

ASHCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Meeting Held on 18th March 2019 at 7.30pm in Ashcott Village Hall

Present: Mrs J Lawrence (Chair), Miss E Smith, Mr J Corsan, Mr A Howe, Mr I Bagg, Miss V Arnold, David Huxtable (County Councillor), Duncan McGinty (District Councillor).

Mrs V Young (Clerk)

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1) Apologies – Mr R Linham

2) Declarations of Interest – None

3) Democratic Half Hour – The Council received a presentation from a developer about the potential development of a site in Norman's Lane. There were some concern regarding the visibility of the site and the density of houses on the site. The proposal was for 28 units, 11 being affordable. It was unlikely that these would be affordable rented and therefore it not meet the need identified in the housing need survey which was for rented. The concerns regarding the idea of using the site including the visual prominence also included density, highways, fit of the design to the Parish. The sub-committee would meet and provide feedback to the consultant. It was pointed out that this was not the preferred site in the Neighbourhood Plan which was still Charity Farm.

There was concern that the camber of Stagman's Lane was scraping cars and highways were to be reminded about the poor state of the sides of Normans Lane and be reminded about the sign at the Pipers.

The matter of a possible enforcement issue was raised. The matter had already been reported and the District Councillor assured the council that the matter would be looked into by a different enforcement officer to the usual enforcement officer who was the planning officer who had approved the site initially.

4) Elections - The election time table was discussed. Nomination forms were to be available from Jenny and more available online via Sedgemoor District Council.

5) Councillor's report

The County Councillor updated the meeting regarding small (road) improvement schemes and bus subsidies which the council were able to support in their budget. The A39 was to be resurfaced from Loxley towards Ashcott. Within the next 30 days the 'jetty' would be sorted and the majority of aggregate for Hinkley would now be going by sea. David Huxtable left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

The District Councillor reported that the budget had been settled. Sedgemoor were funding some county services and work to help the homeless. There were initiatives to encourage young people to stay in the area. It was noted that there was work going on to increase the items that roadside recycling can take. Duncan updated the meeting with regard to the CIL payment dates for building work. With regard to the new development on Bath Road, David Huxtable was to be contacted to see if a crossing could be put in on the A39 by the new road at the development which links the playing field and rest of the village to that area as this would then provide a pavement and safe access all the way into the village.

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6) Planning Applications for Consideration

01/19/00002/LR – 10 Taunton Road, Ashcott TA7 9BH – Erection of a single storey extension to rear (North East) elevation-After consideration the council unanimously voted to raise no objections to the application.

7) Planning Applications Decided

01/18/00021 – Full Planning Permission

Millslade Hall, 13 Station Road, Ashcott, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 9QP
Formation of a new agricultural access - GRANTED

8) Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 18th February 2019 were duly approved with minor amendment, as a true record and signed accordingly.

9) Previous Action Points

The Batch – The Council were sending the requested information to the District Council with regard to registration. A car had been parked advertised for sale on The Batch. The owner had been phoned and the car had been moved. There was discussion as to whether to put a sign up regarding no overnight parking at The Batch. It was agreed to wait until the registration had been finalised. The memorial bench that it had been agreed to go on The Batch was discussed and it was reported that the bench Councillor Bagg had suggested was acceptable to the family and this would be ordered soon.

Parish Lengthsman – There had been 3 responses to the advert in Whats-On. Councillor Bagg would speak to those had replied.

10) Correspondence

A response had been received from the RSPB regarding parking issues at the Ham Wall site.

The clerk had attended a training session at the District Council regarding the elections.

Nythe Road was to be closed for 3 weeks from 25th March.

Ashcott had been invited to send a representative to the A361 meeting at Glastonbury Town Hall.

Councillor Bagg would attend.

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11) Items for Payment.

The following payments were authorised.

Clerk Wages and Expenses - £616.46

Footpath Officer expenses - £25.00

Adrian Howe- re installation of noticeboard at Pedwell - £114.00

12) Items of Report/Business for next meeting.

The next meeting was to be held on 15th April 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.