

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th April held at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

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

Cllrs David Hine and Andy Clements

3 Absent

No Councillors were absent

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 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.

5 Public session

There were no members of the public in attendance

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 9th March 2022, previously circulated

Following a couple of slight amendments, the Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 9th March 2022 be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair

8 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

(a) The new street lights have still not been installed and no notice has been received regarding the date. This will be chased after the elections in May where the new Unitary Councillor will also be copied in.

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) 2022/0307/TPO M329 Tree A: Ash Trees – Fell. Tree B: Ash Die Back – Fell.

Coombe End, Binagar Lane, Gurney Slade **Update** The recommendation was to leave the decision to the tree officer.

- (b) **2022/0432/HSE** New vehicular access with associated parking and turning. 20 Kingscombe, Gurney Slade. **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval.
- (c) **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** The recommendation was to leave the decision to the tree officer.
- (d) **2022/0593/FUL** Erection of stable block, stone and creation of track from existing access, land at 364750 148150. Nettlebridge Hill, Bath Road, Oakhill. **Update** Following a discussion further information was requested before an informed decision could be made.
- (e) **2022/0406/FUL** Erection of Garage/Carport (Retrospective). Land West of Kingscombe, Gurney Slade. **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval.
- (f) New Premises Licence Application for a premises licence for Mendip Golf Club Ltd, Mendip Golf Club, Golf Links Lane, Ashwick. **Update** Ashwick Parish Council had no objections and recommended approval.
- (g) Proposed Diversion of public footpath SM 1/60 in the parish of Ashwick. **Update** Following a long discussion, Ashwick Parish Council responded in agreement to diverting the footpath for health and safety reasons but to keep the original path open as it is well used.

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

No Responses had been received from Mendip District Council.

11 To Be Resolved/Discussed

- (a) **Discussion on the cost of purchasing a tree to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and whether the Village Hall Committee have agreed to the tree being planted in the Playing Fields**

Cllr Andy Clements had obtained a quote for £200 for an Oak tree. The Village Hall Committee have agreed to the tree being planted in the Playing Fields although the actual location is yet to be confirmed. The Council **RESOLVED** to agree a budget of £200 for purchase of an Oak Tree. Chew Valley Trees will be contacted for advice.

- (b) **Discussion on the installation of a new bus stop at Nettlebridge, this has been requested again by a resident.**

This was discussed and the potential bus shelters within the village of Oakhill. First Bus has been contacted and the Parish Council is waiting for confirmation of bus stops and information. Once the elections are over in May the new Unitary Councillor will be contacted to help push this forward.

12 Clerks Report

- (a) A response was received from Somerset County Council as to the inconsiderate parking in the layby on the A367 Bath Road outside Withy Cottages. Somerset County Council have no powers to stop or prosecute the drivers of vehicles parking in this manner. Any vehicle which is taxed and insured, is able to pass or park on the public highway.

13 Reports

- (a) **Village Hall** The alterations should have started but have stalled due to some of the contractors having contacted Covid, the start is imminent. The playground is due to be refurbished and during this time part of the equipment will be taped off until fixed. Bookings are slowly coming in. The village hall committee is in the process of applying for stage 2 and 3 Hallmark accreditations, the deadline is the end of August. The AGM is being held on Tuesday 10th May, they are on the lookout for new members.

14 Finance

Bank Balance as at 31st March 2022

TSB – current account – £5150.16

Reserve account - £7285.47

Yearly review – for information only

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £2.83 – received 10.03.22

(b) HMRC VAT Reclaim - £274.33 – received 17.3.22

Payments

(c) SLCC Training Seminar - £20

(d) Clerks Wages – March - £336.40

(e) HMRC - March - £1.20

(f) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall – Hall Hire - £20.00

(g) Purchase of Ink Cartridges - £14.77

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

(h) Annual Precept - £14,300 – received 13.03.22

(i) Bank Interest - £1.90 – received 10.04.22

15 Correspondence

(a) LGR Advisory Board Meeting 17th March Stoke St Gregory – forwarded 10.03.22

(b) Mendip East Neighbourhood Policing Letter – forwarded 16.03.22

(c) Death of a senior figure and protocols – forwarded 21.03.22

16 Matters to report/items for next agenda

(a) A request was asked to publish funerals and amounts collected for charities if requested. Unfortunately, the Parish Council are not the Burial authority so the suggestion was to speak to the Church.

(b) Cllrs Roy Bailey, Lizzie Lewis and Andy Clements were thanked for their time as Parish Councillors and their hard work within the Council. They decided not to re-stand in the local elections.

17 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 11th May 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Council Meeting and the monthly Parish Council Meeting.

Please note the earlier start time.

Meeting closed 8.50pm