

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 12th April 2023 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

1 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting on a wild, wet, and windy night.

2 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Sarah Emery, David Thorley, Philip Blatchford, and David Simons

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 interest

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

Cllr David Barlow was granted a dispensation in regard to the potential development at Chapelfield, this was granted for a period of four months and is valid until 8th June 2023

5 Public session

There were no members of the public in attendance

6 Somerset Councillor Reports

Somerset Councillor Tony Robbins sent his apologies

Somerset Councillor Edric Hobbs was in attendance and gave a verbal report. The planning board has now moved to a Tuesday afternoon instead of a Wednesday evening.

7 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th March, previously circulated

After a slight amendment the Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 8th March be accepted as a true record and were signed and dated 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) APP/Q3305/W/22/3313162 – Residential development of 26 dwellings. The Informal Hearing will be held on Tuesday 18th April in The Council Chamber, Mendip District Council Offices, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet. Please contact Mendip District Council by calling 0300 303 8588 or emailing appeals@mendip.gov.uk to advise if you wish to attend and observe or take part.

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

(a) **2022/2049/FUL** Change of use of land for the siting of 6 no. bell tents for holiday accommodation. 3 no. compost toilet and shower sheds and parking. Land at 363417 146983 Bath Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Mendip District Council granted approval

(b) **2023/0126/HSE** Erection of timber orangery to northern elevation – Gales Court, Bath Rd access to sewerage works. Stratton on the Fosse. **Decision** Mendip District Council granted approval.

11 Grant Applications

(a) Grant Application from the Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall for £4,814.96

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Grant Application from Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall but only for the annual grass cutting and hedge cutting totalling £2714.96. The playground repairs were deferred until the Council Finances had settled down.

12 To Be Resolved / Discussed

(a) Proposal to donate the Parish Council Projector to the Village Hall Committee for community use. If agreed a further proposal to remove the projector from the Parish Council Asset List.

The Council **RESOLVED** to donate the Parish Council Projector to the Village Hall Committee for community use and also **RESOLVED** to remove the projector from the Parish Council Asset List

13 Clerks Report

(a) A request for received as to whether the Parish Council would advance some funding to help set up the new Beacon Magazine. Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot loan money but would be able to give out a grant, but the group would need a bank account opened first. **Update** Cllr Monica Munday gave an update on the following points. A community interest company is being formed; a meeting was organised for interested parties to help, prices are still being worked out both for advertisements and printing. The Parish Council may be contacted in the future for a donation or a grant.

(b) Following the last meeting a suspected planning breach was reported to the local Enforcement Team, the garage formed part of the residential curtilage of the dwelling so there has been no change of use, although it might have had to adhere to planning regulations so the information has been passed to Building Control.

14 Village Hall Reports

Cllr David Thorley was not in attendance so a report was not available.

15 Finance

Bank Balance as at 31st March 2023

Current account £1,984.65

Reserve account £8,660.59

End of Year Review

The Council noted the end of year review

Approval and signature of the Bank Reconciliation to 31st March 2023

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2023 and it was signed by the Chair.

Receipts

- (a) Bank Interest – £5.96 – received 10.03.23
- (b) Donation – Loan of the Projector - £20.00 – received 10.03.23
- (c) HMRC – Refund of VAT - £1800.28 – received 16.03.23

Payments

- (d) Idverde – Grass Cutting (February) - £206.38
- (e) Clerks Salary and Expenses – £370.93
- (f) Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00

Transfers

- (g) Transfer from Reserve to Current Account - £5,000.00

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

- (h) Idverde – Grass Cutting (March) - £206.38
- (i) Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall – Grant application - £2714.96
- (j) Do the Numbers Ltd – Internal Auditor - £190.00

16 Correspondence

- (a) Councillor Training Courses – forwarded 24.03.23
- (b) An email was received concerning overhanging trees and hedges at the junction of Withy Cottages, Neighbourne and the Bath Road, this was reported to Somerset Highways – reference 672671.
- (c) Councillor Training Courses – forwarded 03.04.23

17 Matters to report/items for next agenda

- (a) The Internal Auditors report has been received and a brief review was given by the Parish Clerk

18 Date and time of next meeting: - Annual Council Meeting Wednesday 10th May 2023 in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm, followed by the monthly Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed 8.23pm