

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 8th June at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

Items are out of order from the agenda.

1 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including the new County Councillor Edric Hobbs

2 Apologies for absence

Cllr Bryan Wells

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 Councillor on items on the agenda.

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

No written requests were received for disclosable pecuniary interests.

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received.

6 County and District Councillor Reports

District Councillors Sam Phripp and Josh Burr were not in attendance. County Councillor Edric Hobbs introduced himself as the new County Councillor and spoke about the new County Council and the various committees he had been appointed to.

5 Public Session

There were three members of the public in attendance

The Parish Council were asked if a Parish Council representative was attending the Mendip Planning Board on Wednesday 15th June where the potential housing development at Chapelfield will be discussed. Cllr David Thorley will be representing the Parish Council and will speak for the allotted three minutes. Residents and Councillors were being encouraged to attend.

7 Co-option of Parish Councillor

Cllr David Thorley proposed Monica Mundy be co-opted as a Parish Councillor, this was seconded by Cllr Sarah Emery. The Parish Council were unanimous in agreement and Monica Mundy was welcomed to the Council

(a) Signature of Acceptance of Office Form

Cllr Monica Mundy signed the acceptance of Office Form, this was countersigned by the Proper Officer.

8 To confirm the minutes of the Annual Council meeting and Parish Council meeting held on 11th May 2022, previously circulated

Following the correction of a couple of edits, the Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the Annual Council Meeting held on 11th May 2022 be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

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9 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

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

10 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) 2022/0950/TPO M321 – T1 Lawson’s cypress – Fell. The Old Workshop, Zion Hill, Oakhill **Update**. The Parish Council recommended the decision be referred to the Tree Officer

(b) 2022/0952/LBC Conversion and alteration of the barns to ancillary residential use, domestic storage and garaging (part-retrospective). Neighbourne Farm, Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne **Update** The Parish Council recommended approval as the building was being preserved and had been sympathetically restored.

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5 Public Session

The Chair apologised as a resident was missed out during the public session so was permitted to speak at this point of the meeting. They spoke about the height of the grass at various junctions which was stopping vehicles from seeing oncoming traffic. Cllr David Barlow will report the issues to Somerset Highways.

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

No decisions had been received from Mendip District Council in regard to planning applications.

12 Grants

(a) Oakhill Village Festival £500

The Council discussed the grant of £500 to Oakhill Village Festival and **RESOLVED** to award the funding.

13 To Be Resolved/Discussed

(a) Discussion on the possible installation of speed indicator devices within the village

This was discussed, further information will be researched and this will be brought back to the next meeting.

(b) Proposal to replace the tables and benches outside the Village Hall.

This was discussed as the current tables are several years old and are becoming unsafe to use. Prices will be obtained and this will be brought back to the next meeting.

14 Clerks Report

(a) An email was sent to Doultling Parish Council to join a liaison group of east Mendip Parishes. Once dates have been arranged Doultling Parish Council will be back in touch. **Update** Doultling have initially suggested two dates in July.

15 Finance

Bank Balance as at 30th May 2022
 TSB – current account – £4,148.76
 Reserve account - £16,592.34

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £4.97 – received 10.05.22

Payments

- (b) Book of Condolence - £12.50
- (c) Chew Valley Trees - £134.50 – paid 17.5.22
- (d) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall - £20.00
- (e) Clerks Salary – May - £335.73
- (f) HMRC – May - £8.80 pd by bacs on 27.5.22

Transfers

(g) Transfer from the Reserve account to the Current Account £5,000. Transferred on 14.5.22

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the above payments and receipts; the Council also **RESOLVED** to accept the additional payments below.

- (h) Oakhill Village Festival - £500
- (i) Chew Valley Trees - £59.97 – pd by bacs on 18.5.22
- (j) Idverde - £206.37

16 Correspondence

- (a) Grants from Somerset Community Foundation – forwarded 16.5.22
- (b) Update to Training Dates for Councillor Training Courses – forwarded 24.5.22
- (c) Trial launched for communities to rewild Mendip Land – forwarded 24.05.22

17 Matters to report/items for next agenda

- (a) A report was received of a damaged road sign on Withy Lane, this has been reported to Somerset Highways reference number 654696.
- (b) The Parish Council were asked to comment with a very short deadline on revised plans for planning application 2022/0593/FUL. The revised drawings were discussed by the Parish Council and they thought the plans were a definite improvement and were happy to approve.
- (c) One of the new Street Lights has now been installed and lit, the second one requires some trenching and an underground connection – a date is still yet to be set for the works.
- (d) The organisers of the jubilee celebrations were thanked, everyone enjoyed themselves and it was lovely to see everyone.

18 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 13th July 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.40pm