

5<sup>th</sup> August 2019

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019, at 7.30pm.

**Present.**

Councillors Mike Elsey (Chairman), Steve Hayler, Victoria Moriarty, Philip Player (Vice Chairman), John Thorn, George Smith and Jo-Anne Wheatley

Mr. David Green (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. James De Vries

**2. Public Representations.** Mr. Chris Pardue said that the trees donated by Stansted Airport should in no way persuade members of the airport's "green" credentials. The Clerk assured Mr. Pardue that the trees had been donated without pre conditions and that they would be planted in the village following advice from Mr. Andy Everitt, Tree Surgeon, to add to the village environment.

**3. County Councillor's Report.** There was no County Councillor's Report

**4. District Councillor's Report.** There was no District Councillor's Report

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

**6. Minutes.**

**Resolved** – that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019, previously circulated, be signed as a true record. (Cllr. Hayler)

**7. Matters Arising.**

i. Playing Fields.

a. All Saints Fitness Trail. Official opening.

**Resolved** – that due to the time delay in organising this event that it not now take place. This item to be removed from the Agenda. (Cllr. Elsey)

The provision of a litter bin at All Saints Playing Field would be investigated.

b. Rectory Lane Playing Field. The climbing net would be installed imminently depending on access via the school. The weeds beneath the multi-unit to be cleared. Cllr. Moriarty to oversee.

ii. Highways.

a. Weight Limit –Spriggs Lane. Cllr. Walsh would investigate (mins 8/4/19). Nothing heard to date (Action Cllr. Walsh)

- b. Speeding. The Chairman was still waiting to hear from Cllr. De Vries on the matter of convening a meeting with interested parties at UDC to discuss the problem and try to find a solution. (Action, Cllr. De Vries)
  - c. Verge protection measures. Investigations would continue into verges in the village that required protecting with a view to the Parish Council installing protection measure similar to those installed by the County Council. (Action Cllr. Moriarty)
  - d. Grit Bin, Water End. Gullies cleared. To be monitored. (Action ECC)
- iii. Village Hall.
- a. Sign.  
  
**Resolved** – that a finger sign be added to the existing post on Crown Hill (post currently has a sign to the church). (Cllr. Player) (Action Clerk)
  - b. WiFi. Cllr. Hayler informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to install WiFi as advised by Gigaclear. To be reviewed following installation and the costs and terms of contract following the initial “free” period of 12months. (Action Cllr. Hayler)
- iv. Telephone Kiosks.
- a. Steventon End. Graham Marsh had informed the Clerk that he could not now undertake this job. Acorn Services has agreed to take on the work at approximately the same cost as Graham Marsh. Work would be put in hand as soon as possible.
  - b. Church End. The District Council and BT had been informed that the village wished to adopt this kiosk. It has transpired that it stands on land in the ownership of the District Council who were drawing up the wayleave agreement for consideration prior to the adoption.
- v. Ashdon Village Neighbourhood Plan. Ms Jane Gray informed the meeting that the group were seeking £9K of Locality Funding to enable the Environmental and Landscape Assessment to be carried out. This would be done later in the year to be completed, and paid for, by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. A village consultation would be held on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> October and morning of 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall.
- Confirmation had been received from the Council’s insurers that the group were covered by the Council’s insurance providing all monies were accounted for in the PC accounts (Internal Auditor), and minutes of the meetings were available for public inspection. To this end the minutes would be published via a link from the PC Web Site until the neighbourhood Plan Web Site was up and running in addition to hard copies being held in the Parish Council records.
- vi. Community Led Housing. This was progressing well in liaison with the RCCE Housing Enabler. The letter to all households in the village had been finalised and was ready for distribution. Prepaid envelopes would be enclosed for replies. An article would also be put in the village magazine. The importance of affordable

housing had been further highlighted by the very low intake of pupils into the school in September.

- vii. Ashdon Windmill Trust. This matter was in abeyance following the death of Mrs. Eileen How, wife of Mr. David How, Chairman of the Trust. Members wished to convey their sincere condolences to Mr. How at this very sad time.
- viii. Village Community Hub. The Chairman reported that the feasibility of providing a community hub was continuing. Investigations to date had been very encouraging.
- ix. Composting Compound at the Cemetery. The Clerk would obtain costings for providing a dedicated composting compound at the cemetery. (Action Clerk)
- x. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE/VJ Day 2020. Members would begin to formulate ideas for a celebration to mark this event. To be presented at the next meeting.
- xi. Superfast Broadband. Cllr. Thorn reported that there was a slight delay in the roll out which was now expected in September/October.
- xii. Council Protection Certificate. To be advised by the Internal Auditor
- xiii. Neighbourhood Watch. Councillors Thorn and Hayler were progressing with Neighbourhood Watch with a page on the Council's Web Site. They reiterated that, while Ashdon was a low crime area, minor problems do occur and everyone needs to be aware of their own security and be vigilant at all times.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Various emails distributed to Members. Members had been requested to raise any matters received by email under correspondence. No items were raised.

## **9. NEW ITEMS**

- i. To identify a site for the planting of 9 in no. Small Leaf Lime Trees (since identified as Birch Trees) (ref Stansted Airport)

Clerk's Note. Since the meeting Mr. Everitt has confirmed that two or three could be planted on the bank of the river at the Village Green and some planted at the top of the playing field at Rectory Lane. He also recommended that they should either be grown on for another 12 months before planting or that they should have tubular tree guards to protect them. To be further advised.

- ii. Village Grass Cutting Contract.

Prior notice was given that the current contract expires in March 2020. The Clerk reported that he had enquired from Cllr. De Vries the possibility of taking on those areas in the village currently cut by the District Council. These areas could be added to the new Council contract if agreement could be reached. The matter concerning the area of uncut grass at Guildhall Way was causing concern; it was unsightly; would cause problems in removing the grass and contained Ragwort, an injurious weed. To be taken up with Cllr. De Vries. (Action Clerk)

## 10. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. UTT/19/1487/FUL. Construction of 2 no. double garages and change of use of land from agricultural to C3 dwelling. (Conversion of an agricultural building into 2 no. dwellings as previously approved under ref. UTT/18/1258/PAP3Q)  
Barn at Woodstones Farm, New House Lane

**No Comment**

- ii. UTT/19/1746/CLE. Certificate of Lawful Use for use of a building as a single dwellinghouse  
The Stables, Winsey Farm, Ashdon

**It is noted that this is a retrospective application and if such an application had been received in the proper manner the Council would have objected for the following reasons:-**

- i. **Unsustainable location outside the settlement boundary of Ashdon**
  - ii. **Isolated location with unsuitable and sub-standard vehicular access**
  - iii. **The intent of the Ashdon Neighbourhood Plan will be to guide development within the village in the right locations. It is highly unlikely that this location would be designated as an appropriate location for development.**
- iii. UTT/19/1706/HHF & 1707/LB. Construction of cart lodge and new vehicular access  
Chapel Farm, Kates Lane.

**No Comment**

- iv. UTT/19/1798/HHF & UTT/19/1799/LB. Variation to glazed Link approved under UTT/18/2279/HHF and UTT/18/2280/LB. Removal of internal partition walls. Change French doors to a window. Addition of doors to the garage.  
Turpins Cottage, Radwinter Road

**No Comment**

## 11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

- i. UTT/19/1220/OP. Outline application with all matters reserved except access and scale for the erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with garage.  
Land South of Kates Lane, Ashdon

**Refused**

- ii. UTT/19/1353/FUL. Erection of agricultural workers dwelling with associated outbuilding  
Land East of White Cottage, Water End.

**Refused**

## 12. ACCOUNTS

**Resolved** – that the accounts, Appendix i, be passed for payment (Cllr. Elsey)

**13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA .** There were no "Items for the Next Agenda"

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed Chairman

Date

**Appendix i**

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019  
24<sup>th</sup> JUNE to 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019**

Monies Received	£
H.J. Paintin. Interment of Ashes re Pat Witty	30.00
UDC. Overpayment re skip	100.00
H.J. Paintin. Interment fee re Eileen How	50.00
H.J. Paintin. Interment fee re Bert Carrington	50.00
UDC. Neighbourhood Plan	500.00

Monies passed for Payment	£
Haward Horological. To repair clock (foc). To carry our service.	200.00 Ch.No. 102425
E.ON. Electricity. June Account	80.83 Ch.No. 102426
RCCE. Annual subscription	72.60 Ch.No. 102427
MD Landscapes. Grass June Account	374.00 Ch.No. 102428
UDC. Uncontested Parish Election expenses	115.00 Ch.No. 102429
D. Green. Water proof cable & connector. Christmas Tree lights	40.29 Ch.No. 102430

**Balances at Bank 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Current Account	£4,964.57
Savings Account	£1,069.30
Savings Account	£21,426.60

