

4th March 2019

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 4th March 2019, at 7.30pm.

Present.

Councillors Mike Eley (Vice Chairman), Victoria Moriarty, Philip Player (Chairman) and Jo Wheatley

Cllr. Howard Rolfe (UDC), PCSO James Graham, Mr. David Green (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Steve Hayler and John Thorn

2. Public Representations. There were no matters arising from the public

3. Address by PCSO James Graham on Trucam Speed Cameras

PCSO Graham, who is based in Saffron Walden, addressed the meeting on Trucam, a speed measuring device that records traffic speed very accurately and provides incontrovertible evidence for speeding prosecutions. The device requires careful calibration and a clear line of site of oncoming traffic. There are currently no suitable sites for the Trucam in Ashdon but PCSO Graham was in the process of identifying such sites. The camera was demonstrated and an explanation given as to how it provides the required evidence. It has been widely used throughout Uttlesford, can currently be calibrated in Dunmow (a calibration site is being identified in Saffron Walden) and has provided evidence for prosecutions throughout the district. The Chairman and Vice Chairman would help PCSO Graham identify suitable sites for the camera in the village.

On completion of his talk PCSO Graham took questions from the floor. The Chairman and Members thanked PCSO Graham for a most interesting and informative talk. PCSO Graham left the meeting

4. County Councillor's Report. There was no County Councillor's Report

5. District Councillor's Report.

The District Council Budget for 2019/20 had been set with an increase of 2.99%. There would be a surplus of approximately £800,000 for the year 2018/19 with all main services including those in the voluntary sector being maintained. Government cuts could cause financial problems in the future if steps to provide alternative incomes were not put in place. For this reason the Council would take out loans and make further investments notably in Chesterford Park.

With litter costing some £400,000 in the district a major campaign would be mounted to try and improve the problem. A four pronged attack would be made: Educate; Council investment in extra litter picking patrols; Support of Community Litter Picks and campaigns and Prosecution.

6. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interests in matters on this agenda.

7. Minutes.

Resolved – that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019, previously circulated, be signed as a true record. (Cllr. Elsey)

8. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields.

- a. All Saints Open Space. The signage on the MUGA had been completed subject to the approval of RoSPA at the annual inspection.
- b. Official opening. Postponed until the summer due to the unavailability of some of the principals.
- c. Rectory Lane Playing Field. A quote of £2,285.00 + vat had been received from Acorn Services for the works detailed in the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January. It was noted that a price for the scrambling net was being obtained and was not included in the above quotation.

Resolved – that the above quotation of £2,285.00 + vat from Acorn Services be accepted subject to a final site inspection. The work to be completed prior to the May RoSPA Inspection. (Cllr. Moriarty)

ii Highways.

- a. Weight Limit – Spriggs Lane. Following discussion Cllr. Rolfe would take this up with Highways to determine how best to protect the lane. It was noted that the gullies were still blocked (first reported in 2017) and the grit bin still required replacing. (Action Cllr. Rolfe)

iii. Village Hall. Nothing to report in Cllr. Hayler's absence

iv Assets of Community Value.

Cllr. Wheatley had submitted the application for the listing of the windmill.

Resolved – to be removed from the agenda (Cllr. Wheatley)

- v. Telephone Box, Steventon End. Cllr. Elsey reported that there was power to the telephone box but that a new light was required. (Cost £32.00 see mins 14/1/19). The redundant backboard had been removed. Some additional internal work to make good was required prior to painting. Two quotations for painting the box had been received. To be progressed following the installation of a new light and making good.

9. Correspondence

Various emails distributed to Members. Members had been requested to raise any matters received by email under correspondence. None were raised.

10. New Items.

Village Development Plan.

Ms. Jane Gray had been investigating what exactly the village required, the best way to proceed and the best way to put a plan in action. She would make further investigations including consulting the District Council and RCCE and produce a scoping document for consultation by the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Ms. Gray for her diligence and offered her the full support of the Council.

Community Lead Housing

Members considered this to be of paramount importance to the future of the village in light of current planning regulations and developments. The Chairman and Vice Chairman to progress with advice from the District Council (Mr. Nigel Brown and Ms. Stephanie Baxter).

11. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. UTT/19/0080/FUL. Proposed single storey 2 bedroom dwelling.
Land rear of Swallow Cottage, Radwinter Road

Strongly Object. Members had previously reiterated their strong objections to the applications on this site, this being the fourth similar application. (See letter to UDC Planning dated 1st February 2019 and previous letters)

- ii. UTT/19/0129/HHF. Erection of two bay cart shed following demolition of garage and creation of new vehicular access.
Orchard House, Walden Road

No Comment

- iii. UTT/19/0283/FUL. Erection of 1 no. dwelling with detached two bay cart shed and workshop with study/studio over.
Land adj. Orchard House, Walden Road

No Comment

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

- i. UTT/18/3152/FUL. Erection of a single detached dwelling with associated works
All Saints Cottage, Bartlow Road

Conditional Approval

- ii. UTT/18/3141/LB. Convert cart lodge to bedroom, with glazed linked access to main barn and addition of new window to north elevation, new door and 3 no. roof lights to main barn.
Chapel Farm Barn, Kates Lane.

Conditional Approval

- iii. UTT/18/3467/CLE. Certificate of Lawfulness for existing garage conversion Woodlands, Walden Road

Conditional Approval

13. ACCOUNTS

Resolved - that the Accounts, Appendix i, be passed for payment. (Cllr. Elsey)

(Note from the Internal Auditor: NALC Briefing dated 7th December 2018 EO2-18-2018-19 National Salary Awards. The Clerk's current rate of pay SCP21 £20,541 (full time) becomes SCP11 from 1st April 2019 and the salary rises to £21,166.00 pro rata).

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no "Items for the Next Agenda"

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. Date of next meeting 8th April (Annual Parish and P.C.)

Signed Chairman

Date

Appendix i

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019
14th JANUARY to 4th MARCH 2019

Monies Received		£	
Andrew Cohen Ass. Rent White Horse House			1550.00
HMRC. VAT Repayment 1/11/18 – 31/12/18			746.33
Monies passed for Payment		£	
Acorn Services. Village Christmas Tree	£300.00 +vat		
Spray weeds Rectory Lane PF	£50.00 + vat		
		420.00	Ch.No. 102376
E.ON. Electricity. January Account		73.28	Ch.No. 102377
Andrew Everitt. Strim closed Church Yard	£250.00		
Supply and plant 3 Oak trees at			
Rec. Grd. Rectory Lane.	£300.00		
		<u>550.00</u>	Ch.No. 102378
D. Green. Stamps		20.24	Ch.No. 102379
M.G. Griffin. Light and sensor at Village Hall		68.00	Ch.No. 102380
Paul Clayden. Legal advice village hall		80.00	Ch.No. 102381
G.Marsh. Village Handyman 8hrs @ £20/hr		160.00	Ch.No. 102382
Keith Williams. Cemetery Records		125.00	Ch.No. 102383
D. Green. 6 months salary		2,220.56	Ch.No. 102384
HMRC. PAYE Clerk's salary		555.20	Ch.No. 102385
Just-Us Digital. Signs All Saints Field		144.00	Ch.No. 102386
Balances at Bank 4 th March 2019			
Current Account	£4,252.32		
Savings Account	£1,068.24		
Savings Account	£15,909.27		