

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL
ON 11TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM

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

In Attendance S Vaillant (Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Action

317/19 Apologies were received from D Gilson (DG).
District Councillors also advised they would not be able to attend the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

318/19 No request for dispensation nor declarations of interests was made.

AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

319/19 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2019 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held, with the following amendments:

- 300/19 should read Pondsmead and not Poundsmead.

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

320/19 (193/19) Grass bank at Gurney Slade, A37 – Clerk has written to IDVerde with a scope of works and DB also spoke to Richard at Binegar PC to outline proposals. Ongoing.

SV

321/19 (204/19) Overhanging vegetation at Pondsmead – No response from Pondsmead. Lizzie spoke to the person who owns the land and agreed to follow up. Ongoing.

EL

322/19 (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

323/19 (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. Ongoing.

SV

324/19 (229/19) Repair of benches at the Recreation field – DB to approach contact about repairing the noticeboards and the seats.

SV

325/19 (303/19) Request for installation of parabolic mirror – Highways will not allow a mirror to be installed on highway property, but the school have said that they would allow for one to be installed on the edge of the school if a pole and mirror are sourced.

326/19 (314/19) Grit bin at Neighbourne - Grit has been collected and bin will be refilled in the next few days. Action complete.

327/19 (315/19) Drain at top of Heckley Lane - DB has contacted Highways; waiting for response.

DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

328/19 No Councillors in attendance.

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APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

329/19 The parish council expressed their thanks Sandrine's work over the years.

330/19 A few applications were received and Councillors shortlisted four applicants to be invited for an interview on Monday 6th January to be conducted by DB, PB and SV. Clerk to invite the candidates. SV to email the 4 selected CVs to all.

SV

ENCAMPMENT AT HIGHCROFT QUARY

331/19 The email from the Chair at Binegar was read. It is believed that this matter should be the responsibility of the owner of the land. DB agreed to ask Philip on what basis the request was made and where the original permission was sought.

DB

PLANNING

332/19 Updates on previous applications:-
2019/0464/TCA – No decision.
2019/1646/FUL; A 2 bedroomed agricultural worker's dwelling; Woodside Farm, Bath Road – Approved w/c.
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 Objection TPO not required.
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 – Approved w/c.
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 – Refused by MDC, going to Planning Board.
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, Oakhill – TPO required/ objection.
2019/2296/FUL; Install a prefabricated eight bay driving range onto a concrete base; Mendip Gold Club, Golf Links Lane, Ashwick –
2019/2523/FUL; Erection of a three-bedroom dwellinghouse; The Conifers, Little London, Oakhill – No decision.

333/19 Planning Application 2019/2642/FUL – Retrospective permission for the retention of a Travellers Static Caravan for a period of 3 years; Roemead Farm, Roemead Road, Binegar – EL proposed to recommend approval (PB seconded, 6 votes in support, abstain 1)

334/19 Planning Application 2019/2757/FU – Erection of domestic garage and hobby workshop building; Land at 363536 Bath Road, Oakhill – After review of the proposals, DT proposed to recommend refusal (BW seconded, unanimously agreed) due to concern over the height of the building (is 5m necessary for a garage and hobby space) with a substantial roof on a timber structure. The proposals appear to be an over development and are not in keeping with neighbouring properties, and in particular the chapel's stone building.

It was also queried if the siting of a workshop would cause nuisance in this residential area and near the chapel.

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FINANCE

335/19 Financial Statement – Statement to 10th December 2019 was agreed and signed.

336/19 2020-2021 Budget – Agreed to wait until the Tax Base is known. Clerk to prepare draft budget bearing in mind we want to maybe provide additional lighting in the High Street, improvements to the Village Hall and re-siting of the finger post at Badgers Cross

337/19 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

	£
899 S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	295.04
900 HMRC	66.00
901 Flowers for Remembrance day	14.45

MATTERS OF REPORT

338/19 PCSO – Report sent just before the meeting was read.

339/19 Village Hall – Committee meeting on Monday.
Heating will be sorted in January when the Hall will be closed for a few days.

340/19 Highways /School / SALC / Footpaths – Nothing further to report.

341/19 Mary Cheshire reported some of the pointing is going on the wall behind memorial. Phil to investigate.

PB

342/19 BW reminded the council that the finger post at Badgers Cross needs to be reinstated, and that the road marking in the same area need to be done.

SV

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

343/19 The next parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th January 2020, 7:30pm, at the Oakhill Inn since the Village Hall will be closed for works to the heating system.

EL presented her apologies for the next meeting.