

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 9th November at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

Present: - Cllrs David Barlow (Chair), David Thorley, Sarah Emery and Philip Blatchford

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

Items were out of order from the agenda

1 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Phil Briscoe, Monica Mundy, Bryan Wells and David Hine

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 three members of the public in attendance. The Headteacher of Oakhill Primary School spoke about an application to divert the footpath currently running through the School Playing Field as there are currently safeguarding issues.

6 County and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Tony Robbins sent his apologies. County Councillor Edric Hobbs was in attendance and will speak to Somerset Council to install a sign on Fosse Road to stop larger vehicles travelling from the direction of Stoke St Michael. The speed sign at Galley Batch will also be chased. A short verbal report was given regarding Somerset County Council.

5 Public Session Continued

The applicant for planning application 2022/2049/FUL was in attendance and spoke about the application and answered questions from the Councillors.

7 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th October 2022, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting held on 12th October 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) **2022/2049/FUL** Change of use of land for the siting of 6 no. bell tents for holiday accommodation, 3 no. compost toilets and shower sheds and parking. Land at 363417 146983 Bath Road, Oakhill **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval.
- (b) **2022/1983/CLE** Application for a certificate of lawful existing development for deviations from planning permission ref: 034627/002 – (Conversion of building to form holiday letting accommodation), to long term tenancy. Meadows, Fosse Road, Oakhill **Update** Ashwick Parish Council were happy to go with the decision of the Planning Officer as long as Highways agreed.
- (c) **2022/2175/HSE** Single-storey rear extension. Beech View, Old Frome Road to Underhill, Gurney Slade. **Update** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval subject to no major objections from neighbours.

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

- (a) **2022/1790/APP** Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (surface treatment to new access track) on planning consent 2022/0593/FUL. Land at 364752 148162 Bath Road, Oakhill. **Update** Mendip District Council gave approval.
- (b) **2022/1811/HSE** Erection of a single side extension. College Barn, Centre Cross to Upper Benter, Stratton on the Fosse **Update** Mendip District Council granted approval
- (c) **2022/1634/TCA** T1 (a) Yew – Fell, T2 (b) Yew – Crown lift by approx. 1.5m and thin by approx. 10%. 8 The Granary, High Street, Oakhill. **Update** Mendip District Council granted approval
- (d) **2022/2028/APP** Approval of details reserved by condition 4 (Contaminated Land-Investigation & Risk Assessment), condition 5 (Contaminated Land-Remediation Scheme) and condition 6 (Contaminated Land-Verification Report) on planning consent 2022/1262/VRC. Myrtledene, Chapel Lane to Stockhill, Gurney Slade **Update** Mendip District Council granted approval

11 To Be Resolved/Discussed

- (a) **Proposal to respond to the Draft Supplementary Planning Document from Mendip District Council on Greenspaces within the Parish.**
The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to respond saying they were in agreement with the spaces identified
- (b) **Proposal for the Parish Council to contact the enforcement department at Mendip District Council regarding Highcroft Quarry.**
The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pass this to the Enforcement Department at Mendip District Council, with reference to vehicles being dumped and people living on site. Reported to Enforcement on 11th November 2022
- (c) **Proposal for the Parish Council to respond to Somerset County Council requesting emergency community contacts**
The Council **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk and Chair be the Emergency Community Contact
- (d) **Proposal to donate the recently purchased wooden table and seats to the Village Hall Committee for use within the Playing Fields**
The Council **RESOLVED** to donate the recently purchased wooden tables and seats to the Village Hall Committee for use within the Playing Fields.
- (e) **Proposal for the Village Hall Committee to care for and maintain the Jubilee tree along with other newly planted trees within the Playing Field**
The Council **RESOLVED** that the responsibility for care and maintenance of the Jubilee tree has now been passed to the Playing Field Committee where they will care for it along with other newly planted trees within the Playing Field.

(f) Proposal to accept the Quote from Idverde for grass cutting costs for next year - £2015.09 + VAT

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Idverde for grass cutting costs for next year and they will be appointed as the contractor to carry out the works.

(g) Initial Discussion on the budget for the next financial year with possible approval at the next meeting.

Initial discussions were held on the budget, the approval of the budget and the setting of the Precept was deferred to the next meeting.

12 Clerks Report

(a) As discussed at the last meeting the Parish Council submitted their response with regard to the LCN Consultation, they await the outcome.

13 Village Reports

(a) Village Hall Cllr David Thorley gave a short verbal report, works on the extension are progressing and the Committee are looking at ideas for outdoor gym equipment.

14 Finance

Bank Balance as at 31st October 2022

TSB – current account – £4,197.83

Reserve account - £11,624.93

Payments

(a) Purchase of Remembrance Wreath – £25.00

(b) Caledonia Play – new table for the Playing Field – £708.00 paid 19.10.22

(c) Idverde – grass cutting - £206.38

(d) Clerks Salary – October - £335.73

(e) HMRC – October - £8.80

(f) Oakhill & Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00

The Council **RESOLVED** the above payments

15 Correspondence

(a) Rural Parishes Liaison Group Meeting Thursday 20th October at 7.30pm at Doultling Village Hall.

(b) Councillor Training Courses October and November – forwarded 18.10.22

(c) Invitation to another Planning Parish Forum on 10th November at 11am – forwarded 25.10.22

(d) Invitation to a free event – An Introduction to the Rights of Way legislation – Friday 11th November – forwarded 25.10.22

(e) Mendip District Council Health and Wellbeing Bulletin October 22 – forwarded 31.10.22

16 Matters to report/items for next agenda

There were no matters to report or items for the next agenda

17 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 14th December 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.06pm