulted in the top of a tree being cut off. It was resolved to write and request more care be taken in future, and offer to mark the trees prior to hedge cutting. *Cllr Cooper to provide Mr Mann's address.*

7. New Agenda items (arising from requests and correspondence)

a. Oakley Woods / B4100 junction standing water –Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting this had been reported.

b. Village Garden update – Clerk

The Clerk read a letter from Susan Steel at SDC stating they would now consider selling the land or if it was to be leased to a third party it would have to be publically advertised. After discussion it was resolved to request that it be re-let as the preferred option. *Clerk to write*

c. Village Speed reduction – Clerk

The Clerk read a response from Graham Stanley suggesting that data was required before any action could be investigated. Mr Routly suggested a speed survey as per Moreton Morrell using the rubber roads tapes, the cost was about £250 plus VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Marshall that this should be the first action . *Clerk to confirm cost and agree location with Graham Stanley.* The meeting was also informed that the Police (despite no villager representation) at the last Community Forum agreed to make speed enforcement a priority in Ashorne. Cllr Johnston also agreed to keep the meeting updated on speeding.

d. Broadband Champion – All

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that Gary Such no longer wished to be broadband champion. There were no other volunteers, but Mr Routly offered to investigate the status as superfast was coming to Moreton Morrell and provide a report for the village hut news.

e. Walking Guide website – Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting he met with Simon Powell, David Johnston and Steve Routly to discuss transferring the paper version of the walking guide onto the website www.walksaroundwellesbourne.co.uk . He stated the cost would be around £300, this was well within the current funds. This was proposed by Cllr Bolton , seconded by Cllr Cooper and carried. Cllr Bolton also informed the meeting it was planned to waymark each route and the cost was £450, a grant had been applied for by Cllr Johnston.

8. Planning

a. Applications to consider

None.

b. Decision of Committee

None.

c. District Decisions for information

14/00141/LDE Stationing of a caravan and permanent residential use of said caravan and associated land for a continuous period in excess of 10 years. The American Barns Banbury Road Lighthorne Warwick CV35 0AE. **Lawful Dev. Cert. Existing . Permitted**

14/01227/LBC To replace existing rotten timber windows with new timber windows. 2 the Green, Ashorne, Warwick CV35 9DT – **Listed Building consent approved.**

d. Solar farm

Cllr Johnston informed the meeting the application was still being validated, but when it had been, he had confirmation the neighboring parishes would be invited to comment. Cllr Routly from Moreton Morrell Parish council confirmed he would co-ordinate.

9. Finance

a. Approval of payments

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

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| 1. | Severn Trent (paid as threatened court) | £129.68 |
| 2. | Grant Thornton Audit Fees | £120.00 |
| 3. | P Routly - Salary (Sept/Oct) via D Tonks | £410.28 |
| 4. | P Routly – Expenses (Sept/Oct) | £43.98 |
| 5. | MFM Services Village Garden Strim | £75.00 |
| 6. | Barcham trees | £249.60 |
| 7. | WCC Village Hut printing | £16.,60 |
| 8. | Ray Cook footpath grass cutting | £80.00 |
| 9. | Blue Book Pam Routly | £35.45 |

b. Receipts

The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

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| 1. | Precept | £2720.00 |
| 2. | Tree Donation | £208.00 |
| 3. | Wayleave | £29.34 |

c. External Audit feedback

The Clerk report the external audit was Ok .

d. Mid Year Financial report (circulated)

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting; there were no issues, and remaining project funds of approx. £1730.

e. PAYE Services – change of provider

The Clerk explained that the current PAYE provider Douglas Tonks was causing problems with late payments and failing to make HMRC returns on time. She requested permission to seek alternatives. This was proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Boardman and carried unanimously.

10. District Councillor's report

Cllr Parry was not present but pre-filed the following report:-

Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Parish Council Report – November 2014

Firstly please accept my apologies for absence on 5 November 2014, but I have pledged my support to a planning application within the Ward in Walton which is being heard at the Planning East Committee Meeting at around 8.30pm on 5 November. Whilst I requested this be brought forward on the Agenda, so that I could attend the parish council meeting, this has not been possible in view of the number of larger scheme applications which have to be reviewed first.

There have been few specific district related matters pertaining to Newbold Pacey and Ashorne, but I would like to draw councillors' attention to the following:

Solar Park

The application for Moreton Morrell Solar Park has been submitted by Green Energy Direct but is still awaiting to be validated by SDC Planning Department, which has requested an Environmental Impact Study be carried out.

In view of SDC's new Sustainability Energy Landscape Sensitivity Study which accompanied the Core Strategy submission to the Secretary of State at the end of September this highlights a recommendation for only solar sites under 15 hectares in size to be considered, with sites of 25 hectares classified as being too large and therefore not recommended. The proposed site in Moreton Morrell is 45 hectares.

Changes announced by Elizabeth Truss MP the Environment Secretary this month, with effect from January 2015, announced that farmers who choose to use fields for solar panels will not be eligible for any farm subsidy payments through the Common Agricultural Policy for that land.

In view of all of the above I believe this application is unlikely to be progressed, however, Adrian Butler the senior planning officer involved with this application has promised to keep me advised of the situation.

Dog Warden Update

I have met the new dog warden, Lisa Parkes and she is more than happy to meet councillors from NPAPC Parish Council to discuss means to prevent dog fouling in the village and open space areas.

Core Strategy Update

The Planning Inspectorate has advised the team at SDC of a delayed timescale for the final adoption of the Core Strategy, submitted at the end of September, and this is now scheduled for July 2015. This added delay is very unwelcome, as it will pose increased planning difficulties across the district in respect of proposed new developments.

Wellesbourne Neighbourhood Plan

Walton & Wellesbourne Way will be staging a major survey from mid-November to early January amongst local residents, which is also extended to people living in the surrounding villages who use the facilities in Wellesbourne. Leaflets and posters are currently being printed and a supply will be delivered to the Parish Clerks in the next couple of weeks.

Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum

The next community forum will be held on 27 November 2014 at 7pm at Wellesbourne Fire Station.

Cllr Johnston reported that the Core Strategy approval was likely to be delay until June / July and a public enquiry would now be held in January.

11. County Councillor's report

Cllr Kendall was not present but pre-filed the following report:-

Fire Service Changes

Plans to change the way Warwickshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service operate have been approved at a full Council meeting on 25 September 2014. The key recommendations approved involved improving initial response to life risk emergencies across the county. This means that the first fire engine will attend life risk emergencies across the County within 10 minutes on 75% of occasions. This was previously 10 minutes in urban areas and 20 minutes in rural areas. Wellesbourne's station will remain a "retained service" with one engine and a crew of five – and will be able to service the surrounding locality including Ashorne and Newbold Pacy.

Flood Works Update

Work towards this has been regrettably slow in recent months and I am fully aware that this needs a renewed push in order to try and put some measures in place. Following a conversation with Bolton who again adequately conveyed the level of need for flood alleviation works - a new approach has been decided. To my mind there has been a lack of clear vision of what is needed, in order to prevent future flooding and plans that have been produced by the Country Council have not been felt good enough to seek funding for. At the same time my concern is that even with the most fantastic plans imaginable, these will be useless if we lack the necessary funding to see the project to its completion. With that in mind it is my intention to set about finding funding first and then develop the precise plans in concert with SDC and WCC. I understand that the Parish is frustrated with the progress on this issue and I will attempt to drive the project with greater rapidity from now on.

Proposed changes to County Division Boundaries: There are a number of proposed changes being put forward at the moment to Local Government Boundary Commission on the subject of redrawing County Divisions. The preferred options at present would seem to suggest that Ashorne and Newbold Pacey be incorporated into another division, probably Kineton County Division. This is a long and drawn out process and the Parish Council should have been informed about this (via post) to obtain your views for consultation. Following a conversation with Cllr Bolton and I believe the parish Council has no knowledge of these proposals. The official closing date for consultations was the 3rd November. However I have ensured that if the Parish Council wishes to make a response, this can still be fed into the process as long as it is sent within the next week.

Given Cllr's Kendal's report is was resolved to urgently write and confirm the Parish council wish to remain in Ashorne , and whatever the outcome to remain in same ward as Moreton Morrell. This was proposed by Cllr Bolton and seconded by Cllr Pate . *Clerk to write.*

12. Correspondence

i) WALC – Training

The Clerk reminded the meeting she had circulated training course information.

13. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

Cllr Pate raised the fact the village Defibrillator needed a new battery. Cllr's were unsure who was responsible. It was also mentioned there was no access during the day . It was resolved to investigate a box to mount on the village hut wall. Cllr Bolton agreed to look into ownership and proposed that if battery was less than £100 the parish council would fund, this was seconded by Cllr Marshall . *Cllr Bolton to report back to clerk.*

14. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent

None

15. Date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting is to be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm