

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present D Barlow (DB, Chair), R Battagel (RB), P Briscoe (PB), D Gilson (DG), D Hine (DH), E Lewis (EL), D Thorley (DT) and B Wells (BW).

In Attendance S Vaillant (Clerk), Josh Burr (District Cllr) and 2 parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Action

286/19 Apologies were received from S Emery (SE).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

287/19 No request for dispensation was made.
R Battagel (RB) declared an interest in planning application 2019/2523/FUL.

AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

288/19 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2019 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

289/19 The minutes of the planning meeting held on 23rd October 2019 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held.
Clerk apologised to B.Wells for forgetting to send the agenda to him.

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

290/19 (188/19) Traffic in Nettlebridge – Clerk has sent request to Highways to review situation. The officer in Charge at Highways is off sick; waiting for her return to work. Ongoing.

291/19 VE Day – The Village Hall will be putting together a programme of events, to be confirmed soon. Action complete.

292/19 (193/19) Grass bank at Gurney Slade, A37 – Clerk has written to IDVerde with a scope of works. Waiting for quotation. Ongoing. DB also spoke to Richard at Binegar PC to outline proposals

SV

293/19 (204/19) Overhanging vegetation at Pondsmead – No response from Pondsmead. Lizzie spoke to the person who owns the land and agreed to follow up.

EL

294/19 (227/19) Additional light on the High Street – Clerk found correspondence with Highways from 2017 quoting cost for a light of between £2,000-£3,000. DB to follow up.

DB

295/19 (228/19) Oakhill Inn – Clerk to enquire about way forward to look at creating new pavement and cross-hatch area to prevent car parking directly outside the entrance.

SV

296/19 (229/19) Repair of benches at the Recreation field – Clerk to pursue.

SV

297/19 (260/19) Highcroft Quarry – Clerk reported not having received any emails from the quarry in the past month to warn of upcoming explosions.

298/19 (261/19) Pathway to King Combe – Fallen tree has been cleared. Action complete.

299/19 (262/19) Mendip Fund – A bid was submitted by the Village Hall Committee. Action complete.

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300/19 (277/19) Hole in wall around Poundsmead – DB reported to Neil Corp who advised that there is no county maintained walls in this area and it is the land owner's duty to maintain.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

301/19 J Burr (Mendip District Councillor) reported as follows:

- Mendip accounts have been passed and agreed.
- Donna Nolan, Deputy Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, is leaving MDC.
- Council is now quiet due to coming elections.

RESIGNATION OF CLERK

302/19 Clerk agreed to find a job description and advertise the position on the local Facebook page, the website and to also consult with SALC.

SV

PROBLEM WITH PARKING ON BATH ROAD

303/19 Parishioners present, residents at Oakhill House, are experiencing problems exiting their house during school hours, especially since the summer when the new crossing and works at the top of the High Street have moved the traffic. They are seeking permission to erect a parabolic mirror on the wall on the pavement opposite their exit.

DB agreed to ask Mike Pullin and Neil Corp how to go about installing a mirror and how/who would fund it. Josh also agreed to contact one of the officers at Mendip to seek guidance.

DB

PLANNING

304/19 Updates on previous applications:-
2019/0464/TCA – 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 – Approved w/c.
2019/1646/FUL; A 2 bedroomed agricultural worker's dwelling; Woodside Farm, Bath Road – No decision.
2019/1806/FUL; Conversion of existing bungalow to two storey dwelling, change of use to adjacent land to ancillary curtilage incidental to 'Hill Top', and replacement of the existing dilapidated barn with new ancillary workshop; Hill Top, Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne – Withdrawn.
2019/2148/HSE; Proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations; 17 Chapelfield, Oakhill – Approved.
2019/2052/TCA; Proposed works to tree(s) in a Conservation Area: Trees between T36, T37 and T42 (Beech and Laurel) – Fell all trees in area that are on top of a Listed Grotto in order to rebuild and protect it. T1 (Thusa Plicata) Crown raise to 25 feet to allow light into top garden; The Beeches, Gas Lane, Oakhill – No decision.
2019/2208/TPO; T1 Western Red Cedar & T2 Ash: fell both trees to prevent further damage to the mass retaining wall and damage from falling branches; 1 The Elms, Halcyon Park, Bath Road – No decision.
2019/2427/FUL; Change of use from agricultural to campsite with 20 pitches and associated hardstanding & retrospective cabin for use as holiday let and other buildings on campsite; Land at 363533 147725 Bath Road, Oakhill – No decision.
2019/2433 & 2434/LBC; Removal of roadside wall to create vehicular access and associated driveway; Daronell, High Street, Oakhill – No decision.
2019/2274/LBC; Replacement of 18 windows and front door, and renovation of 5 windows; Pooh Corner, High Street, Oakhill – No decision.
2017/2496/TCA; Proposed to trees in a conservation area: Black Pine: fell due to condition; Lawsons Cypress: fell due to condition and potential damage to wall and grave; Sugar Maple: fell as tree is dead; Church of All Saints, Bath Road,

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Oakhill –
No decision.

305/19 Application 2019/2296/FUL; Install a prefabricated eight bay driving range onto a concrete base; Mendip Gold Club, Golf Links Lane, Ashwick – After review of the proposals, DT proposed to recommend approval, PB seconded, unanimously agreed. The council is keen to support local businesses and these proposals improve a facility in the community, which also provides employment. Notwithstanding the above, councillors would ask MDC to consider the impact of light pollution if the decision impacts on opening hours, and if these are extended.

306/19 Application 2019/2523/FUL; Erection of a three-bedroom dwellinghouse; The Conifers, Little London, Oakhill – It was noted that the site already had outline planning permission, and indeed councillors are in favour of a new dwelling being built on the plot. However, Councillors are not happy with the details submitted, and would recommend that approval is given with conditions to amend the design and style to be more in keeping with neighbouring properties and the current Village Design Statement, which leans towards cottage-style proposals. Councillors would also prefer for the building to be sited further back into the site to prevent overshadowing neighbouring properties. DT proposed to recommend approval with the above conditions, DG seconded, all agreed (RB abstained).

FINANCE

307/19 Financial Statement – Statement to 12th November 2019 was agreed and signed.

308/19 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

		£
895	S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	295.04
896	HMRC	66.00
897	Invoice for Poppy Wreath	25.00
898	SALC Councillor Training	25.00

MATTERS OF REPORT

309/19 PCSO – Report circulated prior to the meeting.

310/19 Village Hall – Committee trying to sort the heating situation.
New router and hub have been installed.

311/19 Highways/School / SALC / Footpaths / GDPR – Nothing further to report.

312/19 Overgrown hedges on Zion Hill; B Wells to ask if this can be cut back.

BW

313/19 D Hine advised that he had started working on an 'Outline tree policy' for to be put forward for the Parish Council to adopt. DH to let clerk know when it is ready to be added to the agenda for discussion.

314/19 Grit bin at Neighbourne needs filling up. EL will get a bag from the garage and fill up the bin.

EL

315/19 Drain at top of Heckley Lane, Ashwick – DB to request Highways to clear as large puddle forms when it rains.

DB

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

316/19 The next parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th December 2019, 7:30pm.