

# ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall  
starting at 7.30pm

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

**Also, in attendance** – Kate Egan (Clerk)

### 1 **Welcome by the Chairman**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Sarah Emery and Monica Mundy

### 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**

A written request for dispensation was received from Cllr David Barlow regarding the potential development at Chapelfield, this was granted for a period of 12 months and is valid until 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received.

### 5 **Public session**

There were two members of the public in attendance and spoke about the potential of a small housing development within the village.

Cllr Philip Blatchford arrived at 7.42pm.

### 6 **Somerset Councillor Reports**

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

### 7 **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 and the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, previously circulated**

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 and the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 be accepted as a true record. They 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 **Co-option of a new Parish Councillor**

The Council **RESOLVED** to co-opt Jacqueline Bally as a Parish Councillor for Ashwick Parish Council. Cllr Phil Briscoe proposed with Cllr David Thorley being the seconder.

#### (a) **Signature of the Acceptance of Office Form**

Cllr Jacqueline Bally signed the acceptance of office form and was welcomed to the Parish Council.

**10 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) **2024/1053/FUL** Erection of agricultural Building and associated infrastructure. Land at 361998 147984 Roemead Road, Binegar. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended the decision is left to the Planning Officer. Comments given were that the scientific documents contained within the application were beyond the councils comprehension but there were comments about visibility, environmental effects, colour of the cladding and access to the property.

**11 Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.**

- (a) **2024/0640/HSE** Demolish existing garage. Replace with new garage. The Cottage, Hiney, Little London, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have approved the application.
- (b) **2024/0956/TCA** T1 Cotoneaster: Crown reduce by approx. 2m, pruning wounds no greater than 50mm. The Court Yard, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted TCA Approval

**12 Grant Applications**

**(a) Grant Application from Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall for £750**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the grant application from Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall for £750.00.

**13 To be Resolved / Discussed**

**(a) Proposal to ratify the decision to purchase a dog waste bin from Glasdon's at a cost of £136.98 + VAT**

The Council **RESOLVED** to ratify the decision to purchase a dog waste bin from Glasdon's at a cost of £136.98 + VAT. A verbal update was also given by the Clerk on the current situation with Somerset on emptying of litter bins, dog waste bins and cutting of hedgerows and verges.

**14 Clerks / Councillors Report**

**(a) Update from Cllr David Thorley on the Community Review**

Cllr David Thorley gave a verbal update. The survey is now live, deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> July. Leaflets have been dropped around the village asking residents to reply using the web address or the QR code. The team were thanked by Cllr David Thorley for all their help. Volunteers are available to help complete the forms online, there are no hard copies.

**(b) Update from Cllr David Barlow on Highway Issues.**

Cllr David Barlow gave a verbal update on the Highways concerns around the village including flooding, poor condition of edges on Gully Batch Road, road markings, road signs covered by vegetation, litter collection, drainage issues and road surfaces.

**(c) Appeal hearing for Chapelfield, the date on the Planning Inspector's website is the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Once more information is received it will be shared.**

**15 Finance**

**Bank Balance as at 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Current account £2,358.25**

**Reserve account £29,914.41**

**Receipts**

- (a) Bank Interest - £40.55 – received 10.06.24

**Payments**

- (b) Idverde – Grass Cutting - £171.77 – pd 24.05.24
- (c) Glasdon – Purchase of new dog bin - £179.38 – pd 05.06.24
- (d) Clerks Salary and Expenses May and June - £531.15
- (e) Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00
- (f) Idverde – Grass Cutting - £171.77
- (g) Cllr David Thorley – printing of leaflets for the community review - £96.00

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments and receipts.

**16 Correspondence**

(a) Annual Report from Somerset Councillors Tony Robinson and Edric Hobbs – forwarded 04.06.24

(b) Agenda for the LCN Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – forwarded 04.06.25

**17 Matters to report/items for next agenda**

There were no matters to report or items for the next agenda.

**18 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.**

**Meeting closed 8.37pm**