

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

On 10th February 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: - Cllrs Phil Briscoe, David Barlow (Chair), Julia Barrett, David Thorley, Lizzie Lewis, David Hine, Sarah Emery, Bryan Wells and Roy Bailey

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Locum Clerk)

130/2021 Welcome by the Chairman

131/2021 Apologies for absence

Cllr David Gilson

132/2021 Absent

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133/2021 Declarations of Interest

None received

Dispensation

(a) A written request for Dispensation had been received from Cllr David Hine in relation to the planning application 2020/2603/FUL. Cllr Hine requested to speak and vote in regard to the matter
RESOLVED to grant Dispensation for this meeting only.

(b) A verbal request for Dispensation was received from Cllr David Barlow in relation to the planning application 2020/2603/FUL. Cllr Barlow requested to speak and vote in regard to the matter.
RESOLVED to grant Dispensation for this meeting only.

134/2021 Public session

There were ten members of the public in attendance
 Three residents spoke in relation to the planning application 2020/2603/FUL.
 A Residents Statements in regard to the matter had been submitted to the Council, this was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

135/2021 County and District Councillor Reports

County Cllr Mike Pullin was not in attendance.

District Cllr Sam Phripp was in attendance, District Cllr Josh Burr joined the meeting later. A short verbal report was read out.

136/2021 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 13th January 2021 previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 13th January be accepted as a true record and would be signed by the Chair once physical meetings are resumed.

137/2021 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

- (a) Future use of the Phone box will be discussed at the next meeting.
- (b) There has been no further development regarding Dye Lane
- (c) Co-option of a new Councillor will be decided at the next meeting.

138/2021 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.

- (a) **2020/2677/HSE** Erection of two storey side extension. Location – 15 Kingscombe, Gurney Slade.
The Council recommended that the decision be left to the Planning Officer following the consultation responses.
- (b) **2020/2654/HSE** Part demolition of current kitchen/garden room and erection of two storey side extension to include a conservatory. Location – Pear Tree Cottage, Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne, Radstock
The Council recommended approval
- (c) **2021/0105/FUL** – Erection of 1no. three-bedroom dwellinghouse. Resubmission of 2019/2523/FUL. Location – The Conifers, Little London, Oakhill
The Council recommended approval.
- (d) **2020/2603/FUL** – Residential development of 29 dwellings, including 30% affordable housing, together with associated landscaping, parking, access, sustainable urban drainage system (SuDS) and any other associated infrastructure. Location – Land at Chapelfield, Oakhill, Radstock
The Council recommended refusal of permission

139/2021 To Be Resolved

- (a) **Acceptance of the quote from Somerset Forge for the repair of the Finger Post outside the Oakhill Inn.**
The various options were discussed and site visits will be made by the Councillors before a firm decision can be made. This will be brought back to the next meeting.
- (b) **Approval of the Accessibility Statement to be placed on the website**
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Accessibility Statement and it will be updated on the website.
- (c) **Adoption of Councillor Emails for Councillors linked to the website.**
The Council **RESOLVED** to adopt official Councillor Emails, once this has been finalised details will be published on the website.

(d) Proposal to investigate the purchase a Dog Bin and permission for it to be installed on the High Street.

The Council **RESOLVED** to investigate the purchase of an additional Dog Bin for the High Street. Residents will be asked as to viable positions and Mendip Neighbourhood Services will be contacted on the procedure of purchasing a new bin and arranging for it to be emptied on a regular basis.

(e) Acceptance of quote from Idverde to cut the grass on the bank on the entrance to Binegar.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Idverde to cut the grass on the bank on the entrance to Binegar. It will be carried out four times a year at a cost of £123.79 + VAT per cut.

(f) Proposal to investigate the replacement of the Grit Bin on the hill into Gurney Slade as it has become damaged.

The Council **RESOLVED** to investigate the replacement of the Grit Bin on the hill into Gurney Slade. Quotes will be provided at the next meeting

(g) Proposal for the Council to pay for the ILCA training for the Clerk - £120 + VAT

The Council **RESOLVED** to pay for ILCA training for the Clerk

(h) Proposal to extend the Clerk's maternity leave for another month until the end of March 2021.

The Council **RESOLVED** to extend the Clerk's maternity leave for another month.

140/2021 Clerk's Report

(a) A query was raised at the last meeting as to whether the phone box was adequately insured, after checking the insurance documents Street Furniture has been insured as a total for £10,489.53.

(b) Further to the notification of several potholes appearing between Zion Hill and Sunnymead, these have been reported to Somerset Highways, reference number 579272

Update This will be chased with Somerset Highways.

(c) A request has been received to install No Entry Signs at the Nettlebridge End of Ash Lane due to individuals "greenlaning" and causing damage, this was also copied into the District and County Councillors.

Update The resident has been spoken to by the District Councillor as to how this can be taken forward.

(d) Further to the recent flooding a resident has been in contact about the reinstatement of the 'hump'. Following a discussion with County Councillor Mike Pullin a meeting will take place with the residents and Somerset Highways to discuss the redesign of the gully's but not reinstatement of the 'hump'. Once further details have been received residents will be updated on the situation.

141/2021 Reports**(a) Report from the Village Hall Committee**

A short verbal report was given. The rejuvenation programme is progressing, the toilet zone has now been decorated. Estimates and quotes are being obtained for the refurbishment of the existing garage and adjacent store room. Due to anti-social behaviour the gates are locked during the night, they are locked at dusk and opened at 7am the following morning.

(b) Report from the PCSO

No report was received from the PCSO

142/2021 Finance**Bank Balances as at: -**

Business Instant Access (Reserve) (28th December 2020) £9234.83

Club Account (main account) from the cash book as at 13.01.2021 £4977.14

Budget review and Quarterly Bank Reconciliation

Cllr Phil Briscoe had signed the Bank Reconciliation prior to the meeting

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £3.78

Payments

(b) Annual renewal of ICO Membership - £40.00

**(c) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall – Hall rental for February and March 2020
£24.00**

(d) Welmedical Ltd - £223.14

(e) Locum Clerks Salary – January 2021 - £303.00

(f) HMRC Payment - £27.40

(g) Zoom Invoice - £14.39

(h) Fowler and Loxton £230.00

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the above payments and receipts and **RESOLVED** to agree the last-minute payment that was not on the agenda

(i) Somerset Forge - £1110.00

143/2021 Correspondence

(a) Mendip District Council COVID news bulletin – saving lives, delivering statutory services and economic recovery – forwarded 18.01.2021

(b) February training courses held by SALC – forwarded 26.01.2021

(c) Invitation to Mendip District Council Parish Forum on resetting our priorities to save lives – forwarded 26.01.2021

(d) Data Layers Wish List – Survey from Somerset County Council – forwarded 26.01.2021

(e) Mendip District Council Bulletin on Health and Wellbeing – forwarded 01.02.21

(f) Consultation on the Right to Regenerate – forwarded 01.02.21

(g) Mendip East Neighbourhood Policing Teams Newsletter – forwarded
02.02.21

(h) Mendip District Council Planning Bulletin Service update – forwarded
02.02.21

144/2021 Matters to report/items for next agenda

(a) Cllr David Barlow will write to the local surgery thanking them for their efforts during the current crisis.

(b) A post was put on Facebook thanking the Council for their decision in regard to the planning application 2020/2603/FUL.

145/2021 Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 7.30pm.
This will be held virtually via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 9.35pm