

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL
ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM

Present D Barlow (DB, Chair), R Battagel (RB), P Briscoe (PB), P Dennis (PD), S Emery (SE),
D Gilson (DG), E Lewis (EL), C Sully (CS), D Thorley (DT) and B Wells (BW).

In Attendance Cllr J Carter (District Cllr; in part), Cllr M Pullin (County Cllr; in part),
S Vaillant (Clerk) and two parishioners.

- 24/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** **Action**
No apologies were received; the full council was in attendance.
The Chair advised that the order of the meeting would be altered to deal with District and County councillors' reports and planning.
- 25/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**
D Thorley declared an interest in item 12.v. Grant Request from Local History Group. No requests for dispensation were made.
- 26/19 AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**
The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held.
- 27/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (where not dealt with later)**
(157/18) Registration of playing field with Fields in Trust & raised garden bed in High Street – David has made contact with the solicitors who provided a quotation to undertake the work. See item 12.vi below. Action complete.
- 28/19** (269/18) Double lines in the middle of the road to stop vehicles overtaking – County Cllr M Pullin agreed to look into this.
- 29/19** (10/19) Parish Paths Consultation – RB responded to the consultation. Action complete.
- 30/19** (12/19) Request for a defibrillator at the Village Hall – Grant requests sent by DB have not received any responses yet. BW advised that the FA were not able to grant a defibrillator but would be able to help the council purchase one at a discount. DT confirmed that the Village Hall would be in favour of participating in the purchase (by matching or making an even better offer).
It was also agreed to check Parish Council's eligibility to the Shape Mendip Community Fund. **DB**
SV
- 31/19** (22/19) The new tree for the Recreation Field has been purchased, planted and watered. A brief article was published in the Parish Magazine. Action complete.
- 32/19 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**
J Carter (District Cllr) reported as follows:
 - Mendip has a balanced budget for 2019 and looking towards next year.
 - Local Plan Part II has now been approved by the inspector. There will be training for parish council officers on planning.
 - Shape Lottery Community Fund is now open. Grants up to £500 available for community schemes.
 - Next Parish Forum on 28th February 2019 at Mendip Shape.
- 33/19** M Pullin (County Cllr) reported as follows:
 - From May, the gritting schedule will revert to how it was the previous years.
 - Budget is balanced for the next 18 months.

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- Pelican crossing on Bath Road; The Council was waiting for the school to undertake a consultation with parents. Clerk to get update on the scheme. **SV**
- Truespeed are undertaking work in the High Street installing cables and causing some disruption. Mike suggested we let him know once the works are finished, so an inspection of the road can be requested. **SV**
- Agreed to follow up on the Council's request for double white lines at the crossing of the Mendip Inn and the B3135.
- No news on the Small Improvement Scheme proposed for the crossing at the top of the village with the A37.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

34/19 A367 Fosse Way and A367 Bath Road, Stratton on the Fosse & Ashwick on 18th February 2019 – noted. Clerk to publish. **SV**

LITTER PICK UP DAY 2019

35/19 This year's National litter pick up is from 22nd March to 23rd April. To build on the last three years, it was agreed to hold another pick-up on 6th April 2019. DB to publish the event in the parish magazine, Clerk to register the event on the official Keep Britain Tidy website. EL agreed to lead the event. **DB/SV/EL**

WINTER MAINTENANCE

36/19 Chair asked Councillors to think of a way the bags kept at the Village Hall could be accessed, distributed and stored when snow is forecast, to help top up grit bins and locate bags in key areas as necessary.

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

37/19 SLR Outdoor visited with Chris Sully. Bryan to follow up and contact firms who have expressed an interest in quoting for the works. To be added to agenda for next month. **SV/BW**

MOURNING PROTOCOL FOR ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

38/19 PD agreed to ask the Church if they have plans in the event of the death of a senior figure and if the arrangements could be publicized. To be added to the agenda for next month for confirmation of arrangements. **PD**

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

39/19 Martin Baverstock has sent his resignation to the Chair of the parish council, which was regretfully accepted. Clerk advised Mendip who authorized the council to co-opt as it is very near election time.

PLANNING

40/19 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.

41/19 2019/0039/FUL; 105' x 40' clear span agricultural building for the housing of livestock; Land at 364743 147940 Bath Road, Oakhill – After review of the proposals, CS proposed to recommend approval (PB seconded, unanimously agreed) as the Parish Council is keen to support agricultural activity and businesses and understands the need for an additional building to house livestock due to expansion and to comply with regulations.

42/19 2019/0085/TPO; Proposed works to trees in a TPO area: T1-T5 Ash – Fell. Subject to TPO M329; Coombe End, Binegar Lane, Gurney Slade – It was agreed to leave the decision to the Tree Conservation Officer.

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- 43/19 2019/0143/FUL; Conversion of existing hangar and its related landing area to create single residential dwelling; Rookery Farm, Zion Hill to Underhill, Ashwick – The applicant and his representative were in attendance to answer any queries. After review of all the proposals, BW proposed to recommend approval (PD seconded and agreed by a majority vote (9 in favour, 1 against) as there will be very little impact on neighbouring property, except for the applicant, and the resulting dwelling will be an improvement on the current disused hangar. The council noted that the new dwelling would also sit on the current footprint of the hangar. The council has not received any comments or complaints from parishioners.
- 44/19 Appeal Notification APP/Q3305/W/18/3200788; New house as amended by revised drawings and additional supporting information received on the 01/02/2017; Goodrest Cottage, Neighbourne Lane, Oakhill – Agreed no further comments.

FINANCE

- 45/19 Financial Statement – Statement to 12th February 2019 was agreed and signed.

- 46/19 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

		£
864	S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	276.76
865	HMRC	64.00
866	Hire of Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings in 2018	144.00
867	Replacement tree at the Recreation Field (C. Sully)	90.00
868	Registering with ICO	40.00
868	Oakhill & Ashwick Local History Group	100.00

- 47/19 Grant request from Oakhill & Ashwick Local History Group towards printing costs of Village Trail leaflet to make it freely available to local residents – It was unanimously agreed to grant £50 for each issue, a total of £100.
- 48/19 To agree solicitors fees for registration of Recreation Field on Land Registry – £300 + Land registry fees. Clerk to check with SALC the actual position of the various trustees of the Village Hall Charity, and to confirm who has the authority to make decisions on various aspects the village hall and the recreation grounds.

MATTERS OF REPORT

- 49/19 PCSO – Report received for January/February was read.
- 50/19 Footpaths – Gate has now been replaced at the bottom of the path.
- 51/19 Village Hall – a few dates coming up will be advertised in the parish magazine.
- 52/19 Village Hall Rejuvenation – David updated the council. Information is now available on the parish website with the aim to recruit volunteers to help push the project forward.
- 53/19 GDPR – Clerk registered the Council with the ICO; and will keep progressing.
- 54/19 Chris Sully – It was noted that two cones have been placed at the end of the High Street which provide improved vision when turning and showed that it wouldn't be too much of a problem if there were double yellow lines there instead.
- 55/19 EL presented her apologies for the next meeting.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 56/19 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March 2019, at 7.30pm.