

ASHCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Interim Meeting Held on 17th June 2019 at 7pm in Ashcott Village Hall

Present: Mrs J Lawrence (Chair), Mr I Bagg, Miss E Smith, Mr A Howe, Mr R Linham,
Public: 6
Mrs V Young (Clerk)

1) Apologies – None

2) Declarations of Interest – None

3) Self Build – Furpitts Lane – introductory discussion - There was a short discussion about the prospect of a self-build property in Furpitts Lane. It was noted that the Parish Council had no concerns in principle, but were unable to comment further until a planning application was received. It was noted that there may be concerns regarding access from Furpitts Lane.

4) Co-option of Councillors - An advert was to go in Whats-On to see if anyone would like to come forward as a councillor. There were vacancies for three seats following the election and it was hoped that the advert would encourage people to come forward onto the council.

5) Planning Applications for Consideration

A) 01/19/000001 Full Planning Permission

Location: 33A High Street, Ashcott, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 9PZ

Proposal: Erection of an attached dwelling. The Parish council were unanimous in raising objection to this application. It was felt that it was overdevelopment in terms of size within the garden plot and would create an adverse visual impact together with loss of privacy, partially due to the close proximity of the public path. No account on the plan had been taken of the right of way across the plot. Parking issues along this part of the High Street already existed without adding to it by a further residence.

B) 01/19/000012 Full Planning Permission

Location: The Old Brewery, Little Whitley, Stagman Lane, Ashcott, Bridgwater, TA7 9QW

Proposal: Erection of a research and impact testing facility (Use Class B1(b)) and the continued use and retention of existing buildings and land for office, research, workshops and storage (Use Classes B1(a,b,c) & B8). - This application was unanimously supported. Employment was created for local people and apprenticeship places with the local college. Ecology was supported by a thoughtful planting scheme.

C) 01/19/00014 Outline Planning Permission

Location: 24 Middle Street, Ashcott, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 9QB

Proposal: Outline Planning application with all matters reserved for residential development of 25 dwellings. This application was unanimously supported. This was the development which had been supported in the Neighbourhood Plan which had been voted for by the local community. It provided a suitable range of homes. The income from it generated to the trust would go back into the Parish and help support parish amenities and local needs within the remit of the the trust's charitable objectives.

6) Parish Lengthsman. The contract was to be finalised. It was agreed that additional hours could be given to the lengthsman on an adhoc basis by Ian Bagg as and when the need arose. – this proposal was carried unanimously.

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7) CIL – The SALC briefing paper regarding CIL payments was given out. It was noted that each spending would need to show justification for use to Sedgemoor District Council. It was unanimously agreed that some money could be spent on the safety of the public right of way along Kings Lane. Other examples included wireless broadband for the Village Hall.

8) Correspondence

Arien signs were to be contacted with regard to their quote with regard to reducing the wording and for someone to pick-up as it was felt the delivery charge was rather high.

Post Box – Councillors were updated with regard to the correspondence about moving the post box from the old post office to The Batch. Royal Mail were obtaining licences from other authorities as required to enable them to move the box.

Mobile Post Office – Discussions were ongoing and the Village Hall had agreed in principle to hosting the mobile post office.

Defibrillator – Ongoing correspondence occurring regarding the monthly reports. The clerk to ask if daily checking was still essential or if this could be less frequent. The clerk was to put something in Whats-On once a reply had been received from SWAST regarding the frequency of checking the defibrillator.

Pedestrian Crossing A39 - The reply from the County Council indicated that it would not be possible to put a controlled crossing in where requested.

There had been ongoing communications regarding an abandoned van which needed to be removed.

9) Planning Applications Decided - 01/19/00009 and 01/19/00010 – Nyeham – Granted

10) Approval of the minutes - The minutes of the meeting of 20th May 2019 were approved as a true record with minor amendment.

11) Financial - Items for Payment.

The following payments were authorised

Clerk Wages and Expenses - £616.46

Somerset Playground Association - £15.00

Parish Lengthsman – £150.00

Uncontested Election Fee - £100.00

12) Items of Report/Business for next meeting/Annual Accounts/Audit Arrangements

Growth over the street light on the corner of Middle Street was to be reported for needing attention.

The enforcement team were to be made aware that people were still living on the site at Stagman's Lane. Potholes in Stagmans Lane were to be reported again. The clerk of Walton was to be contacted again re the state of Whitley Lane.

Various dates of meetings were mentioned.

There being no further business the meeting closed 9.20pm.