

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8th December 2021 held at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

273/2021 Welcome by the Chairman

274/2021 Apologies for absence

Cllr Lizzie Lewis

275/2021 Absent

Cllrs Sarah Emery and Bryan Wells

276/2021 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

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

No declarations of interests were 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

277/2021 Public session

There were no members of the public in attendance

278/2021 County and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Mike Pullin was not in attendance. District Councillor Sam Phripp sent his apologies

279/2021 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 10th November, previously circulated

After correcting an error, the Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 10th November be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

280/2021 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

(a) Somerset County Council and County Councillor Mike Pullin have been contacted again regarding the re-siting of an existing speed limit at Galley Batch

- 281/2021 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) 2021/2363/HSE** – Erection of single storey side extension. Rose Cottage, Ash Lane, Nettlebridge, Radstock. **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval as it would not look out of place and there would be no impact on the neighbours.
- (b) 2021/2503/FUL** Demolition of 2no. existing dwellings, a single storey garage and a single storey stable building, and construction of a new single storey office building. **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval as it would be an improvement and would tidy up the area.
- 282/2021 Decisions on Planning Applications**
No decisions on Planning Applications had been received
- 283/2021 To Be Resolved**
- (a) Discussion and Proposal for the Parish Council to have a social media presence.**
Following a discussion, the Council **RESOLVED** to set up a Parish Council Facebook page to promote the Parish Council and help to signpost any enquiries. Cllr Jessica Elliott will implement this with help from the Parish Clerk. This will be reviewed in six months
- (b) Appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2021/2022**
The Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Probusiness in Wells as the internal auditor for 2021/2022.
- (c) Approval of the budget for 2022/2023 and the annual Precept.**
Following a discussion and looking at various figures the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the budget for 2022/23 and increase the annual precept to £14,300.00
- (d) Discussion on the responsibilities of being a custodian trustee and the relationship with the village hall.**
Councillors discussed the role of being custodian trustee to the Village Hall, the roles and responsibilities.
- 284/2021 Clerks Report**
- (a)** County Councillor Mike Pullin has been contacted as to whether planning permission is required for the new potential bus stops and who to contact at the Bus Company to check they are happy with the idea. He is trying to find the information; this will be passed onto Councillors once received.
- (b)** Update on the installation of the new grit bin and removal of the damaged one. **Update** The replacement grit bin has still not been delivered to the location, this will be chased.

- (c) Councillors have been invited to a working Party between Binegar Parish Council, the village Halls, the Church to help put together a programme of events to celebrate the Queens Jubilee next year. The first informal meeting is on Thursday 9th December at 7pm at Binegar and Gurney Slade Village Hall.

285/2021 Reports

- (a) **Village Hall** – Fundraising is going well; the village hall committee can now make firm commitments to start the redevelopment programme. Work is required on the play area as mentioned in the annual inspection. Hall bookings are picking up and enquires have been received for 2022 and 2023.

286/2021 Finance

Bank Balance as at 24th November 2021

TSB – current account – £3,208.50

Reserve account - £12,273.35

Receipts

- (a) Bank Interest £3.13 – received 10.11.21

Payments

- (b) Clerks Salary – November - £332.40
 (c) HMRC Payment – November - £0.40
 (d) SLCC Membership - £42.75
 (e) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall - £20.00
 (f) SALC – Training on social media - £35.00

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

287/2021 Correspondence

- (a) Planning and Growth Newsletter from Mendip District Council – forwarded 01.12.21

288/2021 Matters to report/items for next agenda

- (a) Somerset County Council have announced elections for Unitary Councillors will take place in May 2022. Parish Elections have also been brought forward a year and will take place at the same time.
 (b) A report has been received of a faulty street light at the end of Coronation Terrace, this has been reported to Somerset Highways who have reported the fault to Western Power Division as a cable fault has occurred.
 (c) Cllr David Gilson has resigned as a Parish Councillor, the Parish Council thanked him for his years of service and wealth of knowledge.
 (d) Cllr Jessica Elliott reported that the Better Bus Service plan has been submitted to Somerset County Council and updates are still waiting to be received as to the recommended improvements.

(e) A village traffic sign has been knocked and is now pointing the wrong way, this will be reported to Somerset Highways.

289/2021 **Date and time of next meeting:** - Wednesday 12th January 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.05pm