

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 25th September at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall
starting at 7.30pm

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

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

1 Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr David Barlow welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Phil Briscoe, Monica Mundy and Jackie Bally

3 Absent

There were no Councillors absent

4 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

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

Cllr David Thorley declared an interest in planning application 2024/1503/FUL, item 9(b)

(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 10th January 2025

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

Cllrs David Simons and David Barlow requested a dispensation regarding to planning application 2024/1508/HSE, item 9(c) otherwise the Council would not meet the quorum requirements to discuss the item.

Cllr Philip Blatchford arrived at 7.33pm

5 Public session

There was one member of the public in attendance with a request for a defibrillator to be situated in the phone box in Neighbourne.

6 Somerset Councillor Reports

There were no Somerset Councillors in attendance.

7 To confirm the minutes of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2024, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd July 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 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 a building for light industrial use and associated infrastructure, (amended description rec'd 23.07.2024). Land at 361998 147954 Roemead Road, Binegar. **Recommendation** This was submitted under delegation authority and the Parish Council recommended approval in principle but again reiterated the confirmation of clarification about management of potential toxic effluents.

Cllr David Thorley left the meeting at 8.00pm

- (b) **2024/1503/FUL** Widen existing access and rebuilding wall. Park Farm, Fosse Road, Oakhill. **Recommendation** Ashwick Parish Council recommends APPROVAL as the application would result in a safer access so increasing the visibility.

Cllr David Thorley rejoined the meeting at 8.03pm

- (c) **2024/1508/HSE** Erection of a rear single storey extension with decking above, first floor half-storey extension. Brewery Cottage, Brewer Court, Brewery Lane, Oakhill. **Recommendation** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval subject to the acceptance of the conservation officer.
- (d) **2024/1557/TCA** Acer – Fell. The Willows, 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.
- (e) **2024/1644/TCA T3** – Sycamore – Pollard. G2 – Hazel – reduce height to 5m. Spencer House, Manor Place, 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.
- (f) **2024/1702/HSE** Proposed widening of the single storey rear kitchen extension loft conversion. Proposed front facing roof dormer. 2 Rock Cottages, Chapel Lane to Stockhill, Gurney Slade. **Recommendation** Ashwick Parish Council had no grounds for objection to the rear extension and recommended approval but recommended refusal to the front facing roof dormer as it would significantly change the street scene and the front of the property.
- (g) **2024/1608/TCA** T1 – Oak – Pollard to 6m approx., T2 – Maple – Pollard to 5m approx. 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.
- (h) **2024/1489/CLP** Application for a proposed lawful development certificate for creation of a new window opening on rear ground floor elevation. 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) **2024/0542/FUL** Erection of detached dwelling with associated access and parking. 11 The Old Maltings, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.

11 To be Resolved / Discussed

- (a) **To consider the Enhanced Highway Maintenance Pilot and the recommendations included within the report.**

The Council **RESOLVED** to register an interest with the Enhanced Routine Maintenance Scheme and register an interest in the volunteer training.

- (b) **To consider the reappointment of Do the Numbers Ltd as the Internal Auditor for 2024-2025 at a cost of £225.00**

The Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Do the Numbers Ltd as the Internal Auditor for 2024-2025 at a cost of £225.00

12 Policies

- (a) **To consider, approve and adopt the updated NALC Financial Regulations, these were updated in April 2024.**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt the updated NALC Regulations.

13 Clerks / Councillors Report

- (a) An email was received at the beginning of August concerning the white lines had been worn away at the junction of Blackey Lane and as a result an accident had occurred. This was reported to Somerset Traffic Management the remarking of the crossroads has been added to the programme of works.

- (b) **Update from Cllr David Thorley on the Ashwick Parish Community Review**

Cllr David Thorley gave a verbal update on the Community Review. The results are now in and are being compiled into a draft report which will identify the concerns and actions. A public meeting / drop-in session will be arranged to show the results.

14 Finance

Bank Balance as at 18.09.2024

Current account £125.07

Reserve account £30,026.59

To consider and approval of the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation from 1st April 2024 until 30th June 2024

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation from 1st April 2024 until 30th June 2024, this was signed by Cllr Philip Blatchford.

To Note the Quarterly Budget review for the first quarter of the financial year.

The Council **NOTED** the quarterly budget review for the first quarter of the financial year.

Receipts

- (a) Bank Interest - £37.80 – Received 10.08.2024

- (b) Bank Interest - £37.85 – Received 10.09.2024

Payments

- (c) Idverde – Grass Cutting - £171.77 – pd 31.07.24

- (d) Clerks' salary and expenses – July - £315.61 – pd 31.07.24

- (e) SALC – Annual Membership - £389.51

- (f) Idverde – Grass Cutting - £171.77 – pad 21.08.24

- (g) Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00 – August meeting

- (h) Clerks' salary and expenses – August - £265.63

Transfers

- (i) Transfer for £5,000 from the Reserve account to the Current Account

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

- (j) Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00 – September meeting

- (k) Clerks' salary and expenses – September - £265.63

15 Correspondence

- (a) Shepton LCN Emergency Planning Workshop – 13th August, Mendip Offices 2pm – 5pm

16 Matters to report/items for next agenda

- (a) Replacement or repairs to the Noticeboards

17 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 6th November 2024 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.57pm