

# ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL  
ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 7.30PM

**Present** D Barlow (DB, Chair), R Battagel (RB), P Briscoe (PB), D Gilson (DG)  
and B Wells (BW).

**In Attendance** S Vaillant (Clerk), Josh Burr (District Cllr), David Hine and one Parishioner.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

181/19 Apologies were received from S Emery (SE), E Lewis (EL) and D Thorley (DT).

**Action**

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

182/19 No request for dispensation or declarations of interests made.

Chair advised that the order of the meeting would be altered for the benefit of the parishioners present.

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

183/19 The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

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

184/19 (33/19) Truespeed – The works in the High Street have been made good. Chair agreed to invite M. Pullin to have a walk around to assess the situation. D Barlow also met with Neil Corp who had a look at the surface of the high Street. It was agreed that it was looking bad and needed to be done; however it will not be straight away as there is no budget right now.

**DB**

Chapelfield also needs resurfacing; however, further works need to be undertaken so it will be delayed until the works are finished.

Bath Road by Church - The remedial works will be included in the works this summer.

185/19 (160/19) Walking Bus – Becky to speak to the footpath officer. Ongoing. Chair emailed Primrose asking for their thoughts on what could be done on the footpath to improve it; the only solutions provided were tarmac and compacted sand or stone. No decision has been made yet.

**RB**

186/19 (164/19) Highcroft Quarry – Clerk has written to the owner.

187/19 (179/19) Letter to Mendip Community Transport – Letter has been sent to Mendip Community Transport. It is noted that the driver has not been waiting there very recently.

## **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

188/19 J Burr (Mendip District Councillor) reported as follows:

- Last cabinet meeting focused on the budget as up to £5m cuts from recent years have made the budget very tight.
- Session on Local Plan II coming up: welcomes any questions or queries on this.
- Street cleaning reported at last meeting: this has been made good.
- Coronation sign has not been fixed yet; officer responsible has been on holiday.
- Nettlebridge; Met with residents who would like additional traffic calming measures and to deal with the junction. Chair stated that Mike Pulling has said that it would be under review.
- Bus stop in Nettlebridge; would like to follow up on this. Clerk to forward response from previous enquiries pertaining to this issue.

**SV**

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## OAKHILL CROSSING UPDATE

189/19 It was confirmed that the crossing would go ahead and works start in the summer holidays.

The parish council will liaise with the school to take up the offer of parking on site. Chair to follow up.

DB

It was noted that some residents are already intending to put a planning application to create a parking space on their property. Pre-planning application consultation to be added to the agenda for September.

SV

## ALLOTMENTS

190/19 No requests were made in the past year.

## NEW VILLAGE SIGNS

191/19 Chair has asked the lady responsible for the signs in Binegar to come up to a Parish Meeting to discuss how they did it; and to also discuss options.

## VE DAY 75; 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020

192/19 It was suggested to put something on the website and Facebook to gather public opinion. Are there still families of veterans in the village?

SV

## GURNEY SLADE A37

193/19 After reading the letter received and reviewing the images, it was agreed to ask IDVerde to visit site and provide a quotation to maintain the embankment. Chair to meet them on site (meet at the Post Office)

SV

David Hine stated that it was important to also leave some wild areas, or incorporate some wild areas to encourage wildlife.

## CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

194/19 David Hine introduced himself and his reasons for standing as Parish Councillor. BW proposed (RB seconded, unanimously agreed) to co-opt David on the Parish Council. Acceptance of Office form was signed. Clerk to send a Declaration of Interests form for completion.

SV

## CONSULTATIONS

195/19 Proposed Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Changes; it was agreed to add to agenda for September meeting.

196/19 Small Improvement Scheme TI004311 Old Wells Road to Frome Road; Councillors welcome the scheme and the intention to improve the road, however, it was felt that it perhaps didn't go far enough.

## PLANNING

197/19 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 S – Approved with Conditions  
2019/0464/TCA – No decision  
2019/0585/FUL – No decision.  
2019/1154/FUL & 1155/LBC/ Alterations to the existing house. Use of historic dairy as a holiday let. Change of use of the sheep barn from agricultural Little Oakhill, Brewery Lane, Oakhill – No decision.

Camp V; District councillors have asked for it to go to the planning board as it was turned down by Parish.

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## FINANCE

- 198/19 Financial Statement – Statement to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 was agreed and signed.
- 199/19 Annual Return – Certificate was submitted and acknowledged by KPFJ Little John.
- 200/19 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

		£
883	S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	540.02
884	HMRC	128.20
885	Mendip District Council (Election Services)	120.60
886	Richard Blunden (Internal Audit)	50.00

## MATTERS OF REPORT

- 201/19 PCSO – Report circulated prior to the meeting.
- 202/19 Village Hall – Chair attended the AGM, and these were the key points discussed:
- Summary of past year's activities
  - Future projects.
  - Loss of earning from the pre-school moving to the school.
  - Disappointment with the number of people expressing opinions regarding the Village Hall rejuvenation.
- 203/19 School – Chair will liaise with Philip Morris to look into the offer of parking at the school for residents affected by the new crossing. Nothing further to report.
- 204/19 Footpaths – A lot of overhanging trees at the moment along Pondsmead. Clerk to send a letter. **SV**
- 205/19 GDPR / SALC – Nothing further to report.
- 206/19 Phil advised that the Good Companions will be writing a letter to ask for a small grant, as per previous years. Clerk to add to September Agenda. **SV**
- 207/19 Brian - Potholes to be done in Gulley Batch and Church Road.
- 208/19 Chairman's Award to the Community – Chair attended with Peter and Pam Dennis.
- 209/19 Hooks have been added to the War Memorial to hook wreaths.

## DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 210/19 The next parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 7:30pm.