

# ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL  
ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 7.30PM

**Present** D Barlow (DB, Chair), P Briscoe (PB), P Dennis (PD), S Emery (SE), M Baverstock (MB), D Gilson (DG), C Sully (CS), D Thorley (DT) and B Wells (BW).

**In Attendance** S Vaillant (Clerk), R Carter (District Councillor; in part).

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

58/18 Apologies were received from R Battagel (RB) and E Lewis (EL).

**Action**

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

59/18 No request for dispensation were made.  
D Barlow and M Baverstock declared an interest in the proposed residential scheme on land at end of Chapelfield.

## **AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**

60/18 The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held, with the following amendment:  
• Item 41/18; Clerk did not send response to Johnston & Johnston as, after checking, it was confirmed that the council could not vote on an item that was not on the agenda. Clerk contacted Johnston & Johnston to advise that response would be delayed; and the item was added to today's meeting agenda.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (where not dealt with later)**

61/18 Raised garden bed in High Street & Registration of playing field with Fields in Trust – Clerk has contacted Bartlett Gooding & Weelen to start proceedings. Ongoing.

**SV**

62/18 (303/17) Overhanging vegetation, Bath Road – Clerk has written to residents. Clerk to send another letter if it has not been actioned.

**SV**

63/18 (289/17) Training for defibrillator – Ongoing.

**DB**

64/18 (46/18) Somerset Libraries Consultation – Clerk responded. Action complete.

65/18 (53/18) Letter to the Village Hall Committee was handed at the meeting to pass on. Action complete. D Thorley advised the Committee had received two quotations to remedy the heating situation not only in the small meeting room but to the whole building.

66/18 (55/18) PCSO – Clerk has written to the PCSO again to invite her to attend meetings. No response has been received. Clerk to have a look on the PCSO website to check contact information is up to date.

**SV**

67/18 (56/18) Sarah has liaised with the school who agreed to organize a meeting after Easter to talk to parents about starting a walking bus as spring and summer are upon us.

## **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

68/18 R Carter (District Cllr) reported as follows:  
• High Street retail – A lot of shops are closing due to online shopping. However, business startups are blooming.  
• Budget is on track despite the numerous cut backs and without reducing services in the local area.  
• Council is looking at vulnerable people and rough living.  
• Real problem with workforce across the county.

*Rachel left the meeting.*

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## GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2018

69/18 It was agreed that Primrose's work was very good. PB proposed to renew the contract for the 2018 season (BW seconded, unanimously agreed).

## CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO TACKLE CRIME AND POOR PERFORMANCE IN THE WASTE SECTOR & INTRODUCE A NEW FIXED PENALTY FOR THE WASTE DUTY OF CARE

70/18 Chair read part of the consultation document, which is extensive and not particularly relevant to Parish Councils. The parish council supports the initiative in general but agreed not to respond.

## REVISED SIDS PROGRAM

71/18 PB proposed to request two SIDs per term subject to the program allowing it, giving a total of six SIDs per year at £600 (DT seconded, unanimously agreed).

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72/18 Clerk offered to contact the ambulance service to organize defibrillator training during the public session.

SV

## PLANNING

73/18 Updates on previous applications:-  
2017/2868/OTS; Outline Application (all matters reserved) for the erection of a two storey dwelling house and associated vehicle parking; The Conifers, Little London, Oakhill – No decision.

2018/0216/TPO – Proposed works to trees in a TPO area: Felling of 4 Ash trees; Coombe End, Binegar Lane, Gurney Slade – No decision.

74/18 Application 2018/0329/PTO; Works to a PTO tree, M1153 Ash Tree removal of low limb growing over the garage; The Old Coach House, Bath Road, Oakhill – It was agreed to leave the decision to the TPO officer.

75/18 Application 2018/0279/VRC; Application to vary condition 3 occupation restriction of Planning approval 2017/2866/FUL to a standard agricultural restriction; Badgers Cross Farm, Zion Hill to Underhill – Peter Dennis proposed, Martin B seconded to support. It was unanimously agreed to support.

76/18 *MB explained his interest in item 77/18 below and left the room for the duration of the discussion and vote.*

77/18 Proposed residential scheme on land at end of Chapelfield – It was unanimously agreed to respond to the developer opposing the proposed development (BW proposed, PD seconded, 6 votes for, 1 abstention from DB) for the following reasons:

- The proposed development is outside the village development limit.
- The land is totally unsuitable for dwellings until something is done about the sewage system, and the infrastructure around the site.
- Congestion on the High Street; will the road support a new development and an additional 50 or so cars.
- It was felt that the presentation contained errors and inaccuracies and it is not in line with Part I & Part II of Mendip Development Plan: the village has already met its quota of development until 2024.

*MB rejoined the meeting.*

## FINANCE

78/18 Financial Statement – Financial statement to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 was agreed.

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79/18 Review of Financial Regulations & Standing Orders – Clerk to review and circulate for agreement at next month meetings.

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80/18 Review of Risk Assessment and Asset Register – Both documents were reviewed and agreed; Clerk to print copies for signing at the next meeting.

**SV**

The following was noted and to be added to next month's agenda:

**SV**

- Bench at 5-ways needs repairing.
- Purchase of larger or additional dog bin at the Pound.

81/18 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

	£
823 S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	271.02
824 HMRC	60.40

## **MATTERS OF REPORT**

82/18 Highways:

- SE reported seeing people investigating the area around Sun Cottage and marking the road.
- BW reported that the condition of Pound Lane was very bad.

83/18 Footpaths – Nothing to report. It was noted that the door by the garage was still on site but not preventing access.

84/18 Village Hall – Meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February; DT updated on the following:

- Playground fence
- Memorial bench
- New notice board at the entrance to the car park.
- Review of village hall events coming up
- Heating; quotations are being sought
- Seating; plastic seats are uncomfortable in the village hall; looking at replacing

Next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018, AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

85/18 Speedwatch/PCSO/SALC/School – Nothing further to report.

86/18 PD offered his apologies for next month.

## **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

87/18 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 7.30pm.