

# NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**PRESENT: Councillors:** S Bolton (Chair), J Cooper,  
M Boardman, F Kishor.  
**District Councillors:** D Johnston, A Parry  
**County Councillors:** D Kendall  
**Clerk :** P Routly  
and 3 members of the public

### 1. Public participation

None.

### 2. Possible Dog warden visit – still TBC

The Dog Warden had not responded to the Clerk or Cllr Parry , all agree this was not acceptable. Cllr Parry was following up.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

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

### 4. Apologies for absence

Cllr Pate and Cllr Marshall.

### 5. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

### 6. Matters arising

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

The Clerk confirmed that she had a response stating that the MP Jeremy Wright's office was following up with Cllr Butlin at WCC. Cllr Kendall confirmed it was on a works schedule for S106 monies, but this is not likely. Cllr Johnston suggested it could be combined with other works. It was agreed to carry over to the next meeting. Cllr Parry agreed to follow up with the MP's office.

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

Cllr Kendall confirmed a £1000 grant from WCC, and the Clerk confirmed a grant of £2750 from SDC, but work needed to start by March. Cllr Kendall agreed to follow up with WCC as soon as possible. Cllr Johnston offered to help. *Report back to next meeting.*

**c. Jubilee Trees – Clerk**

Cllr Bolton reported the two trees had been planted with the help of Andrew Hopkins and his digger. It was resolved to write a letter of thanks. *Clerk to write.*

**d. Village Garden update – Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting, that it was possible to give 6 months notice on the lease from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2014. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Kishor to serve notice, Cllr Bolton seconded, stating that as it was registered as a Village asset, SDC options were reduced, and they have to offer to the community if they decide to sell. Cllr Cooper and Boardman voted against the proposal, leaving the chair with the casting vote. With everyone's agreement the chair proposed contacting the other two Cllrs for their opinion, setting a deadline of Friday. The Clerk followed up, and Cllr Marshall voted in favour, and Cllr Pate did not vote. Hence the decision is to give six months' notice. *Clerk to follow up.*

**e. Village Speed reduction – Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting she has a quote of £425 plus VAT for 2 locations in Ashorne for 1 week, as recommended by Graham Stanley. It was proposed to go ahead by Cllr Kishor, seconded by Cllr Boardman and carried unanimously. *Clerk to place order.*

**f. Broadband Champion – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting that Dean Woods had agreed to be Broadband champion, this was approved unanimously.

**g. Walking Guide Website - Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Johnston filed the following report:-

**Walking guide to Wellesbourne and Surrounding Villages.**

Work has progressed in developing a website unique to the Walking Guide.

Of the 15,000 Guides printed last year, around 12,000 have been distributed, with 3000 or so remaining.

We plan a re-launch in the Spring, with further supplies being made to retail and service outlets, shops, library, surgeries etc. and to new housing, and as far as we can to houses which have changed hands since the distribution last year.

There are still several unfolded and laminated copies, which we will seek to install on notice boards in the area.

Signs will be installed by local volunteers whom we hope will form the nucleus of extended paths maintenance teams.

We will install signs in the same direction as the Guide only, as the target audience is new comers either to walking, or to the area.

There is a balance in the account, plus some additional Community Funding from the County Council (£500) , under the allocation by Cllr Kendall, for which many thanks.

If there is any further funds available, after recovery of VAT, it is proposed that this be spent on materials for footpath maintenance.

The Parish Council is requested to approve that the funds be dispersed as follows:

1 Website development by Roundbox-Creative	£384 ( inc of VAT)
2 Footpath Signs plus installation materials ( screws etc).....	£600 ( inc of VAT )
3 Re launch costs	£100
4 Additional Audit fees incurred by the Parish Council	£100
5 Website hosting	£25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1209</b>

The Clerk confirmed that the fund balance and combined with the £500 grant was sufficient to cover this expenditure. Acceptance was unanimous.

Cllr Bolton confirmed that Wellesbourne PC had been asked to contribute to the annual £25 website hosting cost, and would report the outcome at the next meeting.

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

### **a. Adoption of Defibrillator and siting – Cllr Bolton / Clerk**

Cllr Bolton confirmed the Heart Start group wished to hand responsibility to the PC, along with a fund of £177.38, sufficient to fund a new battery. The Clerk confirmed the Hut Committee had agreed to locate the unit on the Hut wall. She also stated that she had asked the manufacturer to confirm whether the unit is suitable to be located outside, and the cost of a box. In the mean time it was proposed by Cllr Cooper to purchase the new battery, this was seconded by Cllr Kishor and carried unanimously. *Clerk to follow up.*

### **b. Bridle Path SD311 – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton stated he was keen to see the Bridle path that stops at Flint Hall, be reinstated all the way to Wellesbourne, he also stated there were deadlines albeit years away , and suggest setting up a sub-committee involving the Ramblers , Moreton Morrell PC and Wellesbourne PC . Cllr Johnston was supportive, Cllr Parry also was interested in being part of this sub-committee and all agreed. *The Clerk was asked to write to the other organisations. Cllr Johnston agreed to email Ramblers contact details.*

### **c. Wellesbourne and Walton neighbourhood plan update – All**

Cllr Parry acting in her capacity as OWL (her PR company, who had been engaged by Wellesbourne PC) informed the meeting that over 1100 responses had been received, and she was in the process of analysing. There was 12 responses from Newbold Pacey and Ashorne. She would report back at the next meeting.

### **d. Signage at the Square – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting there had been an accident on December 6<sup>th</sup> at about 6.00pm , destroying the sign . A letter from Cllr Gordon at Moreton Morrell had been received expressing concerns. It was resolved unanimously to write to Graham Stanley at WCC to seek his opinion on what could be done, including further cutting back of the verges & hedges. *Clerk to follow up.*

## **8. Planning**

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

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

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to send no representations. *Clerk to respond to SDC.*

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

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to support but send comments concerning the size of the access steps and balcony.

*Clerk to the following response to SDC:-*

**b. Decision of Committee**

None.

**c. District Decisions for information**

None.

**d. Solar farm**

Cllr Parry informed the meeting the application had been withdrawn. It is not known if the applicant will re submit, but given SDC policy, and grant reductions, it's unlikely.

**9. Finance**

**a. Approval of payments**

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

1.	Village Hall Rent 2015	£140.00
2.	Churchyard Grant	£300.00
3.	Village Hall Grant	£300.00
4.	Village Hut printing	£20.00
5.	Roundbox Walking map website	£384.00
6.	P Routly - Salary (Nov/Dec) via D Tonks	£410.28
7.	P Routly – Expenses (Nov/Dec)	£89.09

**b. Receipts**

The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

1.	Donation from Heart Start fund	£177.38
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**c. 2015/16 Allotment rental review ( Proposal to stay the same £18 per lot , £350 for the field )**

The proposal to remain the same was made by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Boardman, and carried unanimously.

**d. Clerk Salary review in line with national agreement**

The proposal to increase the Clerks Salary in line with the national agreement for SCP20, was made by Cllr Kishor, seconded by Cllr Boardman, and carried unanimously.

**e. 2015/16 Budget approval**

The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed budget, which included a 2% increase in precept to £5550. The increase is about £1 per household. After discussion Cllr Kishor proposed the

budget be accepted including increase in precept, this was seconded by Cllr Cooper and carried unanimously.

**f. 2015/16 Precept approval**

In line with the budget Cllr Cooper proposed the precept be set at £5550, this was seconded by Cllr Kishor and carried unanimously. *Clerk to inform SDC.*

**10. District Councillor's report**

Cllr Parry pre-filed the following report:-

**Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Parish Council Report – January 2015**

Stephen Bolton and myself met in November so that I could be brought up to date with matters arising from the last Parish Council Meeting, which regrettably I was unable to attend.

**Flooding Issues**

Cllr Danny Kendall has advised that he has secured £1000 grant from his allocated fund to be used for flood alleviation purposes. I have also made contact with Geoff Turton at SDC with regard to gaining a grant from the District Council and am awaiting a response in respect of this matter.

**Solar Park**

As previously advised to the chairman and clerk, the application for Moreton Morrell Solar Park has been withdrawn by Green Energy Direct.

**Core Strategy Update**

The hearing sessions with Peter Drew the planning inspector who is examining the Core Strategy open on 6 January and are programmed to run until the end of the month.

All hearing sessions are open to the public. However, participation in the sessions is limited to those who have made representations relevant to the topic under consideration. The published programme confirms those who are expected to participate, although this may be subject to update at the discretion of the Inspector.

**Plans for new Doctors' Surgery**

Plans for a new Doctors' Surgery in Wellesbourne were unveiled at a pre-application meeting in December which is linked to a development proposal by Persimmon in partnership with Walton Estates for 350 new homes adjoining the Ettington Park site. Details regarding the location of the new medical centre are still being investigated but possible sites include Dog Close – opposite Justina's in Bridge Street or in Newbold Road.

**Dog Warden**

I continue to chase Lisa Parkes for a response and update on being able to attend a Parish Council Meeting but I have yet to speak to her ... I did send her another email prior to Christmas and then missed a phone call from her, but hopefully will make contact when the offices reopen on Monday 5 January.

**WWW Neighbourhood Plan**

The survey closes on 5 January and an analysis report of the findings will be produced in February and hopefully villagers from Newbold Pacey and Ashorne have taken part.

### **Other Events Attended**

- Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum - 27 November 2014 at Wellesbourne Fire Station.
- Spotlight on Stratford - Meet the Leaders – 4 December at Stratford Racecourse.

### **Wellesbourne East**

I can confirm that I have been selected as the candidate to represent the Conservatives in the forthcoming local elections in May 2015 for Wellesbourne East which includes part of Wellesbourne from the Stratford Road, Ashorne, Newbold Pacey, Moreton Morrell, Moreton Paddox and Walton.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Cllr parry also stated the recommendation was for a freeze on Council tax.

Cllr Johnston pre-filed the following report:-

### **Core Strategy**

The Public Examination of the Core Strategy is scheduled to begin on 6<sup>th</sup> January. The full schedule of hearings is on the SDC website. I know that the proposal for GLH has raised concerns for this Council. As I read it, but please check, this is for consideration on 8<sup>th</sup> January. I have not had any assurance that traffic issues have been taken account of in the Masterplan for GLH.

The other tricky issues are the total figure of houses required, due for consideration on 13<sup>th</sup>, and the five year land supply, on 14<sup>th</sup>. The District Council has increased the proposed number of houses from 10,800 to 11,300.

Members will be aware of major proposals for development in Wellesbourne. It seems to me that the policy framework which allows applications for this scale of development whilst the Core Strategy is being considered by the Secretary of State is fundamentally flawed, and I have written to Jeremy Wright asking him to make representations to DCLG. Given the cost to public funds of producing the Strategy, this should take precedence over proposals by predatory developments.

### **Other Issues**

As I understand the position, the Solar Farm application, though verified, is not being submitted.

I have raised the issue of having the road drains in Ashorne being jetted. I'll check before Wednesday whether that has happened.

### **Community Forum**

The next meeting of the Forum will take place at Kineton Village Hall 19<sup>th</sup> March – 6.30 for a 7pm start

At the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forum, the local Inspector said he wished to see the local SNT based in Wellesbourne. It is the only SNT in the county which does not have a base in or bordering it's area of work.

**11. County Councillor's report**

Cllr Kendall reported:-

There was not much going on at the moment at County other than preparing for the budget discussions.

**12. Correspondence**

**a. Royal Garden party nominations – deadline 2nd Feb 2015**

The Clerk had circulated and invited Cllrs to contact her if there were any nomination.

**b. Latest Training courses**

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

**c. Temporary road closure at Newbold Pacey – 19th Jan**

The Clerk had circulated the notice that the Newbold Road at the One Stop in Wellesbourne would be closed for roads works on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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

None.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm . It was also resolved to move the May meeting to 13<sup>th</sup> May due to the election.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm