

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11th May at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

1 Welcome by the Chairman**2 Apologies for absence**

All Councillors were present

3 Absent

All Councillors were present

4 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 Councillor 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.

5 Public session

There were three members of the public in attendance. Two residents spoke about item 9 (a) and (b).

6 County and District Councillor Reports

There were no County or District Councillors in attendance and no reports had been forwarded.

7 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 13th April 2022, previously circulated

Following the correction of a spelling mistake the Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 13th April 2022 be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

8 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

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

9 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) 2022/0774/HSE Erection of a two-storey rear extension, external alterations to the existing dwelling and formation of residential access. Longacres, Pound Lane, Oakhill. **Update** The Parish Council recommended approval

(b) 2022/0797/OUT Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for demolition of redundant agricultural buildings and a B8 storage building, erection of 1no. dwelling house with details of access. Longacres, Pound Lane, Oakhill. **Update** The Parish Council recommended approval

(c) 2022/0593/FUL Erection of stable block, stone and creation of tract from existing access, land at 364750 148150, Nettlebridge, Bath Road, Oakhill. **Update** Following on from the last meeting where extra information was requested, upon a brief discussion the Parish Council recommended Refusal of Permission

10 Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Mendip District Council and others.

- (a) **2022/0523/TCA** T1 – Silver Birch – Crown lift to 3.5m. T2 – English Oak – Crown lift to 3.5m. T3 – Beech – Crown lift to 3.5m, crown reduction to 4m. Pondsmead Surgery, Bath Road, Oakhill **Update** Mendip District Council recommended approval
- (b) **2021/1672/TPO** G1 (M1170 3 x Beech) & 1 x Yew – Prune by 3-4m. T2 (Elm) – reduce height by 4-5m laterally. Drake House, Manor Place, High Street, Oakhill. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application
- (c) **2022/0307/TPO** Tree A: Ash trees – Fell. Tree B: Ash die back – Fell – Coombe End, Binegar Lane, Gurney Slade. **Update** Mendip District Council recommended approval

11 Grants

- (a) **Application from Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall and Recreation Ground for £5,300.00**

The grant was discussed and the Council **RESOLVED** to give £3,497.22 instead of the full £5,300.00

12 To Be Resolved/Discussed

- (a) **Proposal to purchase a Book of Condolence for use during public occasions. These can be purchased from Amazon starting at about £25**

The Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a Book of Condolence; this will be kept at the Parish Church.

- (b) **Discussion to meet with Doulting Parish Council and other Parish Councils informally to establish whether co-operation between eastern Mendip parishes would be advantageous and what form such cooperation might take.**

The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Doulting Parish Council for further details.

- (c) **Update and discussion and purchase of an Oak tree for the Platinum Jubilee**

Two prices were given from Chew Valley Trees – a recommended supplier of trees – and these were £90 and £270.00. Upon discussion Cllr David Hine would visit Chew Valley Trees to choose a tree at the larger amount. **Update** Shortly after the meeting Cllr David Hine visited Chew Valley Trees and upon discussion it was opted to purchase a £90 tree instead. This will hopefully be delivered by the end of the month and planted over the Jubilee weekend as part of the celebrations.

13 Clerks Report

- (a) An email was received in response to the Parish Council's objection to the proposed diversion of public footpath SM 1/60 and Somerset County Council's Rights of Way Diversion Officer offered to meet someone on site to discuss it further. Lizzie Lewis offered to follow this up. **Update** Lizzie Lewis had a site visit with the Rights of Way Diversion Officer and upon being shown the proposed path she was happy to recommend the Parish Council to support the application. The Council followed her advice and will now support the application to divert the footpath.
- (b) The installation of the street lights has been chased again as works were supposed to have been carried out in April.

14 Finance

Bank Balance as at 03.05.22
TSB – current account – £4750.19
Reserve account - £21,587.37

Receipts

(a) Annual Precept - £14,300.00 – received 13.04.22
(b) Bank Interest - £1.90 – received 10.04.22

Payments

(c) Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall – £20.00
(d) ProBusiness – internal auditor - £234.00
(e) Clerks Salary – April - £335.73
(f) HMRC Payment – April - £8.80

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

(g) Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall – Grant Application - £3497.22
(h) Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall – Donation for the Jubilee events - £500.00

15 Correspondence

(a) Councillor Essential Training forwarded 25.4.22
(b) Mendip District Council Health and Wellbeing Bulletin – forwarded 26.04.22

16 Matters to report/items for next agenda

(a) Cllr Jessica Elliott gave a brief update on the Bus Back Better scheme, unfortunately the funding has now been reduced.

17 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 8th June 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.55pm