

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Monday 17th January 2022 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 Lizzie Lewis

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

Items were taken out of order from the agenda

290/2022 Welcome by the Chairman

291/2022 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

292/2022 Absent

Cllrs Bryan Wells and Sarah Emery

293/2022 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

A written request was received from Cllr David Barlow for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests and was granted.

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received

294/2022 Public session

There were two members of the public in attendance asked to speak in relation to the revised plans regarding the potential development at Chapelfield

- 295/2022 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) 2020/2603/FUL** Residential development of 29 dwellings, including 30% affordable housing, together with associated landscaping, parking, access, sustainable urban drainage system (SuDS) and any other associated infrastructure (revised details received 23.12.21). Land at Chapelfield, Oakhill. **Update** Further to the comments submitted on 11th February 2021, these are still valid but the Parish Council would like to add a couple of additional points. The number of houses has been reduced but they are still far too dense; the Local Plan II has now been adopted by Mendip District Council and this application does not conform. There is no case for waiving Planning conditions within the Local Plan II. The studies that have been carried out show no real data, especially regarding actual local employment or transport infrastructure needs of the residents and both the surgery and local school are already at full capacity. Additional traffic has not been considered as they would need to drive along the narrow High Street which at the moment emergency vehicles can only just pass through; the logistics have not been thought through adequately.
- 296/2022 County and District Councillor Reports**
There were no County Councillors or District Councillors in attendance
- 297/2022 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 8th December 2021, previously circulated**
Following correction of the page numbers, the Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 8th December be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 298/2022 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda**
(a) Somerset County Council and County Councillor Mike Pullin will be contacted again regarding the re-siting of an existing speed limit at Galley Batch.
- 299/2022 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.**
- (b) 2021/2521/FUL** Creation of agricultural access and infilling of existing land at 364542 148410 Ash Lane, Nettlebridge **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval
- (c) 2021/2840/TCA** Ash – Fell, The Old Coach House, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Update** Ashwick Parish Council referred to the decision to Mendip District Council Tree Officer

(d) 2021/2688/HSE – Extension and alteration of existing annexe – Beacon View, Heckley Lane, Ashwick. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application.

(e) 2021/2503/FUL – Demolition of 2n. existing dwellings, a single storey garage and a single storey stable building, and construction of a new single storey office building – Myrtledene Chapel Lane to Stockhill, Gurney Slade. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application.

300/2022 To Be Resolved

(a) Discussion and nomination of Parish Councillor to join the Working Party between the village hall, churches and Parish Council for Ashwick and Binegar in order to organise joint events for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June.

Cllr David Barlow will attend the meeting on 20th January and Cllr Andy Clemence will try to attend. Ideas were discussed on how to obtain funding; these will be taken to the Working Party.

301/2022 Clerks Report

(a) The missing Grit Bin for the lanes on the entrance to Gurney Slade has been found, it was delivered to the wrong location. Somerset County Council have now moved it and it is in situ.

(b) The Enforcement Team at Mendip District Council have been contacted reference the installation of a wooden structure at Oakhill Manor.

Update Mendip Enforcement Team have registered the enquiry and will undertake an investigation. Enforcement Case No: ENF/2022/0007

(c) Mendip Local Plan II was adopted by Mendip District Council on 20th December 2021, it now forms part of the development plan for Mendip District

(d) A report has been received regarding the state of the road at the crossroads at Badgers Cross, this has been reported to Somerset Highways – reference number 596756. **Update** Simbriss Lane has also been reported to the Parish Council regarding the state of the lane, verges are becoming destroyed by vehicles.

302/2022 Reports

(a) Village Hall

The Village Hall has received two grants which will be put towards the refurbishment costs. Quotes have now been accepted for the work and building is likely to start at the end of March. During the refurbishment the village hall will be closed.

303/2022 Finance**Bank Balance as at 31.12.2021****TSB – current account – £2,777.95****Reserve account - £12,276.38****Quarterly Review 1st October to 31st December 2021****Signature of the Bank Reconciliation****Receipts****(a) Bank Interest - £3.03 – received 10.12.21****Payments****(b) Clerks Salary – December £332.40****(c) HMRC – December £0.40 paid 20.12.21****(d) Zoom – monthly invoice - £14.39****(e) ICO – Annual Subscription - £40**

The Council **RESOLVED** the above payments and receipts including an additional payment listed below to the village hall.

(f) Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall – hall hire - £20.00**304/2022 Correspondence****(a) Opening Up Safely and Reconnecting Communities Grants have reopened – forwarded 13.12.21****(b) Invitation to the Mendip Parish Forum – Tuesday 11th January at 6pm via Teams – forwarded 5.01.22****(c) Save the Date for the Town and Parish Council Conference to be held virtually on Thursday 17th February – forwarded 05.01.22****(d) View on the publication of a Draft Supplementary Planning Document: Design and Amenity of New Development, Guidance for Interpretation of Local Plan Policy DP9 – forwarded 13.1.22****305/2022 Matters to report/items for next agenda****(a) Local elections will be taking place in May and the Parish Council will be looking for some new Councillors to fill seats currently vacant and replace Councillors who may wish to step down.****(b) An email has been received concerning traffic censor cables that have appeared on Pound Lane between Long Acres and Farthing Corner. The Parish Council have not installed the cable, nor were they notified in advance, research as to whom installed them is being carried out.****(c) The new street lights on the High Street, Oakhill are scheduled to be installed at the end of February / beginning of March.****(d) The faulty street light at Coronation Terrace will be chased with Western Power Distribution as to when the repair may take place.**

306/2022 **Date and time of next meeting:** - Wednesday 9th February 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.40pm