

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall
starting at 7.30pm

Present: - Cllrs David Barlow (Chair), David Hine, David Thorley, Phil Briscoe, Sarah Emery and Philip Blatchford

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

Items were taken out of order from the agenda

1 **Welcome by the Chairman**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Monica Mundy 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**

Cllr David Barlow declared an interest in relation to item 9(c) planning application 2023/2245/OUT but had also submitted a written request for dispensation.

(b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**

A written request for dispensation was received from Cllr David Barlow in regard to the potential development at Chapelfield, this was granted for a period of 12 months and is valid until 10th January 2025.

(c) **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received.

5 **Public session**

There were five members of the public in attendance, views were expressed concerning the potential development at Chapelfield – planning application 2023/2245/OUT.

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**

(c) **2023/2245/OUT** Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for up to 23 no. two storey houses (including 30% affordable housing), parking, hard/soft landscaping, open space, drainage and infrastructure with details of access / layout / scale. (Resubmission of 2020/2603/FUL). Land at 362977 147235, Chapelfield, Oakhill. **Recommendation** Ashwick Parish Council recommended Refusal.

12 **Clerks / Councillors Report**

(a) Ashwick Parish Council were successful and have been accepted for the Community Plan Project, work can now start in producing questionnaires. **Update** The Community Review Agreement had been received, this was signed by the Chair.

(b) Update from the Parish Statement Working Party. **Update** Cllr David Thorley gave a verbal update, requesting more people to join the working party and to comment on the draft questionnaire which is very much a work in progress.

6 **Somerset Councillor Reports**

Neither Somerset Councillor Tony Robinson or Edric Hobbs were in attendance.

7 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 2023, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 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) 2023/2260/FUL Replacement roof and extension to kitchen, internal alterations and fenestration changes including roof lantern and external lighting. Oakhill Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Recommendation** Ashwick Parish Council had no reason to object so recommended Approval.

(b) 2023/2261/LBC Replacement roof and extension to kitchen, internal alterations and fenestration changes including roof lantern and external lighting. Oakhill Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Recommendation** Ashwick Parish Council had no reason to object so recommended Approval

(d) 2023/2436/HSE Proposed Side/Rear Extension and Loft Conversion. Craigwell, Heckley Lane, Ashwick. **Recommendation** Ashwick Parish Council had no reason to object so recommended Approval.

(e) 2024/0022/HSE Loft Extension raise ridge height. Jade Cottage, Old Frome Road to Underhill Gurney Slade. **Recommendation** Ashwick Parish Council recommended Approval subject to no serious objections from neighbours.

10 Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.

(a) 2023/1937/HSE Side Extension for utility room with link to garage. Holly House, Bath Road, Oakhill **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.

(b) 2023/1838/FUL Alterations and change of use of former Sunday School to grocery shop (use Class E). Oakhill Methodist Church, Bath Road, Oakhill **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.

(c) 2023/1839/LBC Alterations and change of use of former Sunday School to grocery shop (use Class E). Oakhill Methodist Church, Bath Road, Oakhill **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval

(d) 2023/2004/TCA – Copper Beech (t1) Reduce crown by 1.5m to 2m. Thin out crown by 15%. The Rectory, Fosse Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted TCA Approval.

(e) 2023/2159/FUL Change of use of land for the siting of 6 units of glamping accommodation; 2 No. compost toilets and shower sheds to serve the bell tents; and parking and turning provision. Land at 363416 146980 Bath Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted Approval.

11 To Be Resolved / Discussed

(a) Proposal to reappoint Idverde to carry out Grass Cutting within the village and the frequency of cuts.

The Council **RESOLVED** to reappoint Idverde to carry out Grass Cutting within the Parish but reduce the four cuts a year in Binegar down to three.

12 Clerks / Councillors Report

(c) Somerset Highways was chased about the wooden fence outside Holly Cottage, they will speak to the residents again but have suggested the Parish Council have a polite word in line with Somerset Councils Community Network approach. **Update** Somerset Highways will be contacted again as it is not within the remit of the Parish Council.

13 Finance

Bank Balance as at 3rd January 2024

Current account £1231.83

Reserve account £16,783.66

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £20.53 – received 10.12.23

Payments

(b) Clerks Salary and Expenses – December - £265.63

(c) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00

(d) ICO – Annual Subscription - £35.00 – Pd by DD 20.02.24

Transfers

(e) Transfer from the Reserve Account to the Current Account £5,000

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the above Payments and Receipts.

14 Correspondence

(a) Somerset Public Consultation on the Budget Setting was forwarded on 12.12.23

(b) Invitation to the Shepton LCN Meeting being held on 11th January – forwarded 15.12.23

(c) Monthly Report from Somerset Councillors – forwarded 10.01.25

15 Matters to report/items for next agenda

(a) Reports have been received concerning the road condition along the edge of Galley Batch, this is continually reported to Highways.

(b) Cllr David Thorley gave a verbal update on the Village Hall.

16 Date and Time of next meeting – Wednesday 28th February 2024 starting at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.59pm