

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

On 14th April 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: - Cllrs David Barlow (Chair), Phil Briscoe, Lizzie Lewis, Roy Bailey, Andy Clemence, David Hine, David Gilson and Bryan Wells

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

Some of the items were taken out of order from the agenda.

163/2021 Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr David Barlow welcomed everyone to the meeting, this was followed by a minute's silence in honour of HRH Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh

164/2021 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Sarah Emery and David Thorley

165/2021 Absent

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166/2021 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

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

Cllr David Gilson declared an interest in item 172/2021 (c), planning application 2021/0587/HSE

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

No written requests for dispensations had been received

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests had been received

167/2021 Public session

There was one member of the public in attendance and they spoke about planning application 2021/0528/HSE and 2021/0529/FUL

District Councillor Josh Burr was also in attendance.

168/2021 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) 2021/0528/HSE Erection to two-storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling and erection of detached single-storey carport/workshop. Location – Corner Cottage, Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne, Shepton Mallet, Radstock.

After a discussion the Parish Council recommended approval.

(b) 2021/0529/FUL – Change of use of land from agricultural (Sui Generis) to domestic (C3). Location – Corner Cottage, Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne, Shepton Mallet, Radstock

After a discussion the Parish Council recommended approval.

168/2021 County and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Mike Pullin was not in attendance and no report had been received.

District Councillor Josh Burr presented a short verbal report. Mendip District Council have just signed a contract to install electric charging points across the District. The Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) will be planting over 500 trees within the local area and they are looking into bringing footpaths back into use such as the Strawberry Line

169/2021 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 10th March 2021 previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 10th March 2021 be accepted as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

170/2021 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

Repairs to the Fingerpost outside the Oakhill Inn but this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

171/2021 Grants

Application for Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall and Recreation Ground for £1808.42 for Grass Cutting of the Playing Fields and BMX Track

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Grant to Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall and Recreation Ground.

172/2021 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered – cont'd

(c) **2021/0587/HSE** – Replacing small clay tiles with double roman clay tiles to east and west roof elevations. Location – Old End Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill, Radstock

The Parish Council recommended approval

(d) **2021/0730/HSE** – Erection of side and rear single storey extension to dwelling, double garage erection and existing garage conversion and extension (Resubmission of previously approved application). – Gales Court, Bath Road Access to Sewerage Works, Stratton The Fosse, Shepton Mallet, Somerset
The Parish Council recommended approval.

(e) **2021/0731/FUL** – Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling house with associated access and parking. – 15 Sunnymead, Oakhill, Radstock.
After a discussion the Parish Council recommended refusal of permission due to the overdevelopment of a small space, and it would impact the neighbouring property as it could block out light.

(f) **2021/0799/TPO** – T1 (Ash) – Fell – The Old Coach House, Nettlebridge, Oakhill.

The Parish Council recommended that the decision be left to the Tree Officer

173/2021 To Be Resolved

(a) **Proposal to apply for a licence from Road Records and the Licensing Section of Somerset County Council to place the new Bin by the Bus Stop on the High Street.**

The Council **RESOLVED** to apply for a licence from Road Records and the Licensing Section of Somerset County Council to place the new bin.

(b) Proposal to apply for a Section 171 permit from Somerset County Council in order to install the new Bin by the Bus Stop on the High Street.

The Council **RESOLVED** to apply for a Section 171 permit from Somerset County Council in order to install the new bin.

(c) Proposal to investigate the installation of bus shelters near the Methodist Church and by the Oakhill Inn.

The Council **RESOLVED** to investigate how the bus shelters may be installed. County Councillor Mike Pullin will be contacted for further information and advice.

(d) Proposal to change the Bank Contact Details at TSB Bank to the Clerk and also add the Clerk as a signature.

The Council **RESOLVED** to change the Bank Contact details at TSB Bank (not Lloyds as stated on the Agenda) to the Clerk and also add the Clerk as a signature.

(e) Proposal to support other local Councils in their request to Somerset County Council to make vital improvements to the Old Frome Road and A37 junction.

The Council **RESOLVED** to support other local Councils in their request to Somerset County Council to make vital improvements to the Old Frome Road and A37 junction.

(f) Proposal to join a rural parish coalition in order to help with services once the Secretary of State has decided which route Somerset will follow in becoming a unitary council.

This will be deferred until a decision has been made on how the proposed Unitary Council will proceed but the Council will keep abreast of what is happening so an informed decision can be made once an announcement is made by the Secretary of State.

(g) Proposal to agree the date for the Annual Council Meeting

The Council **RESOLVED** to hold a short Annual Council Meeting on Monday 3rd May at 7pm.

(h) Proposal to delegate powers to the Clerk to submit responses regarding planning applications after receiving responses from Councillors. This will only be effective until meetings can resume again after 7th May 2021

The Council **RESOLVED** to delegate powers to the Clerk to submit responses regarding planning applications after receiving responses from Councillors. This will only be effective until meetings can resume again after 7th May 2021.

(i) Proposal to support the school in gaining speed reduction by the school

The Council **RESOLVED** to support the school in helping to implement speed reduction signs outside the school. The Council will also contact Somerset Highways to try and implement 20mph signs outside the school.

174/2021

Clerk's Report

(a) A map of the High Street showing the proposed situation of additional lighting is being compiled, once agreed by the Council this will be submitted to Somerset County Council for the next stage.

(b) Further to last month's meeting the proposed area for the new Dog Bin to be installed is on the verge by the Bus Stop on the High Street. This is owned by Somerset County Council and permission and licences are currently being sought.

(c) The Village Hall Committee is not wishing to utilise the phone box, so it will remain in situ until another organisation within the village wishes to use it.

(d) Cllr David Hine is organising a public meeting with Nina Richards from Mendip District Council and Colin McDonald from Wessex Community Assets in reference to starting a Community Land Trust. This will be advertised widely once a date has been confirmed

Update: - A date was suggested of Tuesday 25th May at 7pm via Zoom, once this has been confirmed, details will be sent out.

175/2021 Reports

(a) Report from the Village Hall Committee

No reports were received from the Village Hall Committee

(b) Report from the PCSO

No reports were received from the PCSO

176/2021 Finance

Bank Balances as at: -

Business Instant Access (Reserve) 31st March 2021 £9,244.74

Club Account (main account) 31st March 2021 £3,979.99

Total Income 2020/2021 – £11,404.78

Total Expenditure 2020/2021 - £11,616.38

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest – received 10th January 2021 - £3.91

(b) Bank Interest – received 10th February 2021 - £3.87

(c) Bank Interest – received 10th March 2021 - £2.13

(d) VAT Refund – received 29th March 2021 - £1346.20

Payments

(e) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall - £1808.42

(f) Concept Products - £220.47

(g) Zoom Invoice - £14.39

(h) Locum Clerks Salary – March – £286.60

(i) HMRC Payment – March – £43.80

(j) Transfer of £3,000 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account

The Council **RESOLVED** the above payments and receipts

177/2021 Correspondence

(a) Invitation to a Local Government Reorganisation event which was held on Wednesday 7th April – forwarded 12.03.21

(b) Local Government Reorganisation and Claims made by Stronger Somerset – forwarded 16.03.21

(c) Invitation to join the Stronger Somerset team in a webinar to discuss their proposal for the future of local government in Somerset – forwarded 23.03.21

(d) Mendip District Council Parish Briefing and Covid Update – forwarded 23.03.21

(e) Stronger Somerset – Proposal for a referendum on Local Government Reform – forwarded 07.04.21

178/2021 Matters to report/items for next agenda

There were no matters to report or items to be considered on the next agenda

179/2021 Date and time of next meeting: - Ashwick Annual Council Meeting on Monday 3rd May at 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting closed 9.33pm