

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

On 10th March 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Locum Clerk)

146/2021 Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr David Barlow welcomed everyone to the meeting, this was followed by a minute's silence in honour of Cllr Julia Barrett.

147/2021 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received

148/2021 Absent

Cllr David Gilson and Bryan Wells

149/2021 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

(a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

No declarations of interest were received

(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests

No written requests for dispensations were received

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests were received

150/2021 Public session

There were four members of the public in attendance. One resident spoke in relation to planning application 2021/0350/FUL, this was followed by the applicants themselves who did a brief presentation. Councillors asked a few questions and these were responded to.

151/2021 County and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Mike Pullin was not in attendance

District Councillor Josh Burr was in attendance and gave a brief verbal report

152/2021 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 10th February 2021 previously circulated

After making the following amendments the Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 10th February be accepted as a true record and would be signed by the Chair once physical meetings are resumed.

(a) 139d/2021 should read "Mendip Neighbourhood Services"

(b) 140c/2021 should read "The resident has been spoken to by the District Councillor"

(c) 141a/2021 should read “the refurbishment of the existing garage and adjacent store room”.

153/2021 Co-option of New Councillor to Ashwick Parish Council

The Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Andrew Clemence as a Parish Councillor

(a) Acceptance of Office

The acceptance of office form was signed in front of the camera and Cllr 2021Andrew Clemence was welcomed to the Parish Council.

154/2021 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

There were no matters arising

155/2021 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) 2021/0471/OTA - Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for erection of 2no. semi-detached affordable dwellings. Location – Land west of Red Morley Chapel Lane to Stockhill, Gurney Slade.

The Council recommended that the decision be left to the Planning Officer following consultation responses but requesting whether Binegar Parish Council had been consulted as the property crossed the border between the two Parishes.

(b) 2021/0355/HSE – Erection of a single storey rear extension and loft conversion to include new dormer, demolition of existing porch to be replaced by extended porch. New timber windows and the addition of a solar car port and arbour to front garden. Location – 4 Coronation Terrace, High Street, Oakhill

The Council recommended approval

(c) 2021/0350/FUL – Proposed change of land use from private land with public access to seasonal tourism use, with the erection of 2no. storage sheds, 2no showers and grass parking area. Location – The Beeches, Gas Lane, Oakhill

The Council recommended approval.

(d) 2021/0406/FUL – Erection of an agricultural tractor storage building. Location – Land adj Cartwheels Upper Benter, Oakhill

The Council recommended approval

(e) 2021/0426/LBC – Internal alterations to create en-suite and walk in wardrobe. Location – Little Oakhill, Brewery Lane, Oakhill

The Council recommended that the decision be left to the Planning Officer following consultation responses.

(f) 2021/0536/TCA – T1 – Norway Maple – crown reduction 1.5m, T2 – Oak – crown reduction 1.5m, T3 – Ash – fell. Location – 28 The Old Maltings, Oakhill

The Council recommended the decision be left to Mendip Tree Officer

156/2021 To Be Resolved**(a) Adoption and approval of Dispensation Policy**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt the Dispensation Policy

(b) Proposal for a use of the old BT Phone Box within the village

The Village Hall Committee have requested to use the old BT Phone Box at Neighbourne as a book depository, somewhere to put leaflets, maps, etc for the use of residents. There was some discussion as to whether it stays in situ or is moved to the Village Hall Car Park. Cllr David Thorley will report back to the Village Hall Committee and update the Council at the next meeting

(c) Proposal to accept the quote for repair to the Finger Post outside the Oakhill Inn

Upon further discussion it was **RESOLVED** to contact the company and ask if they could only replace the three missing collars and tighten the arms.

(d) Proposal to create a programme of maintenance of fingerposts within the village

The Council **RESOLVED** to maintain the finger posts as and when they needed attention.

(e) Proposal to decide on the design and cost of the replacement Grit Bin on the hill into Gurney Slade.

The Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a new Grit Bin for approximately £220.42 including VAT.

(f) Proposal to gauge residents' interests on forming a Community Land Trust (CLT)

The Council **RESOLVED** that initial enquiries would be made and a public meeting would be held to gauge interest from the community. Cllr David Hine was asked to arrange the meeting and more information will be published once dates have been confirmed.

(g) Proposal to hold Annual Parish Meeting before 7th May in order for it to be held online.

The Council **RESOLVED** to cancel the Annual Parish Meeting for 2021 due to the restrictions.

(h) Proposal to create a map as to where lighting could be improved along the High Street in order to obtain a quote for the installation.

After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** to contact Somerset Highway Lighting Team to obtain a quote for an additional light to be installed on the telegraph pole on the High Street by Coronation Street and Coronation Court. Ownership of the land will be sought in order to obtain permission.

(i) Discussion of possible siting a new dog bin on the High Street and obtaining permission from the landowner.

Upon discussing various sites for a new dog bin, it was **RESOLVED** that an ideal position would be just past the Chapelfield next to the bus stop.

157/2021 Clerk's Report

- (a)** Potholes between Zion Hill and Sunnymead. This was reported to Somerset Highways with reports, a site visit was carried out, they inspected and risk assessed the potholes and found no safety defect. A safety defect is where they find the road to be unsafe in accordance with national guidelines.
- (b)** A request has been received for the installation of bus shelters at the two main bus stops in Oakhill which are by the Methodist Church and the pub.
- (c)** Councillors' official emails are up and running and are up on the website
- (d)** An invitation was received by One Somerset to Town and Parish Clerks to join regular meetings to discuss the Local Government Reform. The invitation has been accepted and meetings will be attended when possible.
- (e)** Charlotte Stott has resigned as Clerk and the Council would like to thank her for her help and support for the last year.
- (f)** The Public Consultation for the Local Government Reform started on 22nd February and will run for eight weeks. Residents are asked to have their say, the link has been posted on the website and the village Facebook page
- (g)** A request has been received from another Parish Council to support their request to Somerset County Council in making vital improvements to the Old Frome Road and A37 junction.

158/2021 Reports

- (a)** Report from the Village Hall Committee – The kitchen rejuvenation is going ahead; quotes are being obtained. The Village Hall is being prepared for a possible reopening in May – July, a new online booking system is being implemented.
- (b)** Report from the PCSO – no report was received

159/2021 Finance

Cash Book Balances as at: -

Business Instant Access (Reserve) (28th December 2020) £9,234.83

**Club Account (main account) from the cash book as at 13.01.2021
£4,977.14**

Payments

(a) New Ink Cartridge – £23.99

(b) Postage - £2.64

(c) Salary – Locum Clerk for February – £286.60

(d) HMRC - £43.80

(e) Zoom Invoice £14.39

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the above payments

160/2021 Correspondence

(a) Mendip Local Plan II: Sites and Policies: Consultation on Additional Main Modifications – forwarded 11.02.21

(b) Results of data layers wish list – forwarded 15.02.21

(c) Webinar on Mental Health Self-Care – forwarded 16.02.21

(d) SALC Councillor Events in February / Early March – forwarded 20.02.21

(e) Public Rights of Way to all Parish, Town and City Councils in Somerset – forwarded 01.03.21

(f) SALC Councillor Events in March – forwarded 03.03.21

(g) Councils publish phosphates calculator – forwarded 03.03.21

(h) Planning Board Training Slides on Habitat Regulations and Assessments – forwarded 03.03.21.

161/2021 Matters to report/items for next agenda

(a) Village celebrations once the restrictions are lifted, possible early September

Under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

(a) Appointment of Clerk

The Council **RESOLVED** to appoint the Locum Clerk as the Permanent Clerk from 1st April 2021.

162/2021 Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7.30pm. This will be held virtually via Zoom.

Meeting closed 9.57pm