

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

1 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies for absence

Cllr Monica Mundy

3 Absent

Cllr David Hine

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

A written request for dispensation had been received from Cllr David Barlow, this was granted.

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received

5 Public session for items on the agenda only

There were ten members of the public in attendance

The Meeting was suspended at 7.32pm to allow additional time for residents to speak and discuss the item in question.

The Meeting was restarted at 8.11pm

6 To Be Resolved/Discussed**(a) Appeal Hearing APP/Q3305/W/22/3313162 – Residential development of 26 dwellings.**

Discussion and any proposals on how the Parish Council wish to proceed with the Appeal Hearing.

After a discussion the following proposals were put forward.

The Council **RESOLVED** in principle to cover the costs of £3,000 + VAT for a Highways report, this will be formally approved at the next meeting upon receipt of the quote.

The Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Mark Reynold from Context Planning to prepare an appeal statement supporting several reasons and submit to the Planning Inspector by 13th February at a cost of £3,000 - £3,300 + VAT. Cllr David Thorley will be the initial contact and feedback to the Parish Council.

The Council **RESOLVED** to increase the precept by additional £8,000 to cover the additional costs so the new precept to be applied for from Mendip District Council will be £23,000 which is an increase of 60.84%

7 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 8th February 2023 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm