

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

1 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Monica Munday and Philip Blatchford.

3 Absent

Cllr David Simons

4 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

(a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda.

(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

Cllr David Barlow was granted a dispensation in relation to item 9 (b) and (c).

5 Public session

There was one member of the public in attendance and they spoke about speeding with Binegar and how Binegar have now purchased two speed indicator devices and whether Ashwick Parish Council would be interested in purchasing one for the Kingscombe area of Binegar. He was invited to join the Community Review Working Party or ask if anyone else would be interested.

6 Somerset Councillor Reports

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

7 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th February 2024, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th February 2024 were 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) **2024/0326/FUL** The construction of agricultural access point on to Roemead Road, Land at 361998 147954 Roemead Road, Binegar. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended approval.

(b) **2024/0364/FUL** Proposed ground mounted solar photovoltaic panel installation. Little Oakhill, Brewery Lane, Oakhill. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended approval.

- (c) **2024/0362/LBC** Proposed ground mounted solar photovoltaic panel installation. Little Oakhill, Brewery Lane, Oakhill. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended approval.
- (d) **2024/0436/FUL** Change of use of agricultural land to extend pub car park. Oakhill Inn, Fosse Road, Oakhill **Recommendation** the Parish Council recommended approval.
- (e) **2024/0542/FUL** Erection of detached dwelling with associated access and parking. 11 The Old Maltings, Oakhill. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended refusal.
- (f) **2024/0586/TCA** T1 – Oak – crown reduction 1.5m. T2 – Norway maple – crown reduction 1.5m. 28 The Old Maltings, 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.
- (g) **2024/0589/CLP** Replace existing windows with aluminium windows. Size and colour to remain the same. 8 The Granary, High Street, 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) **2024/0050/TCA** – T1 English Oak – Crown reduction of 1.5 metres. T2 Holly – End weight reduction. Oakhill Manor, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have approved the TCA.
- (b) **2024/0065/TCA** T1 – Copper Beech – reduce crown 4m. T2 – Copper Beech – crown thin by 25%. T3 – Yew tree – crown reduction by 2-3m. T4 – Beech – crown reduction by 2-3m. Oakhill Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill **Decision** Somerset Council approved the application.
- (c) **2023/2260/FUL** Replacement roof and extension to kitchen, internal alterations and fenestration changes included roof lantern and external lighting. Oakhill Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval
- (d) **2023/2261/LBC** Replacement roof and extension to kitchen, internal alterations and fenestration changes included roof lantern and external lighting. Oakhill Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval
- (e) **2024/0232/FUL** Proposed replacement dwelling with annexe, associated building and works. Beacon Cross Farm, Old Frome Road, Maesbury. **Decision** Somerset Council have refused the application

11 To Be Resolved / Discussed

- (a) **Proposal to replace the two Parish Council Noticeboards, costs to be researched.**
This was deferred to a later meeting following the completion of the Community Review Project.
- (b) **Proposal for the Steering Group to have a £500 budget to cover any expenses.**
The Council **RESOLVED** the Steering Group for the Community Review Plan could have a budget of £500.

12 Clerks / Councillors Report

- (a) Update from the Steering Group on the Community Review. **Update** Cllr David Thorley gave a verbal update, they are still looking for a representative from the outlying areas of the Parish. A drop-in session for the Community Plan will be held on Saturday 27th April in the village hall, there will be more details to follow.
- (b) Notices have been placed in the Village Magazine and Parish Council Facebook page asking if there is any land available which could be turned into allotments. There have been no offers of land so far.

13 Finance

Bank Balance as at 31st March 2024

Current account £5,349.94

Reserve account £11,834.15

To note End of Year Budget Review

The End of Year Budget Review was noted by Councillors

Approval and signature of the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation, this was signed and dated by the Chair.

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest £13.96 – received 10.03.24

Payments

(b) SLCC – Contribution towards Community Governance for the Clerk - £500.25 – pd 02.04.24

(c) Clerks Salary and expenses for March – £326.43

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

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the above receipts and payments and also **RESOLVED** to approve the additional payment below.

(e) Do the Numbers Ltd – Internal Auditor - £190.00

14 Correspondence

(a) City, Town and Parish Council update regarding sandbags – forwarded 13.03.24

(b) Minutes from the LCN Meeting held on 11th March, the next meeting is 29th April – forwarded 28.03.24

15 Matters to report/items for next agenda

Cllr David Thorley gave a verbal update on the village hall and the upcoming works.

Historic records belonging to the Parish Council were found in the attic, these were taken down to the Archive centre in Taunton for storage.

16 Date and time of next meeting: - Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 22nd May at 7.00pm, Annual Council Meeting Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm, Parish Council Meeting 22nd May at 8.00pm

Meeting closed 8.44pm