

# ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL  
ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 AT 07:00 PM

**Present** R Battagel (RB), P Briscoe (PB), S Emery (SE), D Gilson (DG), E Lewis (EL),  
D Thorley (DT) and B. Wells (BW).

**In Attendance** S Vaillant (Clerk), Josh Burr (District Cllr, in part) and 8 members of the public.

124/19 Vice-Chair welcomed all present and explained the format of the meeting.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

125/19 Apologies were received from D Barlow (DB, chair).

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

126/19 BW proposed (DT seconded, unanimously agreed) that David Barlow be re-elected as Chairman to the parish council.

D Barlow had advised that he was happy to accept the position, however in his absence, it was unanimously agreed for him to sign the Chairman's acceptance of office on his return from holiday.

127/19 BW proposed (PB seconded, unanimously agreed) that Lizzie Lewis be re-elected as vice-chairman. EL accepted the office.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

128/19 No declarations of interests nor dispensations were made.

## **AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF APCM & APM HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING**

129/19 The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held with the following amendments:

- Items 140.18 & 143.18 are saying the same thing. Item 143.18 has been deleted.

*The Meeting was interrupted by the Annual Parish Meeting.*

## **PLANNING**

130/19 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.

2019/0143/FUL; Conversion of existing hangar and its related landing area to create single residential dwelling; Rookery Farm, Zion Hill to Underhill, Ashwick – No decision.

2019/0402/TCA; Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area: T1 Goat Willow; fell; The Beeches, Gas Lane, Oakhill – No decision

2019/0243/FUL; Erection of a four-bedroom detached dwelling house and associated works; Kingsdon, Old Frome Road to Underhill, Gurney Slade – No decision.

2019/0464/TCA – No decision

131/19 Application 2019/0592/LBC & 2019/0591/HSE; Retrospective: Re-design of front garden including incorporating tarmac to driveway, planting, curved dry-stone wall and cobblestones; Ashwick Court, Heckley Lane Ashwick – After review of proposals, DT proposed (DG seconded, unanimously agreed) to recommend approval as long as the proposals do not contravene any listed building rules.

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132/19 Application 2019/0585/FUL; Conversion & Extension of a Redundant Rural Building to a Dwelling Location: Camp Five Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne – After review of the proposals, DT proposed to recommend approval (SE seconded, unanimously agreed) as it would improve the current building on site that has degenerated with time and is on poor condition. There will be no impact on surrounding properties.

133/19 Application 2019/0648/FUL; construction of a horse riding arena for private use only; Church Farm Heckley Lane Ashwick – BW proposed to recommend approval provided it complies with change of use requirements (SE seconded, unanimously agreed). It was noted that the intended use was for a private facility and would have no impact on neighbours.

## TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

134/19 Chapel Lane to Stockhill, 10th June 2019 for 4 days – NOTED.

## FINANCE

135/19 Financial statement – Financial statement dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was agreed and signed.

136/19 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

	£
874 S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	361.75
875 HMRC; Clerk's Tax	64.00
876 Donation to Village Hall Committee (£500 towards defibrillator)	500.00
877 Came & Company (Parish Insurance Renewal)	635.65
878 SALC Affiliation fees	355.12

137/19 Parish Insurance Renewal – Clerk tabled quotations from 4 different insurance providers as provided by Came & Company. PB proposed to renew with Ecclesiastical for a 3-year period.

## MATTERS OF REPORT

138/19 PCSO – Report was read with apologies.

139/19 Village Hall Committee

Noticeboards – After query, it was agreed that the Parish Council was responsible for maintenance. Item to be added to next month's meeting agenda. **SV**

Walking bus – The VHC has responsibility for areas around the Recreation field, including the footpath running through the Rec. however, it was noted that the path beyond the gate needed improvements. Sarah to liaise with the school PTA to ask if they are happy pursuing the matter of the walking bus and if they need any assistance. **SE**

140/19 BW reported that there were a lot of potholes at the moment and that the roads were in a shocking state. He was hoping M Pullin would be in attendance to report same. Clerk to email Mike and report potholes and eroding of edges (especially by Rookery Farm / Badgers Cross down to Gurney Slade) on Somerset Highways website. **SV**

## DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

141/19 The next Parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019, at 7.30pm. PB presented his apologies for the next meeting.

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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

143/19 Vice-Chair read the report written by David Barlow which summarised the activities of the council in the past year.

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS**

- 144/19
- Josh Burr introduced himself, and presented apologies for Sam Phripp, and said they would take turns to attend our meeting.
  - They would like to set up regular public drop in sessions.
  - MDC has now switched from conservative to Lib Dem control. However, Council is presently run by officers until a majority can be worked out.

## **OPEN MEETING**

145/19 Nothing to report.

146/19 The meeting was closed.

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