

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

To all Members of Ashwick Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ashwick Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business

Kate Egan Parish Clerk to the Council

Agenda for the Meeting of ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

To be held at Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall on Wednesday 8th September at 7.30pm

A comprehensive risk assessment is in place to allow this meeting to proceed under current Covid restrictions. Masks should be worn upon entering and leaving the hall but may be removed whilst speaking. Members of the Parish Council and any members of the public attending will be required to confirm that they:

- Are not currently suffering from any Covid symptoms, not have been asked to isolate or quarantine or are feeling unwell.
- Have not suffered by Covid symptoms in the last 7 days.
- Have taken a Lateral Flow Test within the past 48 hours which gave a negative result.

(Lateral flow tests are free and can be ordered here: <https://gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>)

1. **Welcome by the Chairman**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Absent**
4. **Declarations of Interest and dispensations**
 - (a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
 - (b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
 - (c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
5. **Public session**
6. **County and District Councillor Reports**
7. **Policies**
 - (a) Volunteer Policy
 - (b) Standing Orders
 - (c) Financial Regulations
8. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 14th July 2021, previously circulated**
9. **Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda**
10. **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) **2021/1572/HSE** Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, erection of double garage and conversion and erection of existing garage. Gales Court, Bath Road, Stratton on the Fosse **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval as the minor changes are a slight improvement.

- (b) 2021/1167/FUL** Demolish existing stables and erect a new stable and storage building (revised drawings – received 30.07.21) land at Beacon View, Heckley Lane, Ashwick. **Update** Ashwick Parish Council had no comments to add and still recommended refusal/
- (c) 2021/1672/TPO** G1 (M1170 3 x Beech) 1 x Yew – Prune by 3-4m. T2 (Elm) – reduct height by 4-5m, prune by 4-5m laterally. Drake House, Manor Place, High Street, Oakhill **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended the decision is left to the Tree Officer.
- (d) 2021/1730/HSE** Erection of two storey side extensions and single storey rear extension. External changes to car park and entrance. 16 Withy Cottages, Bath Road, Oakhill **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval

11. Decisions on Planning Applications

- (a) 2021/1268/HSE** Replacement of roof finish to existing garage and erection of open carport – Brewer Court, Brewery Lane, Oakhill, Radstock. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application.
- (b) 2021/0528/HSE** Erection of two storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling and erection of detached single-storey carport/workshop – Corner Cottage, Blackey lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application.
- (c) 2021/0529/FUL** Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic – Corner Cottage, Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application.
- (d) 2021/1483/TCA** T1 (Lime) – Fell – The Old Workshop, Zion Hill, Oakhill **Update** Mendip District Council stated that a TPO is not required (no objection)
- (e) 2021/0915/HSE** Alterations to boundary wall and installation of replacement drive access gates along with installation of doors and cladding to ends of open barn – The Old Barn, Brewery Lane, Oakhill **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application.
- (f) 2021/1776/APP** Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 3 on permission 2020/0494/FUL (APP Q3305/W/3260864) – Hill Top, Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application

12. To Be Resolved

- (a)** Proposal for the Parish Clerk to contribute towards the Clerks costs to attend the SLCC Conference on 13th and 14th October. Contribution being requested is £75.00
- (b)** Proposal to move the October Meeting scheduled for 13th October forward a day due to Clerks unavailability.
- (c)** Approval of the Grant Application from the Village Hall for the Opening Up Safely and Reconnecting Communities Fund from Somerset County Council.

Clerks Report

- (a)** Somerset Highways were contacted with copies of emails from 2006 agreeing to move the 60mph sign further along Galley Batch, as the work has not been carried out. No response has been received; this has been chased.
- (b)** Two volunteers have very kindly stepped forward to help Cllr Sarah Emery with the flower bed by the war memorial. The Parish Council have also received a donation of 40 bedding plants from residents.
- (c)** Announcement on 21st July by the Local Government Secretary Robert Jenrick MP that he had decided to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval, the proposal for a single unitary council for the whole of the existing administrative county of Somerset. A single unitary council for Somerset will be formed on 1st April 2023 to replace the county's five existing county and district councils.
- (d)** The Fingerpost by the Oakhill Inn has now been repaired, let's hope when the wind blows the arms stay pointing in the right direction.
- (e)** A report was received of a branch from a tree which had broken off and was now residing on the pavement. The other low hanging branches could cause injury or damage to traffic. The tree is privately owned so Mendip District Council were unable to offer any assistance.
- (f)** Additional Street Lighting – High Street, Ashwick – FM84120. Payment has been received and the task work order is now with the Team Maintenance Contractor. The lead time for materials, permissions and completion is approximately 10 – 12 weeks.
- (g)** A report has been received from residents and the difficulty of cars emerging from Fosse Road by the Oakhill Inn due to parked vehicles on the left of the junction.
- (h)** Ashwick and Binegar Parish Council have put together a collaborative bid to facilitate walks around the Parishes of Binegar and Ashwick. These would be accompanied by illustrated and informative boards focussing on the historical features, the flora and fauna. The chief aim of the walks is to enable the health benefits, both mental and physical – spending time in our countryside. Binegar Parish Council are putting the bid together.

13. Reports

- (a)** Avon and Somerset Police Report from Guy Dury – Neighbourhood PCSO

14. Finance

Bank Balance as at 31st August 2021

TSB – current account – £5,004.70

Reserve account - £12,264.06

Finance Report – Email received - Logged notification of the exempt status for the year ended 31st March 2021 submitted to us for Ashwick Parish Council – from PKF Littlejohn – external auditor

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest £4.25 – received 10.07.21

(b) £0.38 – Closure of bank account and transferred to the current account

(c) Bank Interest £3.66 (reserve account) – received 10.08.21

Payments

- (d)** Transfer of £5,000 from the reserve account to the Current account – transferred 23.07.21
- (e)** Somerset County Council – addition of new street lights - £2359.97 – paid 23.07.21
- (f)** Somerset Forge – repairs to Finger Post - £144.00
- (g)** Clerks Salary – July - £330.40
- (h)** Clerks Salary – August £330.40
- (i)** SALC – Councillor Training - £25.00
- (j)** Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall - £40.00

15. Correspondence

- (a)** Neighbourhood Planning Training on 8th September – forwarded 23.07.21
- (b)** Somerset Bus Back Better Feedback Form – forwarded 27.07.21
- (c)** Somerset County Bus Consultation with Bus Back Better – forwarded 28.07.21
- (d)** National Resilience Strategy – Call for Evidence – forwarded 01.08.21
- (e)** Help to Help Yourselves – views required – forwarded 01.08.21
- (f)** Opening up Safely and Reconnecting Communities Fund – forwarded 01.08.21
- (g)** Mendip East Monthly Newsletter from Shepton Mallet and Frome Neighbouring Policing Team – forwarded 03.08.21
- (h)** Mendip District Council Planning Bulletin – Phosphate Newsletter – forwarded 06.08.21
- (i)** Training events with Breakthrough Communications – forwarded 09.08.21
- (j)** Consultation on the Gambling Statement of Gambling Principles 2022-2025 – forwarded 18.08.21
- (k)** No vehicle idling – Promoting the message in Mendip – forwarded 28.08.21

16. Matters to report/items for next agenda

17. Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 13th October in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm