

**ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

**Present:** - Cllrs David Barlow (Chair), Phil Briscoe, David Thorley, David Hine and Monica Mundy

**Also, in attendance** – Kate Egan (Clerk)

**1 Welcome by the Chairman**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Sarah Emery, Bryan Wells and Jessica Elliott

**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 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**

District Councillors Sam Phripp and Josh Burr were not in attendance. County Councillor Tony Robbins sent his apologies. Country Councillor Edric Hobbs was in attendance and gave a verbal update on the issues currently being dealt with on behalf of the Parish Council.

**7 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022, previously circulated**

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 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) 2022/1272/CLE** Application for a certificate of lawful existing development for demolition of existing bay window, erection of a single storey flat roof rear extension. Replacement of single rear window with French doors. Park Farm, Ash Lane, Neighbourne **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval.

**(b) 2022/1204/HSE** Ground / first floor rear and side extension to dwellinghouse and extension to garage. Glencroft, Heckley Lane, Ashwick **Update** Ashwick Parish Council were unable to give a recommendation due to confusion of the documents that had been uploaded to the planning portal

- (c) **2022/1262/VRC** Application to vary condition 2 (drawings) of planning approval 2021/2503/FUL (Demolition of 2no. existing dwellings, a single storey garage and a single storey stable building, and construction of a new single storey office buildings) to reduce the scale of the office building. **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval.

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

- (a) **ENF/2022/0062** Following an investigation into the development at Oakhill Manor, the Council has determined that works undertaken relate to planning application 109329/001 and as such do not appear to represent a breach of planning control. It appears that works started to trees on site in 2009 but the larger project was placed on hold until very recently. This would have been sufficient to pass condition 1 of 10939/001 and as such the permission would remain active. As such, no further action will be taken at this time and the Council will proceed to close the enforcement case.
- (b) **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** Mendip District Council granted approval.
- (c) **2022/0406/FUL** Erection of garage/carport (retrospective). Land West of 29 Kingscombe, Gurney Slade, Radstock. **Update** Mendip District Council granted approval.
- (d) **2022/0592/FUL** Erection of stable block, store and creation of track from existing access. Lane at 364750 148150, Nettlebridge Hill, Bath Road, Oakhill. **Update** Mendip District Council granted approval.
- (e) **2021/0837/REM** Application for approval of reserved matters (appearance, layout and scale) for application 2020/0679/OTS (Erection of a dwelling with details of access) – 7 Sunnymead, Oakhill. **Update** Mendip District Council granted approval.

#### 11 To Be Resolved/Discussed

- (a) **Report on the installation of SIDS's and the auto speedwatch**  
Upon further discussion the Councillors preferred the option of Auto Speedwatch, further information will be researched and this will be brought back to the next meeting.
- (b) **Acceptance of quotes and proposal for the Parish Council to purchase two new tables to be placed outside the Playground next to the Village Hall**  
The Parish Council preferred wooden tables with easy access, so further prices will be sort and this will be brought back to the next meeting.
- (c) **Report from Cllr David Thorley on the informal meeting between Eastern Mendip Parish Councils held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July.**  
Cllr David Thorley sent out a report prior to the meeting and updated the Council on the next step. The next meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> August at Doultling Village Hall

#### 12 Clerks Report

- (a) Copies of emails regarding the re-siting of the existing speed limit have been forwarded to County Councillor Edric Hobbs and he will chase on the Parish Council's behalf. A copy of email was received from a Service Manager dated 17<sup>th</sup> June stating that the Traffic Regulation Order will be readvertised, this has been instructed to be done at the earliest opportunity and a task order instruction will be progressed with the contractor to carry out the works.
- (b) County Councillor Edric Hobbs is talking to Somerset County Council regarding bus shelters within the village and will come back to the Council when information and how to proceed has been received.

**13 Finance**

Bank Balance as at 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022

TSB – current account – £3,029.65

Reserve account - £16,596.73

**Quarterly review** – This was noted by the Parish Council

**Approval and signature of Quarterly Bank Reconciliation**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation and it was signed by the Chair

**Receipts**

(a) Bank Interest - £4.39 received 10.06.22

**Payments**

(b) Purchase of plaque for the Jubilee tree - £63.00

(c) Purchase of compost from Chew Valley Trees - £35.71 – paid 13.06.22 by bacs

(d) Clerks Salary – June - £335.73

(e) HMRC – June - £8.80

(f) Idverde – Grass Cutting – 206.37

(g) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall - £20.00

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the above receipts and payments and also **RESOLVED** to approve the additional payment listed below

(h) Right Price - £137.73

**14 Correspondence**

(a) Community Planning and Engagement Project – forwarded 15.06.22

(b) Invitation to Climate Emergency webinar hosted by Somerset Climate Action Network on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – forwarded 18.06.22

**15 Matters to report/items for next agenda**

(a) The Council discussed whether to add additional words to the plaque to say ‘Donated by Ashwick Parish Council’. Cllr David Hine will ask for the additional cost.

(b) The alterations to the village hall are coming along. The next stage will be discussed over the summer. Doors may have to be changed to meet fire regulations.

Fundraising is steamrolling ahead and the village hall committee have been successful in generating money from grants.

(c) The Parish Council would like to thank the litters pickers who volunteered their time over three months for their Duke of Edinburgh award.

**16 Date and time of next meeting:** - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.05pm