

# NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**PRESENT: Councillors:** S Bolton (Chair), J Cooper,  
F Kishor, C Pate,  
M Boardman  
**District Councillors:** D Johnston (left at 8.10pm),  
R Wright  
**Clerk :** P Routly  
and 2 members of the public

### **1. Public participation**

Mr Carroll raised the issue of debris being left on the left side of the road from 'The Square' to Bromson Hall Farm after recent hedge cutting. Cllr Johnston agreed to follow up with WCC Area Manager Patch Byrne.

### **2. Declaration of Interests**

All Parish Cllrs present declared a personal an interest in items 7,8,9 and 10 after recent coaching from Cllr Bolton who agreed to circulate new guidance from a WALC day he attended.

### **3. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Marshall who was ill.

### **4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

### **5. To approve and sign the minutes of the planning meeting held on 29th January 2014**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

### **6. To approve and sign the minutes of the planning meeting held on 18th February 2014**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

## **7. Matters arising**

### **a. Land Registry – proposal to close item – Cllr Bolton / Cllr Marshall**

The Sub Committee recommended no further action on this matter and it was resolved unanimously to close.

### **b. Bus stops at Newbold Pacey – Cllr Johnston**

Cllr's Bolton and Johnston informed the meeting they had spoken to WCC representative Andy Stokes at the last community forum, but the response was negative, stating that budget was still not available. Cllrs Wright and Johnston both agreed to follow up again, to see if a temporary stop could be built. Councillor Wright offered to supply and lay some slabs as a Bus stop, providing the appropriate authorities state where and how they want this done. This is because of any liability issues that may arise in the future. *Cllrs to feedback at next meeting. Clerk to follow up on Cllr Wright offer with WCC.*

### **c. Flooding works update- Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that WCC representatives, Michael Green, Paul Rymen and Cllr Kendall would meet in the village on 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 4pm to discuss measures. *Cllr Bolton to feedback to next meeting.*

### **d. Marking Centenary of WWI – All**

The responses from the Cricket Club , WI and Villager Hut were read out. The Hut was planting poppies , the Church is planning a display of material and memoirs . It was resolved for the Parish Council not to undertake their own project, but offer to support the Church. *Clerk to write and inform all parties.*

### **e. Close signage- status – All.**

The Clerk has pre circulated email from SDC that confirmed this close signage was almost resolved . SDC had informed the clerk that the sign would cost £175. Cllr Bolton proposed the PC fund the sign , this was seconded by Cllr Boardman and carried unanimously.

### **f. Parking around the Green – Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting the letter had been produced and had been kindly delivered to houses in Ashorne by Cllrs Kishor and Boardman , all expressed their thanks . There was still a problem with one car, it was resolved to raise with the Police at the Community Forum.

### **g. Cricket Club Feedback – Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting she had written to the club to apologise for the lack of communication over the 'right to bid' applications and to instruct the bench repairs. She also asked the club to submit a more detailed grant application, but to date had no response.

### **h. Walking Guide – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton and Johnston informed the meeting 15,000 copies had been printed, and about 10,000 distributed including sponsorship partners and local households. The launch would be at the Community forum on 6<sup>th</sup> and a walk from the Stag in Wellesbourne to Walton at 10.00am on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

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

### **a. VASA project request - All**

After discussion it was agreed there were no projects to put forward at this time.

### **b. Tree on Village Green – Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting she had been in touch with Chris Wyatt who had viewed the tree and stated it was a poor specimen that needed thinning. He was due to give a quote by the meeting but it had not been received. *Clerk to follow up.*

## **9. Planning**

### **a. Applications to consider**

14/00385/TREE - T1: Unknown Species: remove - T2: Conifer: fell - T3: Conifer: fell - T4: Rowan: fell - T5: Conifer: fell - T6: Cherry: fell - T7: Cherry: 50% crown reduction - T8: Elm: fell - T9: Sycamore: 50% crown reduction - T10: Sycamore: fell - T11: Sycamore: fell - T12: Ash: 20% crown reduction - T13: Yew: 10% crown thinning - T14: Yew: 10% crown thin - T15: Yew: crown lift to 3m, Finchers Newbold Pacey .

After discussion and representation from the applicant it was resolved to send the following comments:-

The Parish Council do not object but think the Arboreal Officer should decide if appropriate. *Clerk to send response.*

14/00422/TREE - T1: Walnut: 30% crown reduction (1.8m height reduction) - T2: Holly: 30% crown reduction (1.5m height reduction) - T3: Leylandii: 30% crown reduction (1.5m height reduction) - T4: Leylandii: 30% crown reduction (1.5m height reduction) - T5: Leylandii: 30% crown reduction (1.5m height reduction) - T6: Leylandii: 30% crown reduction (1.5m height reduction) - T7: Leylandii 30% crown reduction (1.5m height reduction) - T8: Yew: 15% crown reduction (0.9m height reduction) - T9: Yew: 15% crown reduction (0.9m height reduction). Green Acres Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR.

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### **b. District Decisions for information**

13/02982/FUL Demolition of outbuilding and construction of new side and rear extension, together with alterations to wall and roof finishes. Appletree Cottage Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR. **Permissions with conditions**

### **c. Core Strategy Consultation response. All**

The Clerk has received responses from 3 Cllrs prior to the meeting and 3 responses at the meeting. The votes were all collated and the outcome was the following :-

Question 1

Should core strategy cover the 20 years 2011 to 2031?

Unanimously Yes

## Question 2

Should SDC accommodate 10,800 homes between 2011 and 2031?

5 Yes 1 Abstention – Majority Yes

## Question 3

Please indicate your preference for location of 2500 homes in order – 1 being most preferable 5 least

options		result	
4a	– Further dispersal- ie more in all villages		5
4b	- Gaydon / Lighthorne new town		4
4c	- Long Marsden airfield new town		1
4d	- SE Stratford ie behind Tiddington		3
4e	– North of Southam and Stoneythorpe		2

*Clerk to send response.*

### **d. Gypsy Site Consultation response. All**

After discussion it was resolved there were no suitable sites to recommend. *Clerk to send response.*

## **10. Finance**

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

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

1.	Village Hut printing	£16.00
2.	Severn Trent	£281.95
3.	R Cook Grass cutting	£80.00
4.	WALC training	£40.00
5.	P Routly - Salary (Jan/Feb) via D Tonks	£410.28
6.	P Routly – Expenses (Jan/Feb)	£115.89

### **b. Receipts**

The following receipts were reported:-

1.	Allotment field rent – Mr Perkins	£350.00
2.	Allotment Rent – Mr Lavercombe	£18.00
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 Philpott	£9.00
7.	Allotment rent – Mrs Such	£9.00

Unpaid allotment fees – The Clerk reported that Mrs Reading had written informing the clerk that she had given up her allotment 2 years ago ( by email ) and did not owe anything . The Clerk had no record, and had no response to last year’s bill. It was resolved unanimously to close the matter and not pursue the outstanding rent.

## **11. District Councillor’s report**

Cllr Johnston pre-filed the following report :-

### **County Council Budget**

The agreed budget has protected school crossing patrols, secured a major investment in Safer Routes to school, and School Safety zones, and ensured no further Library closures. Children's centres are protected for at least three years, and £1million investment in LED lighting. We must ensure that this is made to benefit these villages.

### **Core Strategy delays**

There are further delays to the Local Development Plan, now not likely to be finished till April 2015. We are still at risk of opportunistic development until the District Council has resolved the issue. I remain against piecemeal development. Sustainable development must support local businesses and services.

### **District Council Budget**

The Council was asked to endorse an investigation into how best to invest in new houses for rent, which they refused. There continues to be a shortage of affordable housing. The Council also decided not to let local parishes have any of the Government's 'New Homes Bonus' grant.

### **Walking Guide**

The guide has been distributed to ( almost ) all houses in the area and to many businesses. It appears to be very popular. It has been suggested that we also produce a cycling guide. If you are interested in this, please let me know.

The official launch will take place at the Community Forum in Ashorne Village Hall on 6th March at 7pm. There will be an inaugural walk starting from the Stag's Head in Wellesbourne to Walton and return starting at 10am on 15th March.

Cllr Wright pre-filed the following report :-

### **Budget**

The Budget was confirmed at Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February with the Council Tax remaining the same as last year, so nothing more to say on this matter.

### **Council Governance**

I have been involved with Governance of the Council in the Leaders Group and, its impact on the future of SDC, both internally and external. With the Council reducing to 36 members in 2015, the Group is looking at the make-up of the new arrangement combined with fewer councillors. While I will not bore you with some of the proposed changes under consideration - i.e. 'number of written questions raised by a member and, the same point on verbal questions to the Leader at Full Council' - the one change being considered is reducing Planning Committee to one in place of East and West that currently exists.

The new Single Committee would sit in the area were Part 1 applications particularly are being considered, I have said it essential that only members with previous knowledge of the area should determine applications, bearing in mind previous allegations by communities of councillors with no knowledge deciding applications. The members currently on East APC have a good knowledge of all areas that come before the committee, and I believe 'Status Quo' should remain.

Future service delivery with Good Governance is a new agenda for all Local Authorities when considering the unprecedented changes resulting from diminishing funding from Central Government. The dilemma facing all Local Authorities is how to reduce costs while retaining

and delivering statutory services with a minimum level of staffing. SDC are in a 'Shared Service Partnership' with both South Northampton and Cherwell District Councils, and are committed to a programme of combined saving through 'Joint Working' arrangements.

The joint partnership is looking at further/new initiatives to reduce costs of operation to include Senior Management, IT, Legal/Democratic Services, and Building Control with increased resilience, there is a ceiling to which such savings can be achieved

The acute situation developing is when the three councils reduce staff beyond the critical level and bearing in mind SDC are already 'lean & mean' with its current staffing structure. Without joint working, council viability in deliverance terms are at great risk, it is to be hoped the current partnership can expand further in a managed way.

**12. County Councillor's report**

Cllr Kendall was not present and filed no report.

**13. Correspondence**

The Clerk had received a letter from Mr Trinder who had found a 16<sup>th</sup> century token whilst digging on the allotment. He had sent it to WCC Museum in Warwick. It was resolved unanimously to donate to the museum.

**14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items**

None.

**15. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent**

None.

**16. Date of next meeting**

It was resolved that the next meeting and AGM is to be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm