

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 held at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

Present: - Cllrs Sarah Emery, Jessica Elliott, Roy Bailey, Andy Clemence, David Hine, Phil Briscoe and David Barlow (Chair)

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

241/2021 Welcome by the Chairman

242/2021 Apologies for absence

Cllrs David Thorley and Lizzie Lewis. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies for Lizzie Lewis

243/2021 Absent

Cllrs David Gilson and Bryan Wells

244/2021 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

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

No declaration of interests was received from Councillors on items on the agenda

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

No written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests were received.

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received

245/2021 Public session

There was one member of the public in attendance

246/2021 County and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Mike Pullin was not in attendance. District Councillor Sam Burr was in attendance and gave a verbal report.

247/2021 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 8th September, previously circulate

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 8th September be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

248/2021 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

There were no matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

- 249/2021 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) 2021/1828/FUL** – Conversion of existing mechanical workshop and agricultural store into rural enterprise hub – R S Howell Workshop, Upper Banter, Oakhill **Update** the Parish Council recommended approval
- 250/2021 Decisions on Planning Applications**
- (a) 2021/1167/FUL** Demolish existing stable and erect a new stable and storage building (revised building received 30.07.21). Land at Beacon View, Heckley Lane, Ashwick. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application
- (b) 2021/1544/TPO** Lime (T1) – Fell (Replacement planting 1 x Lime Tree). The Spinney, Zion Hill, Oakhill **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application
- (c) 2021/1896/TCA** – Pine – Fell. Oakhill Manor, Zion Hill, Oakhill **Update** TPO not required (no objection)
- (d) 2021/2148/FDN** – Ash Tree – Fell. Field View, Zion Hill, Oakhill **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application.
- (e) 2021/1730/HSE** – Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. External changes to car park and entrance. 16 Withy Cottages, Bath Road, Oakhill. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application.
- 251/2021 Policies**
- (a) Community Engagement Policy**
After a slight amendment the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Community Engagement Policy.
- 252/2021 To Be Resolved**
- (a) Discussion on Bus Shelters and any further information**
Following a discussion District Councillor Sam Burr will contact Mendip District Council to find out if planning permission is required and the Clerk will contact the Bus Company to ask to confirm that a bus stop is situated where the Parish Council would like to install a bus shelter. Any updates will be brought back to the next meeting.
- 253/2021 Clerks Report**
- (a)** A request from Somerset Highways was received asking for the status of grit bins within the parish so a programme can be developed concerning the refilling.
- (b)** The application for reopening and reconnecting communities grant was submitted on behalf of the Village Hall. News was received on 27th September that the first part was successful for £1500
- (c)** Report from Cllr Jessica Elliott on the update of Bus Back Better – Cllr Jessica Elliott gave a verbal report.

- (d) A 20mph zone around the school has been programmed for the works to be carried out during the fourth quarter of the year (between January and March 2022)
- (e) Report from a meeting the clerk attended at Wells Town Hall regarding Somerset becoming a unitary council

254/2021 Reports

(a) Village Hall

The Village Hall are making good progress towards their £80,000 fundraising goals for the new kitchen, Community Café and outside patio area. £13,000 has currently been raised which is 16% against target. Multiple grants have been applied for and lots of community events have been planned for the near future.

255/2021 Finance

Bank Balance as at 30th September 2021

TSB – current account – £5,634.90

Reserve account - £12,267.19

Quarterly Budget Review

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £3.13 – received 10.09.21

(b) Receipt of Reopening/Connecting Communities Grant - £1500.00 – received 28.09.21

Payments

(c) Contribution to SLCC Conference - £75.00

(d) Clerks' salary – September - £332.40

(e) HMRC Payment - £0.40

(f) Transfer to the Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall (Connecting Communities Grant) - £1500.00

(g) Hire of Village Hall - £20.00

(h) Purchase of new ink cartridges - £18.00

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

256/2021 Correspondence

- (a)** Mendip Local Plan Part 2: Sites and Policies forwarded 09.09.21
- (b)** Mendip District Council Members and Parish Bulletin – forwarded 16.09.21
- (c)** Mendip District Council Parish Bulletin – forwarded 16.09.21
- (d)** Training Course on Climate Emergency in the early part of next year – forwarded 17.09.21
- (e)** Link for Virtual Parish Forum on 12th October – forwarded 17.09.21
- (f)** Presentation from the Parish Forum held on 14th September – forwarded 17.09.21
- (g)** Councillor Training Events in October – forwarded 05.10.21

257/2021 Matters to report/items for next agenda

- (a)** A report was received about the parking issues on the High Street and vehicles having difficulty driving down the road and residents of Coronation Terrace being unable to turn out of the road.

258/2021 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 10th November in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.50pm