

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

Present: - Cllrs David Hine, David Barlow (Chair), David Thorley and Philip Briscoe

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, Monica Mundy and Philip Blatchford

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

County Councillor Edric Hobbs and Tony Robinson had sent their apologies prior to the meeting.

7 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2022, previously circulated

Following the correction of a spelling mistake the Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting held on 14th December 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) **2022/2408/FUL** Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with associated access and parking. 15 Sunnymead, Oakhill **Update** the Parish Council recommended refusal as there was no significant improvement, the land would be overdeveloped and there were concerns the area was unstable due to a sink hole being close by.

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

(a) **2022/2175/HSE** Single storey rear extension. Beech View, Old Frome Road to Underhill, Gurney Slade. Mendip District Council granted approval

(b) **2022/2245/REM** Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2020/0788/OTS for the erection of two detached dwellings and garages. Matters of appearance, landscaping & scale to be determined. Rock House, Old Frome Road to Underhill, Gurney Slade. Mendip District Council granted approval

- (c) **2022/1983/CLE** Application for a certificate of lawful existing development (non-compliance with planning permission ref 034627/002; Conversion of Building to form holiday letting accommodation), for use of property as a C3 dwelling on an unrestricted basis. Meadows, Fosse Road, Oakhill. Mendip District Council state the development is lawful.

11 To Be Resolved/Discussed

- (a) **Approval of the Terms of Reference for the Parish Design Statement Steering Group**

This was deferred to the next meeting

- (b) **Discussion and approval of the TRO Plans from Somerset Highways on extending the 30mph speed limit along Galley Batch Road and Fosse Road.**

The two plans were discussed the Council were happy to recommend approval for the 30mph extension along Galley Batch. The 30mph extension along Fosse Road was incorrect and an amended map will be forwarded to the Traffic Management Department at Somerset County Council and the Council were generally happy with the extension.

- (c) **Discussion on how the Parish Council can help with distributing information to residents due to the loss of the Beacon Magazine.**

A long discussion took place on how the information could be shared amongst residents. A couple of residents have expressed an interest in resurrecting the magazine in some form. This will be brought back to the next meeting where some updates may be available.

12 Clerks Report

- (a) There were no requests for an election due to a Councillor leaving the Parish Council, so the Parish Council are able to follow the co-option route for a replacement Councillor. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk.

13 Village Hall Reports

Warm spaces are now up and running and the first one was very successful, volunteers are being trained on health and safety, food hygiene, etc. Paving slabs have been laid around the building so making accessible easier as it is now on one level. Quotes have been received in relation to the outdoor gym equipment.

14 Finance

Bank Balance as at 04.01.2023

TSB – current account – £2,777.74

Reserve account - £11,636.90

Quarterly Review - This was noted by the Council

Approval and signature of the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the quarterly bank reconciliation and it was signed by the Chair.

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest £6.25 – received 10.12.22

(b) Bank Interest £8.86 – received 10.01.23

Payments

(c) SLCC Annual Membership - £44.25

(d) Idverde - £206.38

(e) Clerks Salary – December – £356.73

(f) HMRC – December - £14.20 – pd DD 30.12.22

15 Correspondence

- (a) Councillor Training Courses for the spring – forwarded 03.01.23

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 8th February 2023 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.29pm