

# ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE OAKHILL INN, OAKHILL  
ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM

**Present** D Barlow (DB, Chair), S Emery (SE), D Gilson (DG) D Hine (DH) and B Wells (BW).

**In Attendance** S Vaillant (Clerk) and Guy Drury (PCSO; in part), Josh Burr (District Cllr; in part) and 4 parishioners.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

## **Action**

344/19 Apologies were received from R Battagel (RB), E Lewis (EL), P Briscoe (PB) and D Thorley (DT).

Chair advised the order of the meeting would be altered to accommodate members of the public present.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

345/19 No request for dispensation nor declarations of interests was made. D Gilson declared an interest in planning application 2019/2960/TCA.

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

346/19 The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

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

347/19 (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. Email Mandy to let her know.

**SV**

348/19 (204/19) Overhanging vegetation at Pondsmead – Lizzie spoke to the person who owns the land and agreed to follow up. Ongoing.

**EL**

349/19 (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**

350/19 (228/19) Oakhill Inn – Clerk to enquire about way forward to look at extending the pavement and perhaps creation of a cross-hatch area (or double yellow lines) to prevent car parking directly outside the entrance and allow access for people with pushchairs or disability vehicles. It was agreed to ask Highways. DB proposed, BW seconded (all agreed, SE abstain).

**Clerk**

351/19 (229/19) Repair of benches at the Recreation field – DB to approach contact about repairing the noticeboards and the seats.

**DB**

352/19 (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.

353/19 (315/19) Drain at top of Heckley Lane - DB has contacted Highways; waiting for response.

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## DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- 354/19 J. Burr (District Cllr) reported as follows:
- Local Planning Part 1 review has been put in place, although it is subject to the decision of the planning inspector.
  - Next Parish Forum on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020.

## APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

- 355/19 D Hine proposed to appoint Jane Law, SE seconded, unanimously agreed.

- 356/19 DB to call the successful candidate to offer the position and will publish in the parish magazine. SV to email training dates following.

DB/SV

## CROSSING CONCERNS

- 357/19 Email from Tina Edwards regarding the lack of lights around the crossing, which has been passed to Juan Gomes.

DB

There are also concerns regarding the speed of cars travelling through the village.

## PLANNING

- 358/19 Updates on previous applications:-  
2019/0464/TCA – 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 – 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 – Approved w/c.  
2019/2296/FUL; Install a prefabricated eight bay driving range onto a concrete base; Mendip Gold Club, Golf Links Lane, Ashwick – Approved w/c  
2019/2523/FUL; Erection of a three-bedroom dwellinghouse; The Conifers, Little London, Oakhill – No decision.  
2019/2642/FUL – Retrospective permission for the retention of a Travellers Static Caravan for a period of 3 years; Roemead Farm, Roemead Road, Binegar –  
2019/2757/FUL – Erection of domestic garage and hobby workshop building; Land at 363536 Bath Road, Oakhill -

- 359/19 2019/3045/HSE; Proposed ground floor extension to side and rear of existing house, 1 Sunnymead, Oakhill – BW proposed to recommend approval (DG seconded, unanimously agreed) as it will improve the look of the existing building.

- 360/19 2019/2960/TCA; T1 (Macrocarpa) - Fell to standing stem of 10ft. T2 (Dead Conifer) - Fell to ground level. T3 (5 x Conifers) - Fell and replant with indigenous species; Manor Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill – SE proposed (DG seconded, unanimously agreed) to leave the decision to the tree officer bearing in mind Mendip's recent announcement to implement climate emergency plans and to ensure trees are not cut down unnecessarily.

- 361/19 2019/2792/FUL & 2793/LBC; Repairs to outbuilding including roof and external walls; Neighbourne Farm, Blackey Lane To Withy Lane, Neighbourne – Applicants presents explained the reasoning behind the application and confirmed that there was no change in the footprint of the building they want to renovate. SE proposed to recommend approval (DH seconded, unanimously agreed) on the condition that a 'no change of use' clause is attached to the decision.

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## FINANCE

362/19 Financial Statement – Statement to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 was agreed and signed.

363/19 2020-2021 Budget – Bearing in mind the discussions held last month, DH proposed to increase the precept to £10k, DG seconded, unanimously agreed.

364/19 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

	£
902 S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	295.04
903 HMRC	66.20
904 Village Hall Committee (Hire of Hall for PC Meetings)	144.00

## MATTERS OF REPORT

365/19 PCSO Guy Dury was in attendance and reported on recent activity.

Parishioners in attendance reported problems with exiting and entering their drive which is situated in the zig-zag area opposite the school. It was agreed to speak to Juan and feedback this problem to Highways, as this should not have happened. Parishioner to email a photo of the area directly outside their drive with any evidence of the problem.

**DB**

366/19 Highways – Report of a disturbed fire hydrant by the landlord of the George Inn at Gurney Slade. This was reported.

Manhole out of place outside the telephone exchange was also reported.

367/19 Highways / School / SALC / Footpaths / Village Hal – Nothing further to report.

## DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

368/19 The next parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7:30pm, at the Village Hall.