

## ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### To all Members of Ashwick Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ashwick Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business

**Kate Egan** Parish Clerk to the Council

### Agenda for the Meeting of ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

To be held at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm

1. **Welcome by the Chairman**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Absent**
4. **Declarations of Interest and dispensations**
  - (a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
  - (b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
  - (c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
5. **Public session**
6. **Somerset Councillor Reports**
7. **To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, previously circulated**
8. **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) **2023/1358/TPO** TPO M1196 – T1 – Sycamore – Fell. T2 – T4 – Sycamore – Crown reduction of 30%. The Old Barn, Brewery Lane, Oakhill. This is a **notification only** in line with Somerset Council's constitution and the adopted scheme of delegation and terms of reference, the decision for this application is delegated to Somerset officers.
  - (b) **2023/1469/TCA** T1 – Beech Tree – Reduce by 7m, T2 & T3 – Sycamore – reduce by 5m. The Beeches, Gas Lane, Oakhill, Radstock. This is a **notification only** in line with Somerset Council's constitution and the adopted scheme of delegation and terms of reference, the decision for this application is delegated to Somerset officers
  - (c) **2023/1346/HSE** First floor extension above existing single storey section of the building, minor window and door alterations. Render all external elevation. Longacres, Pound Lane, Oakhill
  - (d) **2023/1530/FUL** Proposed replacement dwelling, annexe and associated buildings and works. Beacon Cross Farm, Old Frome Road, Masbury
  - (e) **2023/1630/HSE** Garden office and Gym Outbuilding. The Old Smithy, Bath Road, Oakhill
10. **Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Mendip District Council and others.**
11. **To Be Resolved / Discussed**
  - (a) Reappointment of Do the Numbers Ltd as the Internal Auditor for 2023-2024 at a cost of £190.00, noting that if the Income or Expenditure exceed £25,000 the annual cost of the internal audit will be £250.00
  - (b) Discussion and possible proposals on Complying with the biodiversity duty and Understanding Biodiversity Net Gain
  - (c) Proposal for the Parish Council to contribute £100 towards costs so the Clerk can attend the National Conference in October.

- (d) Discussion and any possible proposals as to whether to repair the damaged bench on Pound Lane or whether to replace it.
  - (e) Proposal to accept the quote from Somerset Forge on the repair of the Finger Post by the Oakhill Inn
  - (f) Proposal for the Parish Council to apply for apply for the Community Review Project funded by CCS and SALC.
  - (g) Proposal for the Parish Council to set up a Working Party to look at the Parish Design Statement and consider writing a Parish Plan.
  - (h) Proposal for Ashwick Parish Council to move from monthly meetings to every six weeks and agree the new schedule for Meetings.
- 12. Clerks Report**
- (a) The application form for the Health and Wellbeing Grant was sent to Councillors for completion, the deadline has now passed. Applications reopen in January 2024.
  - (b) Following the major flooding on 2<sup>nd</sup> August with part of the road and pavement being washed away Somerset Council have been contacted by resident to improve the gullies so rain water is drained away safely.
  - (c) A report has been received from a resident regarding driveways that are being obscured by large vehicles along the High Street and as a result residents are pulling out blindly into traffic.
  - (d) Save the Date – Meeting of the next Local Community Network Meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of October, location yet to be decided
- 13. Finance**
- Bank Balance as at 02.09.2023**
- Current account £3,917.32**
- Reserve account £16,717.21**
- Receipts**
- (a) Bank Interest - £12.30 – received 10.07.23
  - (b) Bank Interest £13.33 – received 10.08.23
- Payments**
- (a) Clerks Salary and Expenses £495.22 – July and August
  - (b) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall – Hall hire - £25.00
- 14. Correspondence**
- (a) A basic first aid course is being held at Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6pm.
  - (b) Councillor Training Courses provided by Somerset Association of Local Councils – forwarded 25.07.23
  - (c) Monthly report from Somerset Council on behalf of the Liberal Democrats – forwarded 08.08.23
  - (d) Draft Minutes from the Local Community Network meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March – forwarded 15.08.23
  - (e) Autumn Courses being run by SALC – forwarded 01.09.23
- 15. Matters to report/items for next agenda**
- 16. Date and time of next meeting: - To Be Confirmed**