

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9th March held at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

307/22 Welcome by the Chairman

308/22 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Lizzie Lewis, David Thorley and David Hine

309/22 Absent

No Councillors were reported absent

310/22 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

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

No declarations of interest were received from Councillors on items on the agenda.

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

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

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received

311/2022 Public session

There was one member of the public in attendance who introduced himself as a prospective candidate for the Unitary Council.

312/2022 County and District Councillor Reports

There were no County or District Councillors in attendance.

313/2022 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 17th January 2021, previously circulated

A spelling mistake was corrected. The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 17th January 2021 be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

314/2022 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

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

- 315/2022 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) 2022/0149/TCA** T1 – Silver Birch, T2 – Oak, T3 – Beech – Crown Raise to 5.2m and reduce crown extension over car park by 1m back to growth points. Pondsmead Surgery, Bath Road, Oakhill **Update** Ashwick Parish Council referred the decision to the Tree Officer
- (b) 2020/2603/FUL** Residential development of 26 dwellings at Land at Chapelfield, Oakhill. The Parish Council have been asked if they wish to make additional comments regarding the additional or revised information recently submitted. **Update** The Parish Council had no further comments to submit.
- 316/2022 Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Mendip District Council and others.**
- (a) 2021/2840/TCA** T1 – Ash – Fell – The Old Coach House, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Update** Mendip District Council granted approval.
- (b) 2021/1828/FUL** Conversion of existing Mechanical Workshop and Agricultural store into rural enterprise hub (devised drainage strategy red'd 06/01/22) R S Howell Workshop, Upper Benter, Oakhill. **Update** Mendip District Council have approved the application.
- (c) 2021/2684/PAA** – Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (use Class C3). Lime Kilm Farm, Bath Road, Oakhill **Update** This application was considered by the Planning Board on 16h February 2022 and prior approval was given.
- (d) 2022/0149/TCA** T1 Silver Birth, T2 – Oak, T3 – Beech – Crown Raise to 5.2m and reduce crown extension over car park by 1m back to growth points. Pondsmead Surgery, Bath Road, Oakhill. **Update** Mendip District Council granted approval
- (e) 2021/2521/FUL** Creation of agricultural access and infilling of existing – Land at 364542 148410 Ash Lane, Nettlebridge **Update** Mendip District Council granted approval.
- (f) 2022/0193/NMA** Application for a non-material amendment to permission 2021/1572/HSE for the re-siting of the garage – Gales Court, Bath Road Access to Sewerage Works, Stratton on the Fosse. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the non-material amendment.
- 317/2022 To Be Resolved/Discussed**
- (a) Proposal to donate £350 to cover sponsorship for The Beacon Parish Magazine for the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.**
The Council **RESOLVED** to donate £350 to cover sponsorship

(b) Proposal to give a grant for £325 to the Citizens Advice Service in Shepton Mallet

Following a short discussion, the Council **RESOLVED** to donate £200 to the Citizens Advice Service in Shepton Mallet.

(c) Proposal for the Parish Council to purchase a tree or purchase a bench to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Following a discussion, it was decided to investigate the planting of a tree later on in the year. Cllr Jessica Elliott will investigate the location and ask the village hall committee as to whether it can be planted in the Playing Field. Cllr Andy Clemence will investigate prices, this will be brought back to the next meeting.

(d) Proposal for the Parish Council to donate some funds towards the costs for the events celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.

Following a discussion, the Council **RESOLVED** to donate £500 towards the costs for the events celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.

(e) Proposal to arrange a separate date for the Annual Parish Meeting or have it before the Annual Council Meeting in May.

The Council **RESOLVED** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Council Meeting on the same night in May, the date will advertised once known.

318/2022 Clerks Report

(a) Regarding the re-siting of the speed sign at Galley Batch, County Councillor Mike Pullin is chasing this with Sara Davis at Somerset Highways.

(b) The faulty street light on Coronation Terrace has now been repaired.

(c) Three teenagers within the village are completing part of their Duke of Edinburgh award by volunteering to litter pick the village once a week for the next three months. The Parish Council would like to thank them for their time and keeping the village tidy.

(d) The Somerset bus partnership have made it clear that they are likely to lose a large chunk of funding for buses in April. Everyone who is a part of the bus partnership has been asked to contact the bus minister and the Chancellor, emphasising the urgency of this request. A copy of a letter sent to James Heapey, Rushi Sunak and Dame Vere of Norbition has been included in the supporting papers.

(e) Ashwick Parish Council's Facebook page is now up and running and the Council would like to thank Cllr Jessica Elliott for all her hard work in implementing the page.

(f) The installation of the new street lights has been chased again with no date for the installation. **Update** The installation has been put into the works programme for April.

319/2022 Reports**(a) Village Hall**

The Village Hall representative for the Parish Council was not in attendance and no report had been forwarded prior to the meeting.

320/2022 Finance**Bank Balance as at 2nd March 2022**

TSB – current account – £1,136.99

Reserve account - £12,282.64

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest £3.13 – received 10.01.22

(b) Bank Interest £3.13 – received 10.02.22

Payments

(c) Idverde -grass cutting - £1238.37.00 – pd 03.02.22

(d) Transfer from the reserve account to the current account - £5,000.00

(e) Purchase of Ink and Paper - £25.16

(f) Clerks Salary – January - £332.40

(g) HMRC Payment – January - £0.40 pd by bacs 24.1.22

(h) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall – hall hire - £20.00

(i) Clerks Salary – February £332.40

(j) HMRC Payment – January £0.40 pd by bacs 25.2.22

The Council **RESOLVED** the above payments and receipts including the three additional payments listed below.

(k) Annual Donation to the Beacon Magazine - £350.00

(l) Grant to Citizens Advice - £200.00

(m) Donation towards the costs for the Platinum Jubilee - £500

321/2022 Correspondence

(a) Registration and Agenda for February Town & Parish Council Conference 2022 – forwarded 02.02.22

(b) Webinar: Village Halls and Parish Council Tuesday February 15th, 6pm until 8pm – forwarded 02.02.22

(c) Nomination Papers for Somerset Council, Town and Parish Councillors are now available – forwarded 14.2.22

(d) Mendip District Council Health and Wellbeing February 2022 – forwarded 15.2.22

(e) Local Heritage List – forwarded 16.2.22

322/2022 Matters to report/items for next agenda

(a) Reminder that nomination papers are now available for the Unitary and Local Parish Council Elections, if anyone is interested in standing as a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk

- (b) The potholes in Pound Lane outside Withy Cottages have been filled in.
- (c) A phone call was received with concerns about parking in the layby by Withy Cottages. Cllr David Barlow will follow this up with Somerset Highways.
- (d) The school are trying once again to divert the footpath running through their field and have asked the Parish Council for support which they were happy to give.

323/2022 **Date and time of next meeting:** - Wednesday 13th April 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.45pm