

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 held at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

256/6021 Welcome by the Chairman

257/2021 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Andy Clemence and David Gilson

258/2021 Absent

There were no Councillors absent

259/2021 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

260/2021 Public session

There was one member of the public in attendance

261/2021 County and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Mike Pullin was not in attendance.

District Councillors Sam Phripp and Josh Burr were not in attendance.

262/2021 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 12th October, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 12th October be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

263/2021 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

(a) The replacement grit bin has not yet been delivered to Gurney Slade, this will be chased. The old one needs emptying and removing.

- 264/2021 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) 2021/2398/LBC** Erection of first floor extension – Oakhill Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval as the extension is at the back of the house, is not visible and is in keeping with the rest of the property.
- (b) 2021/2397/FUL** Erection of first floor extension – Oakhill Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval as the extension is at the back of the house, is not visible and is in keeping with the rest of the property.
- 265/2021 Decisions on Planning Applications**
No decisions on planning applications have been received.
- 266/2021 To Be Resolved**
- (a) Discussion on the update of the proposed bus shelter**
This was deferred to the next meeting as information to be discussed had not been received.
- (b) Proposal for the Parish Council to contribute £36 towards the Clerks costs of studying for the FILCA course.**
The Council **RESOLVED** to contribute £36 towards the Clerks costs of studying for the FILCA course.
- (c) Discussions on the draft budget for 2022/23 ready for adoption at the next meeting.**
The budget was discussed, concerns were the possible increase in the precept or a reduction in the figures is needed. This will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.
- (d) Acceptance of quotes and appointment of Internal Auditor for 2021/2022**
As only one quote could be obtained, the Councillors wanted to pursue other options before appointing the Internal Auditor. This will be brought back to the next meeting.
- 267/2021 Clerks Report**
- (a)** An email was resent on 15th October to Somerset County Council Traffic Management regarding the re-siting of an existing speed limit at Galley Batch. County Councillor Mike Pullin was also copied in, no response has been received. **Update** Cllr David Barlow will chase County Councillor Mike Pullin
- (b)** Opening Up Safely and Reconnecting Communities Fund – The recent application on behalf of the Village Hall was successful and they have been awarded £5,000.

268/2021 Reports**(a) Village Hall**

Fundraising is being continued, there are lots of events coming up. There is still a degree of reticence from residents attending events but numbers are slowly creeping up.

269/2021 Finance**Bank Balance as at 31st October 2021**

TSB – current account – £8,688.70

Reserve account - £12,270.22

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £3.03 received 10.10.21

(b) SALC/SCC Grant - £5,000 – received 21.10.21

Payments

(c) Contribution to FILCA course - £36.00

(d) Payment to the Village Hall SALC/SCC Grant - £5,000

(e) New pads for the defibrillator machine – £86.40

(f) Clerks Salary – October - £332.40

(g) HMRC Payment - £0.40 paid 25.10.21

(h) Purchase of Remembrance Wreath - £25.00

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

270/2021 Correspondence

(a) Invitation to Rewilding Somerset Event on 19th November – forwarded 18.10.21

(b) PowerPoint presentation from Town and Parish Council Conference on 7th October – forwarded 18.10.21

(c) Invitation to the Somerset Water Forum on 19th November – forwarded 21.10.21

271/2021 Matters to report/items for next agenda

(a) The hump has been installed.

(b) Various potholes have reported to the Council in the lanes around the village, these will be reported to Somerset Highways.

(c) A report has also been received of a concrete spill on the road into Gurney Slade, this will also be reported to Somerset Highway and ask whether it can be removed.

(d) The difficulty of cars emerging from Fosse Road by the Oakhill Inn due to parked vehicles on the left of the junction has been raised again. County Councillor Mike Pullin will be contacted as to how the issue can be addressed.

(e) Cllr Jessica Elliott attended a training course on how Parish Councils can use social media. This will be discussed further at the next meeting

272/2021 **Date and time of next meeting:** - Wednesday 8th December in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.45pm