

# ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL  
ON 09<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM

**Present** D Barlow (DB, Chair), R Battagel (RB), S Emery (SE), (PD), D Gilson (DG),  
C Sully (CS), D Thorley (DT) and B Wells (BW).

**In Attendance** Cllr R Carter (District Cllr) and S Vaillant (Clerk).

- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** **Action**
- 1/19 Apologies were received from M Baverstock (MB), P Briscoe (PB), P Dennis (PD) and E Lewis (EL). Cllr M Pullin also advised he would not be able to attend.
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**
- 2/19 No declaration of interest was made.  
A request for dispensation was signed by all councilors to discuss the budget.
- AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**
- 3/19 The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held.
- MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (where not dealt with later)**
- 4/19 (157/18) Raised garden bed in High Street & Registration of playing field with Fields in Trust – Ongoing. Clerk to send reminder email to DB. **DB/SV**
- 5/19 (269/18) Double lines in the middle of the road to stop vehicles overtaking – Clerk circulated response from Highways. Councillors believe the situation has recently got worse with two further incidents in December. Clerk to kindly respond that although we accept the number of injuries provided by the police, we believe the actual number of incidents to be much higher, with a certain number not reported to the police. SV to also copy M Pullin in the response. **SV**
- 6/19 (312/18) Truespeed – Clerk circulated response from MDC which confirmed that Planning application was not required. Action complete.
- 7/19 (288/18) Grit Bins – Clerk sent map to DB who will check the level of the bins and report to Highways if necessary. **DB**
- 8/19 (326/18) SV to write to Claire Haskins re. gate to be repaired – Ongoing. **SV**
- DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**
- 9/19 R Carter (District Cllr) reported as follows:
- Read email from Highway Officer regarding the request for double white lines. Rachel agreed to respond and stress our concerns.
  - Councillors kindly asked if she could to follow up about a weight limit restriction on Fosse Road, which was previously discussed with Highways.
  - Parish Forum moved to 28<sup>th</sup> February.
- Rachel left the meeting.*
- PARISH PATHS CONSULTATION**
- 10/19 RB gave a summary of the consultation proposals and suggested that path SM1/40A Bridleway be changed from path category 1 to category 2 for it to be cut twice a year, which was unanimously agreed. RB agreed to respond on behalf of the Parish Council. **RB**

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## REJUVENATION OF VILLAGE HALL

11/19 DT tabled a couple of suggestions for a revamp of the Village Hall to make it more useful for the community. A planning group needs to be formed to discuss and take the scheme forward with, maybe, two representatives from the parish council as well as at least two from the Village Hall Committee. RB and SE volunteered to join the committee. Item to be added to future agendas.

SV

## REQUEST FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE VILLAGE HALL

12/19 Chair made enquiries about costs and is awaiting responses. It is thought a defibrillator and case would be in the region of £1,200. In order to make it more affordable, the following sources of funding are to be approached:

- DT to ask if the Village Hall would contribute.
- BW to ask if the FA would be able to donate some monies.
- Clerk suggested to ask the local quarry. DB will enquire.
- DB to publish an article in the Parish Magazine for general fundraising.

DT  
BW  
DB  
DB

## PLANNING

13/19 Updates on previous applications:-  
2018/1849/FUL; Demolition of existing buildings on site and erection of replacement dwelling and attached building; Stable Cottage, Highcroft Lane, Gurney Slade – No decision.

## FINANCE

14/19 Financial Statement – Clerk presented a Financial statement to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

15/19 Budget and Parish Precept 2019/2010 – After review of the proposed budget for 2019/20, DT proposed to raise the precept to £9,500 (SE seconded, unanimously agreed) which will result in a parish portion of council tax of £17.86 for a typical Band D property in the parish. This is an increase of 75p per household from last year.

16/19 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

		£
862	S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	294.24
863	HMRC	64.20

## MATTERS OF REPORT

17/19 PCSO – Report received in the afternoon was read at the meeting.

18/19 Highways/Footpaths/Village Hall/SALC/School/GDPR – Nothing further report.

19/19 Gypsy and Traveller sites count – Clerk to respond that there are no changes to the site at Lime Kiln Lane, with 3 residents in situ.

20/19 DT confirmed that the new website would be going live imminently. Domain name remains the same.

21/19 Oakhill Village Trail – DT advised that the History Group has secured the approval of MDC to replace the existing published leaflet (currently being sold by the Shepton Mallet Tourist & Information centre for 40p) with a new one (having summer and winter versions). The hope is that the new one could be made available at a subsidised cost depending on donations and contributions received towards the cost of printing. A grant request will be submitted next month to support the distribution initiative.

22/19 CS will shortly be going to Chew Valley Trees to select the tree for the Recreation Field (a *Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii* 'Silver Shadow' also known as an Himlayan birch 'Silver Shadow'). Cost will be around £85 + some stakes and straps to secure it. BW advised he would help with the planting.

CS/BW

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## DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

23/19

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 7.30pm.

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