

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th March 2015

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), C Pate,
A Marshall, F Kishor.
District Councillors: D Johnston (8.30pm), A Parry
(8.00pm)
County Councillors: D Kendall (9.20pm)
Clerk : S Routly (P Routly ill)
and 6 members of the public

1. Public participation

Kate Freeman raised a serious concern about the road surface on the approach to 'The Square'. She said that on 13th Jan the road was icy and found it impossible to stop, ending up crossing the road unintentionally, which could have been very dangerous. She said she had complained to WCC asking for the road to be gritted, and a grit bin to be added to the site. She had a negative result on gritting and the grit bin, but Patch Bryne did say he would visit the site. Jim and Chris Thornton stated they also had the same problem, and also wrote a letter. It was stated by the Clerk that Graham Stanley was looking at the safety of the junction as a result of concerns raised at the last meeting, and this would be raised as well. *Clerk to write.*

Mrs and Dr Struthers raised a concern about activities in the woods next to their property, they believe the woods are being developed to the extent they will become residential. There is a new large metal building, wood burner, toilet block, electricity, water and a grassed area in the woods. They had reported to SDC planning. It was resolved for the PC to also follow up and ask enforcement to investigate. Mrs and Dr Struthers also invited the chairman to visit them to view for himself. *Clerk to write*

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Bolton declared an interest in the walking guide.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Cooper and Cllr Boardman, District and County Cllrs for being late due to another meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th January 2015.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Matters arising

a. Bus stops at Newbold Pacey – response from MP. Clerk

The Clerk had circulated a letter received from the MP Jeremy Wright, which did not really move the situation forward. Cllr Marshall stated he thought the proposal to site a bus stop in the E class road entrance on the bend, which also happened to be his entrance, was in-appropriate, and perhaps the desire to find a solution was having un-intended consequences. When Cllr Kendall arrived the subject was discussed again, all agreed that the funding should be obtained first, and then sort the location out. The County Cllr Highways funding budget was due to be discussed on 17th March, and this may provide a way forward, and Cllr Kendall stated this was his number one priority. *Cllr Kendall to report on funding after 17th March.*

b. Flooding works update Cllr Kendall, Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton stated a meeting had been held with all parties and the proposed contractor, and a way forward had been agreed, 4 concrete traps would be installed across the Holloway to trap the silt, which would have to be cleaned out periodically. Two deep gullies could be installed by Crabtree allotments and then connected to the drain. The grants secured were £2750 from SDC flood fund and £1000 from WCC County Cllr fund. Work had now effectively been authorised. Progress report at the next meeting.

c. Village Garden update – Clerk

The Clerk announced as a result of the decision at the last meeting, notice had been given to SDC. The notice period was 6 months. The Clerk had requested that given the land was registered as a Community asset that the Parish Council should be kept informed of SDC intentions.

d. Village Speed reduction and the Square – Clerk

The Clerk reported that PCC Traffic surveys had just completed the speed survey and results would be circulated to PC members and WCC as soon as they are received.

The Clerk also reported that Graham Stanley from WCC had agreed to look at the issues at ‘The Square’, and as soon as he has reported the results would be circulated. *Clerk to follow up.*

e. Walking Guide Website - Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton extended thanks to Simon Powell and Steve Routly for the website www.walksaroundwellesbourne.co.uk which was now up and running. He said links would hopefully be provided from all Parish Council websites, he also stated there would be a re-launch, and it was planned for 21st March in Ashorne, the press would be invited.

f. Defibrillator update – Clerk

The Clerk reported a battery has been purchased. Enquires had also been made about a wall box for the village hall given the hall Committee were ok. It was resolved to pursue a box with a code that would be registered with the Ambulance Service, the code would be made available to locals. Cllr Bolton stated that the Hall committee would also like to install a sensor light, the cost of which would be funded by the Parish Council, this was proposed by Cllr Pate, seconded by Cllr Marshall and carried unanimously. *Clerk to follow up.*

g. Wellesbourne and Walton neighbourhood plan – Ashorne survey – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry reported that the surveys results had been analysed, it was a large task as there were over 10,000 comments, and there had been one response from Newbold Pacey and eight from Ashorne. She agreed to circulate the results which would also be discussed at the next Wellesbourne PC meeting.

h. Bridle Path SD311 working group– Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton stated that the Clerk had written to Wellesbourne PC, Moreton Morrell PC and the Ramblers Association and a number of people had come forward to form a sub committee. Cllr Bolton will now organise a meeting when all the names have been forwarded to him.

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

a. Warwickshire County ward update – Clerk

The Clerk reported the Government body had recommended, after representations from the Council that Moreton Morrell and Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parishes would remain in the Wellesbourne ward and not move to Kineton. All Cllrs welcomed this and thanked the Clerk for her efforts

b. Surface water on the road junction at the 'Square'

c. Gritting of the Square in frosty conditions.

d. Supply and placement of grit bin on the cross roads 'The Square'

After discussions about these subjects in the public part of the meeting it was resolved to write to Patch Byrne, Paul Cowley, Graham Filton and Graham Stanley about the issues raised. *Clerk to write.*

e. Election timetable – Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting of the forthcoming elections and the timetable involved. The last date for candidates to register for the Parish Council was 4.00pm on 9th April. Spare forms are with Cllr Bolton. It was resolved to promote the forthcoming elections via the Village Hut Newsletter.

7. Planning

a. Applications to consider

None.

b. Decision of Committee

None.

c. District Decisions for information

14/03288/FUL Proposed erection of steel portal framed agricultural building for livestock accommodation. Bromson Hill Farm Banbury Road Ashorne Warwickshire CV35 9AG.

Permission with conditions

14/03136/FUL Extension to rear of Victoria Cottage and external access to upper floor of adjacent detached garage. Victoria Cottage Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DT. **Permission with conditions .**

Cllr Bolton requested the conditions be circulated. *Clerk to forward.*

8. Finance

a. **Approval of payments**

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

1.	WALc Training	£25.00
2.	PCC Speed survey	£510.00
3.	Laerdal Heartstart battery (via Clerk)	£164.70
4.	P Routly - Salary (Jan/Feb) via D Tonks	£410.28
5.	P Routly – Expenses (Jan/ Feb)	£52.72

b. **Receipts**

The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

1.	WCC Grant – Walking Guide	£500
2.	WCC Grant Flood prevention measures	£1000
3.	Allotment rent – Mr Woodfin	£18.00
4.	Allotment rent – Mrs Handsley	£27.00
5.	Allotment rent – Mr Trinder	£18.00
6.	Allotment rent – Mr Lavercombe	£18.00
7.	Allotment rent- Ms Gregory	£6.00
8.	Allotment rent – Mrs Such	£9.00
9.	Allotment rent –Ms Freeman	£18.00
10.	Allotment field rent	£350.00
11.	Wellesbourne PC walking website	£25.00

9. District Councillor's report

Cllr Parry pre-filed the following report:-

Flooding Issues

A site meeting was held and attended by Cllr Kendall, Cllr Johnston and myself together with Richard Shirley and Paul Rimen (WCC) on 25 February to progress and mark the start of the flood alleviation works.

Council Meeting – 23 Feb 2015

The Revenue and Capital Budget was approved and SDC has once again frozen the level of Council Tax which remains at £128.05 and means that the rate for Council Tax Band D for NPAPC will comprise:

Warwickshire County Council	£1201.14
Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner	£188.23
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	£128.05
Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Parish Council	£44.05
TOTAL for Council Tax Band D	£1561.47

The SDC element of the Council Tax will increase by 2% from 2016/17 onwards and next year will be £130.61.

Core Strategy

The Interim report from the planning inspectorate is anticipated by 20 March, which is expected to provide an indication to the soundness of the Core Strategy.

Medical Centre

Dialogue and pre-application discussions have been continuing in respect of plans, which are shortly to be submitted by Persimmon and Walton Estate, regarding a new medical centre in Wellesbourne, which also includes a proposal for 350 new homes on the Ettington Road in Wellesbourne. Dog Close – the green field in the centre of the village is the preferred location for the medical centre with the provision of additional parking and a community area. Whilst residents in Wellesbourne recognise the need for a new medical centre, the 350 homes is a bitter pill to swallow on their doorstep and there are considerable objections to this element and the proposal to build on Dog Close. Walton Estate is providing the land with additional financial support together with financial support from Persimmon and NHS England. Additional community benefits are also being discussed as part of the proposed package. The proposal is the only means of being able to deliver the new medical facilities which will benefit residents in Newbold Pacey, Ashorne and other surrounding villages.

Dog Warden

Lisa Parkes has advised that unfortunately it is not possible for her to attend Parish Council meetings in the evening as she lives in Tamworth. However she is happy to meet with councillors at a convenient time during the working day.

Cllr Parry also stated she was not happy with the dog warden situation, given she lived in Tamworth and only worked 9 to 5. It was resolved to write to Robert Weeks.

WWW Neighbourhood Plan

Results from Newbold Pacey and Ashorne respondents who took part in the WWW Neighbourhood Plan Survey are being provided to Stephen Bolton for review.

Jeremy Wright MP QC

Further to his open surgery session on 27 February at the Kings Head from 4-5pm, Jeremy Wright MP QC will also be at the Café in the Precinct on Saturday 7 March from 10-11am. No appointments needed, just drop in for a chat.

Sainsbury's

The new Sainsbury's in Wellesbourne is now actively recruiting staff and I hope to update councillors further regarding store opening, times and facilities at the NPAPC meeting, as a representative from Sainsbury's is attending the Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council meeting on 3 March 2015.

Cllr Johnston pre-filed the following report:-

Core Strategy

We have been promised an initial report by the Inspector in mid March, and a promise of immediate publication.

SDC Budget

SDC approved the budget on 23rd February. There will be no increase in the District Council tax, though I am told that the County Council element of the Council Tax will be increased.

All Conservatives present at the meeting voted down Lib Dem proposals which would have included an additional planner to support Neighbourhood Plans. This would not have needed any tax increase but would have been funded by savings in Councillor's allowances next year when at last the reduction in the number of councillors takes place.

There will soon be 28 Neighbourhood Plans being prepared across the District, and according to the District's site allocation policy, these will determine where new housing takes place. They will all have to complete their work by September 2016, to meet SDC's timetable.

Grass cutting

SDC grass cutting regime is being increased to nine cuts a year, arising from improved management by the contractors, the Landscape Group. This will cover the areas SDC is responsible for and the areas WCC sub-contract to the SDC.

Reducing Council Costs.

The decision about increasing shared services with the District Councils around Banbury, and Daventry, will not now take place until after the election. I am concerned that this could reduce local influence on how services are provided. A better route of sharing services across Warwickshire, so cutting the total number of councillors, save more money overall, and would reduce Council Tax in Warwickshire.

Community Forum

The next meeting of the Forum will now take place in June.

Highways Matters

A member's seminar will take place shortly to determine what local Highway improvements will take place.

I went to the exhibition on GLH last Friday evening. There are no plans for Highway improvements in this direction. There are plans for improvements at J13 possible traffic lights, and maybe speed management on the M40 to J15 (overhead signs as on the M42).

Improvements at Harwoods House, and on the Harbury Lane cross roads with the Fosse.

Clearly they expect traffic to go to and from Warwick and Banbury.

The Parish Council might wish to comment on the SPD on Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath.

10. County Councillor's report

Cllr Kendall arrived at the end of the meeting but discussed item 5a) , and stated funding for the bus stop was a priority of his.

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated by email.

- a. Flood awareness event Thursday 12th March -Waterside, Stratford upon Avon.
- b. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) visit
- c. New Settlement Proposal at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath Draft SPD.

12. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

None.

13. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent

None.

14. Date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting and AGM is to be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.30pm .

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm