

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th July 2014

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), J Cooper,
F Kishor, A Marshall
M Boardman, C Pate
District Councillors: A Parry, D Johnston
County Councillor: D Kendall (from 8.00pm)
Clerk : P Routly
and 3 members of the public

1. Public participation

None.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Apologies for absence

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 5th May 2014.

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

5. To approve and sign the minutes of the planning meeting held on 28th May 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th May were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

6. Matters arising

a. Bus stops at Newbold Pacey – Cllr Johnston

Cllr Kendall informed the meeting that an impass had been reached and the only recommendation was to form a new layby at a cost of £8k, and that no budget was available this year. He stated that he would request the requirement is added to the highways schedule for 2015. Cllrs thought this was still in a very dangerous location and should be further south. After discussion it was felt that action was needed now, Cllr Boardman agreed to obtain photos and send them to the Clerk, who would then write to the MP Jeremy Wright . *Cllr Boardman to send photos to Clerk.*

b. Flooding works update Cllr Bolton, Cllr Kendall

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that the original proposed schemes were not feasible, but a quote for an alternative scheme for the Holloway had been obtained for £1375. Cllr Kendall agreed to run the quotes past Paul Rimen at WCC, and follow up on a solution for Crabtree allotments (more drains). It was also agreed it was very important to get the drains jetted as soon as possible . *Cllr Kendall to follow up.*

c. Hilary Close status – All

Cllr Bolton reported that Macer Nash from SDC had written to each of the 4 households to inform them that as a result of the naming of the Close , their house numbers and postcode would change as well. This had caused some distress to the residents, and was felt unnecessary. However, there had been no feedback from residents in the last 4 weeks. Cllr Johnston agreed to follow up with Macer. It was also resolved that the Clerk would chase up the installation of the sign . *Cllr Johnston and Clerk to action.*

d. Tree on Village green approval of £100 for thinning – Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting she had a quote of £100 from Chris Wyatt to thin the tree. It was proposed by Cllr Pate to accept the quote, seconded by Cllr Cooper and carried unanimously. *Clerk to arrange.*

e. Open Space Society membership confirmation- Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting the parish council were now members of the Society. Cllr Bolton asked the Clerk to investigate whether it was possible to obtain a copy of the book ‘ Rights of Way’: A Guide to Law and Practice 4th edition ‘Blue Book’ . *Clerk to follow up*

f. Wellesbourne Neighbourhood Plan – what should our engagement be ? - All

Cllr Bolton referred to the recent meeting and presentation on the Wellesbourne Neighbourhood Plan by John Hargis . At that meeting a questionnaire was handed out to Villagers to obtain their views on the level of involvement of the Parish of Newbold Pacey and Ashorne. The results of 27 returns were:- 4 votes for full engagement with 2 offers of help , 6 votes for NPA to develop their own plan with 3 offers of help , and 17 votes to do nothing. Cllr Bolton therefore concluded that as this was democracy and that the will of the people was to do nothing. It was agreed to send a letter to John Hargis to inform him. It was also decided that as Wellesbourne was consulting in any case on local needs and services, there was nothing stopping individuals responding to their survey . *Clerk to send letter.*

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

a. Village garden future plans – All

Cllr Bolton recommended that due to holidays and the number of items on this agenda that this item should be carried forward to next meeting as it was not urgent. In the meantime it was proposed by Cllr Pate, and seconded by Cllr Boardman and carried unanimously to get the garden cut again at an approx. cost of £60 . *Clerk to organise*

b. Jubilee Trees – All

The Clerk informed the meeting that Chris Wyatt had confirmed that 2 Oaks had definitely died. Cllr Pate confirmed the Jubilee Committee had around £250 of funds remaining. It was resolved to consult the Diamond Jubilee Committee and Chris Wyatt on the type of replacement

trees before making a decision, as oak's of this size seem difficult to keep alive on transplanting. *Clerk to follow up.*

c. Grass cutting safety / warning signs – Cllr Kendall

Cllr Kendall recommended no action as he thought this was a 'one off'. It was resolved to monitor the situation and report again if Cllrs or parishioners felt verge cutting was dangerous.

8. Planning

a. Applications to consider

None.

b. District Decisions for information

14/00728/FUL Proposed demolition of farmhouse and redundant agricultural buildings and erection of a replacement dwelling and attached garage, swimming pool and ancillary accommodation. Change of use of part of farmyard from agricultural to garden land (including areas of proposed tennis court and soft landscaping). Proposed tennis court. Amendment to previously approved planning permission (ref 10/01809/FUL). Flint Hall Newbold Pacey Warwick CV35 9DY. **Permission with conditions**

14/00638/FUL Proposed two storey side extension, including construction of balcony at first floor level. Erection of single storey extension and alterations to existing roof. Additionally, rendering of dwelling and insertion of photovoltaic panels. The Russetts Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR **Permission with conditions**

c. Solar Park – discussion – no application yet

Cllr Parry reported on the recent joint meeting with MMPC and immediate landowners, which all thought was well attended and well chaired. She has been informed by the developer that they would hold another public meeting before an application is submitted.

d. Core Strategy consultation – deadline 17th July

All were aware that the consultation closes on 17th July, and Cllr Bolton had circulated a 'on block' response sheet from FORSE, should people wish to respond.

9. Finance

a. Approval of payments

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

1.	Village Hut printing march (paid)	£16.00
2.	Village Hut printing May	£16.00
3.	Cadman printers (footpath map lamination)	£55.20
4.	MFM grass cutting village garden	£60.00
5.	Wybone dustbin inc delivery	£87.92
6.	Open space society (P Routly paid)	£45.00
7.	P Routly - Salary (May/ June) via D Tonks	£410.28
8.	P Routly – Expenses (May/June)	£44.45

b. Receipts

None

10. District Councillor's report

Cllr Johnston pre-filed the following report:-

Annual Meeting of the Council-

I am a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the Economy, Planning and Housing Advisory Group, and The Environment and Climate Change Panel for the next year. So far there have been no meetings of any of these groups.

Draft Submission Core Strategy

Is now available on SDC website.

Walking Guide

It is still proving popular. It will be useful to be clear on the remaining funds available. The laminated copies have been received, but I have not seen an invoice. I shall ring Cadman's Printers before the meeting.

Cycling Guide

I am meeting with a couple of local residents to look at how we might produce a Guide to cycling locally on 9th July.

Community Forum -Reforming Local Councils

The Leader of the County Council, Cllr. Izzy Seccombe is coming to the next meeting of the Forum on 18th September to discuss the creation of Unitary Authorities in Warwickshire.

Community Safety Ambassador

I am meeting Sgt Richard Thomas along with the two other CSA's in South East Warwickshire within the next few weeks. Please let me know if there are topics which you would like raising.

Cllr Parry pre -filed the following report:-

Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Parish Council Report – July 2 2014

Firstly I would like to express my thanks to the parishioners in Newbold Pacey & Ashorne for their confidence and say I was delighted to be elected to represent the Wellesbourne Ward.

I will certainly do my utmost to fulfil my role to the best of my ability and in the best interests of all the villages and villagers. Since being elected on 23 May 2014 I have attended a comprehensive induction programme at Stratford District Council, which continues to be supplemented by many additional training hours over the next few months. I have already fulfilled over 12 hours in respect of planning training.

I have been elected as Vice Chair of the Planning East Committee Meeting and will be supporting Danny Kendall in his Chair role. The first meeting is on 25 June 2014 with a subsequent meeting on 2 July at Kineton High School due to the volume of applications, which means that regrettably I am unable to attend the NPAPC meeting on 2 July. Please accept my apologies in this respect.

Core Strategy

The proposed submission of the Core Strategy was published on Stratford District Council's website on Thursday 5 June and is available to download online. There is now a six week period for making representations on the legal compliance and soundness of the Plan which

ends on Thursday 17 July, before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Dog Warden Update

The district is currently recruiting a Dog Warden and an appointment announcement can be expected soon. I plan to meet up with the new dog warden and will be happy to raise any major problem areas or issues with her or him and arrange a separate meeting with the parish council if required.

Planning

I have registered my comments regarding The Russetts planning application in Ashorne and whilst I have no objection to the proposed enlargement of the property, I am not in favour of the full 'white' rendering proposal, as this does not reflect the character of village, which predominantly features properties of brick construction and exterior.

Being located on slightly raised ground at the gateway to the village I believe that such a striking designer style (which I like in isolation) would also be particularly prominent during the winter months without screening from trees in full leaf.

My comments are based on NPPF Guidelines Ref 61– Planning policies and decisions should address the connections between people and places and the integration of new development into the natural, built and historic environment.

Solar Park

I attended a meeting organised by NPAPC with Green Energy Direct regarding the pre-application proposals for a solar park in Moreton Morrell, as it has a visual impact on some parishioners in Ashorne. I am still awaiting confirmation of suggested dates from Ross Morgan for a meeting between NPAPC and MMPC in early July and will advise at the earliest opportunity.

Jeremy Wright MP has been approached by one of the parishioners directly affected by the proposals and as a consequence is attending a meeting with those residents on 27 June 2014 and Jeremy Wright's office has subsequently asked me to attend this meeting which commences at 3pm. I have provided a factual background briefing note.

Community Forum

I have emailed the Parish Clerk about the planned Community Forum being held at Lighthorne Heath Village Hall, which covers the village of Newbold Pacey and Ashorne, at 6.30pm. The opportunity to record your vote and set the policing priorities was also included on the email and the event includes the chance to realise the benefits to having a Neighbourhood Plan and raise any concerns you have in respect of policing. Visit www.warwickshire.police.uk/Wellesbourne_BigVote

Neighbourhood Plan

I have offered my services to John Hargis in the event a liaison officer is considered helpful and appropriate between Wellesbourne and the villages, if they wish to be included and go down this route.

Broadband

Superfast broadband in both villages continues to be a major issue, particularly for those who run businesses from home. I am in dialogue with Warwickshire County Council but there is yet

to be a defined schedule for Newbold Pacey and Ashorne at the moment and therefore at the moment it is looking like no further development until 2015. Further details to be circulated if this situation changes.

11. County Councillor's report

Cllr Kendall pre-filed the following report:-

Northbound Bus Stop on (B4087) Newbold Pacey

Continuing to pursue these issues has led me to something of an impasse.

Stagecoach has made quite clear the solution, and highways have confirmed. If you want the bus stop moving, then there must be a lay-by built at a cost of £8000. which Stagecoach are not willing to pay (and there is no legal requirement to force them). County haven't got the funds, nor I expect have the PC.

Section 106, may cover it in the future, but you'd have to accept building to get it (not really an option then.

The only two courses of action then are;

I continue to harass Highways and attempt to get funding (which of course I'm willing to do, but will not promise success).

If the WCC Transport Seminar runs again this year (which is by no means certain), I could use some of my delegated funds to pay part of the cost if the PC agreed to put a contribution as well.

As things stand then, if you wish to write Jeremy Wright, in the hopes he can apply pressure on highways to find the funds, then you should do that. A further site meeting is unlikely to achieve any furthering of the cause, as we know what must be done, it's just a matter of finding the cash.

County Councillor's Grant Fund:

It's that time of year again, and the £5000 County Councillor's Grant Fund for local community projects is open for application again. Application forms can be found via the Warwickshire Direct Website or by contacting Amanda Wilson-Patterson.

Part-night street lighting operation reviewed:

Warwickshire County Council's Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee has carried out its first review of part-night street lighting. Various statistics have been analysed including rates of anti-social behavior, vehicle crime, domestic burglary, violent crime and burglary other. The rates of crimes during the hours, and at the locations, that part-night lighting has been in operation have been compared to other years' figures to give a comparison.

The findings were as follows.

- Countywide, the level of anti-social behaviour incidents had fallen from 1,308 to 779, a reduction of 29.6%
- Non-domestic burglary was down from 93 to 68, a fall of 26.9%
- Domestic burglary was down 24% from 98 to 75
- Violent crime offences fell 20.6% from 330 to 262 and
- Vehicle crime offences were down from 129 to 98, a reduction of 24%.

There was a slight increase in the numbers of slight injuries in road accidents from 7 to 10 as

well as in killed or seriously injured which went from 3 to 5. CO2 emissions were down by approximately 2,800 tonnes, equivalent to the emissions of around 560 homes. The target saving of £500,000 was exceeded with a net electricity cost saving of £560,000 achieved.

12. Correspondence

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the planning training . Cllr Bolton read a letter from Roger Wright thanking the PC for his retirement gifts.

13. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items

Village garden.

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 3rd September 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm