

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 6th December 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 25th October, 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) **2023/2169/HSE** Retrospective planning application for loft conversion and installation of 2no. conservation rooflights. Spargeside, Old Brewery, High Street, Oakhill
 - (b) **2023/2170/LBC** Retrospective planning application for loft conversion and installation of 2no. conservation rooflights. Spargeside, Old Brewery, High Street, Oakhill
 - (c) **2023/2159/FUL** Change of use of land for the siting of 6 units of glamping accommodation; 2no. compost toilet and shower sheds to serve the bell tents; and parking and turning provision. Land at 363416 146980, Bath Road, Oakhill
 - (d) **2023/2210/TCA** T1 (yew) – Crown lift of the canopy by 1-2m. T2 (Maple) – Thinning and crown reduction by 2-3m. The Maltings, Gas Lane, Oakhill. This is a **notification only** and 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 the planning officers.
10. **Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.**
 - (a) **2023/1260/TCA** T1 – Oak – reduce limbs by 2m. T2 – Beech – reduce by 5m. T3 – Ash – reduce limbs by 2m. The Beeches, Gas Lane, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have given TCA approval.
 - (b) **2023/1469/TCA** T1 – Beech Tree – Reduce by 7m. T2 & T3 – Sycamore – Reduce by 5m. The Beeches, Gas Lane, Oakhill. Somerset Council have given TCA approval.
 - (c) **2023/1836/TCA** T1 – Yew – Crown reduction by 3m. T2 – Canadian Maple – Crown reduction by 3m. The Maltings, Gas Lane, Oakhill. **Decision** The application has been withdrawn.
 - (d) **2023/1358/TPO** T1 – Sycamore – Fell (NB Amended specification T2-T4 now withdrawn as agreed with applicant). The Old Barn, Brewery Lane, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have given TPO Approval.

- (e) **2023/1795/HSE** Side and rear extension, loft alterations and reconfiguration of roofscape, new dormer to North side and new gable end over extension. Engine Cottage, Benter Lane, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset have granted approval.
11. **To Be Resolved / Discussed**
- (a) Proposal to contribute £500 a year over the next two years towards the cost of the Parish Clerk studying for the Community Governance qualification.
 - (b) Discussion and possible proposals on the services being offered to be devolved down from Somerset Council.
 - (c) Proposal to reappoint Idverde as the contractor to carry out the grass cutting at an annual cost of £2015.09 plus VAT.
 - (d) Approval of the annual budget for 2024-2025
 - (e) Proposal to approve the annual precept for 2024-2025
12. **Clerks / Councillors Report**
- (a) The Expression of Interest for the Community Plan was submitted on the 10th of November, the Parish Council are still waiting to hear whether it has been successful or not.
 - (b) The damaged bench has been removed and taken to the Men's Shed in Shepton Mallet. It will be repaired over the weekend and reinstalled in the spring when the weather has improved.
 - (c) Update from the latest LCN Meeting.
 - (d) Update from the Working Party for the Parish Design Statement
13. **Finance**
- Bank Balance as at 28th November 2023**
- Current account £2,471.78**
- Reserve account £16,763.13**
- Receipts**
- (a) Bank Interest - £16.70 – received 10.11.23
- Payments**
- (b) Clerks Salary and Expenses October - £247.61
 - (c) Clerks Salary and Expenses November (includes the back pay and the annual pay award) - £391.77
 - (d) Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00
 - (e) SLCC Annual Membership - £75.57
 - (f) Men's Shed – Repair of Bench - £500.00
14. **Correspondence**
- (a) Minutes from the LCN Meeting on 18th October, the next meeting is being held on 11th January 2024.
 - (b) Councillor Training Events for Spring 2024 – forwarded 28.11.2023
15. **Matters to report/items for next agenda**
16. **Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 17th January 2024**