

Ashwick Parish Council

MEETING Date: ...Wednesday 8th February

<p>Agenda Item: Insert wording to appear on the agenda. Remember to make it clear what you are asking your fellow Councillors to do. "To consider..." " To note..." "To review..." "To resolve..."</p>	<p>Discussion and any possible proposals on how the Parish Council wish to proceed with the second stage of the Appeal Hearing. The initial date for the Public Inquiry has been set as Tuesday 18th April</p>
<p>Background Information: Insert as much information as possible so that councillors have the detail that they need in order to make an informed decisions</p>	<p>The date for the public hearing in regard to the Appeal for the housing development has been published as Tuesday 18th April.</p> <p>The Parish Council has already agreed to contribute about £7,500 (inc VAT) towards costs in the production of documents to help fight the appeal.</p> <p>It was agreed to increase the precept by an additional £8,000 to cover these costs</p>
<p>Costs: Insert detail of any costs associated with the decision that you are asking the council to make</p>	<p>If the Parish Council wish to appoint the two consultants to attend the Public Inquiry, further costs will be incurred and they are listed below</p> <p>David Mason form D M Mason Engineering Consultants Ltd (compiling the Highways report) has quoted £1,000 + VAT each day to attend</p> <p>Mark Reynolds from Context Planning has two option £4,500 - £5,000 + VAT to attend all 3 days or £2,500 + VAT to attend the first day.</p> <p>The maximum cost would be another £9600 (inc VAT) although it could be less depending which options the Parish Council decide upon.</p> <p>At the moment there is about £11,000 in the reserves. The Parish Council agreed to pay £8,000 to cover the cost of the initial reports, this will come out of the reserves but will be replaced with the increase in the precept which will be received at the end of April.</p> <p>The extra costs for stage two if covered entirely by the Parish Council will nearly cancel out the reserves for 2023/24 and it is unknown what other unexpected costs that may appear between now and March 2024.</p>