

9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, at 7.30pm.

**Present.**

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

Mr. David Green (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Simon Walsh (ECC) who had to attend another meeting.

**2. Public Representations**

Development at Church Hill. Ms. Sheena Dale addressed the meeting re her proposed development at Church Hill. She stated that she saw a need for more development of houses of the size and type she proposed and that building at Church Hill would link the community at Church End with that in the centre of the village. She said that the development would be a testament to her parents who had farmed in the village for many years.

Mr. Chris Pardue said that the application had not been advertised by posters on lamp posts in the usual way, thus he had been unaware of the application. Mr. Pardue stated that he does not have a computer. He went to the District Council offices to view the application. When asked to provide hard copies Officers were reluctant to do so.

Mr. Pardue's points were noted. This would be taken up with the District Council.

**3. County Councillor's Report.** The County Councillor's Report for December had been circulated prior to the meeting. No matters were raised from the report.

Cllr. Walsh was aware that he had not attended a meeting for some time but would endeavour to do so in January. He was also trying to arrange a meeting with Highways re the footpath at Radwinter Road.

**4. District Councillor's Report.** There was no District Councillor's Report, Cllr. De Vries not being in attendance.

**5. Declarations of Interest.** There were no Declarations of Interest in matters to be raised at this meeting

**6. Minutes.**

**Resolved** – that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, previously circulated, be signed as a true record. (Cllr. Player)

## 7. Matters Arising.

- i. Playing Field Rectory Lane. Mr. Andy Everitt would source and plant replacement oak trees. Mr. Graham Marsh would attend to the weeds under the climbing frame.
- ii. Highways. It was noted that Cllr. De Vries had yet to arrange a meeting with Highways as previously promised. There were several outstanding matters concerning Highways, in addition to the footway at Radwinter Road, the main one of which was speed reduction measures in the village. (Action Cllr. De Vries)
  - a. Weight Limit –Spriggs Lane. Cllr. Walsh would investigate (mins 8/4/19). Nothing heard to date (Action Cllr. Walsh)
  - b. Verge protection measures. Cllr. Smith would investigate. (Action Cllr. Smith)
  - c. Footway – Chapel Car Park to Crown Hill. Reported to, and under investigation by Cllr. Walsh (Item 3)
  - d. Footpath network in the parish. Ms. Victoria Moriarty would continue to report to the Council on footpath matters in the village.
- iii. Village Hall. Cllr. Hayler, PC representative on the Village Hall Committee, reported that there had been some confusion at the recent Village Hall meeting regarding the proposed Community Hub. It appeared that some members of the Village Hall Committee had not been made aware of the project. The main point arising from the meeting was storage. It was requested that all Members of the Parish Council attend the Village Hall meeting on the 23rd January to discuss the matter fully. The Chairman and Mr. Michael Snow (the Council's adviser on the building and property matters) would attend, other Members to attend should they so wish.
- iv. Telephone Kiosks.
  - a. Steventon End. Back board installed. The kiosk was now ready to be handed over and fitted out as residents wished.
  - b. Church End. Noted that the kiosk has been removed. BT informed. Awaiting reply.
- v. Ashdon Village Neighbourhood Plan. Mrs. Melanie Horrigan reported that the first group of 18 volunteers had attended an evening training course and were now ready to embark on character assessment throughout the village. Members saw this as a hugely positive step forward. Mrs. Horrigan gave the Clerk their projected budget for 2020/21.
- vi. Community Led Housing. The RCCE were collating the results. There had been a 41% reply which was excellent, the norm being in the mid 20%'s. Initial indication was that there was need for more affordable housing.
- vii. Ashdon Windmill Trust. Chairman to contact Mr. David How regarding this and the telephone kiosk handover.
- viii. Village Community Hub. See Item 7iii. Progressing.

- ix. a. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE/VJ Day 2020. A date for the commemoration event would be fixed in late June 2020 to include both VE and VJ Days. The programme of the events/commemorations to be decided.
- b. Memorial Plaque to Mrs. Elizabeth Everitt AM.  
  
**Resolved** - that a memorial plaque (Appendix i) to the late Mrs. Elizabeth Everitt be purchased from Photocast Products UK Ltd at a cost of £682.50 + vat and carriage. The plaque to be placed at the War Memorial. (Cllr. Thorn) (Action Clerk)
- c. **Resolved** - that an event be arranged to dedicate the plaque on the 27th May 2020, or on another convenient date near to the 27th May. (Cllr.Thorn) (Action Clerk)
- x. Superfast Broadband. On hold until the new Year due to change over in contractors.
- xi. Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr. Hayler reported that the website was being updated with the latest news. There was an ongoing campaign to make people aware of scams and other devious happenings particularly over the Christmas period.
- xii. Grass Cutting Contract. No definite proposals from the District Council to date. The grass cutting budget would need to be set at the meeting on the 13th January
- xiii. Village Handyman. Members were still trying to find a suitable replacement for Mr. Marsh. Mr. Marsh had kindly agreed to top up the grit bins and remove the weeds under the climbing frame at the Playing Field. In view of Mr. Marsh being able to undertake some light work the Clerk would ask him if wished to continue in the role (Action Clerk)

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

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

The Chairman agreed to take Item 10 on the Agenda, New Planning Applications at this point.

## 9. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. UTT/19/2642/OP. Outline application with all matters reserved except access and layout, for the erection of 4 no. detached dwellings with new single access. Land south of Church Hill

The Clerk tabled, and read out, the interim report (Appendix ii) received from Alison Farmer Ass. commissioned by the Parish Council to carry out a Landscape Appraisal in support of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Wheatley led a discussion in favour of the application contrary to the advice received in Alison Farmer's report. Due to the controversial nature of the application the Chairman requested a recorded vote.

**Cllrs. Thorn, Wheatley, Smith and Hayler - No Objections**  
**Cllrs. Elsey and Player - Object.**

### **No Objections to be reported to the District Council**

- ii. UTT/19/2802/LB. Removal of rear entrance porch and erection of single storey rear extension. Erection of porch to front elevation. Replacement windows. Removal of internal wall between existing lounge and hallway. Erection of internal partition walls to ground floor.  
2 Bridge Cottages, Water End

### **No Objections**

- iii. UTT/19/2800/HHF. Single storey rear extension, internal alterations and replacement windows  
2 Bridge Cottages, Water End

### **No Objections**

- iv. UTT/19/2879/HHF. Construction of art studio and lookout building  
Brights Farm

### **No Objections**

- v. UTT/19/2937.HHF. Proposed 2 storey side and single storey rear extension with associated alterations  
Westfield, Radwinter Road

### **No Objections**

## **APPEALS**

- i. UTT/19/1220/OP. Outline application with all matters reserved except access and scale for the erection of 1 no. dwelling with garage.  
Land south of Kates Lane.
- ii. UTT/19/0080/FUL. Proposed erection of single storey 2 bedroom dwelling  
Land to rear of Swallow Cottage, Radwinter Road

### **Appeal dismissed**

## **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED**

- i. UTT/19/2260/FUL. New vehicular access from Radwinter Road to the two new dwellings consented under UTT/17/1659/PAP3Q  
Goldstones Farm

### **Approved**

## **11. NEW ITEMS**

- i. Budget 2020/21 (copy previously circulated). The Budget was briefly discussed. The Clerk reiterated that it had to be set at the meeting on the 13th January. In the interim Members would study the budget and revert to the Clerk with any changes prior to the meeting on the 13th January to enable the Clerk to calculate the percentage change and the final figure to be placed on the District Council.

- ii. To fix dates for meetings in 2020. January 13<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 30<sup>th</sup> March (Annual Parish Meeting followed by PC), 11<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Council), 15<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December). All meetings on Monday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless otherwise informed.

There were no matters raised regarding the above dates which were deemed as fixed.

- iii. Village Christmas Tree.

**Resolved** – that the Christmas Tree lights be put on the time switch which will be set to go off at 0100 on Christmas Day and New Year Day. The lights will normally go off between 0001 and 0600. (Cllr. Wheatley)

**12. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT**

**Resolved** - that the Accounts (Appendix iii) be passed for payment (Cllr. Player)

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

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**  
**4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 to 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

Monies Received	£
	Nil
Monies passed for Payment	
Grasshopper Lawncare. Treat War Memorial grass	24.00 Ch.No. 102467
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	17.99 Ch.No. 102468
D. Green. Diaries	4.47 Ch.No. 102469
D. Green. MDF Backboard telephone box Steventon End	12.00 Ch.No. 102470
RCCE. 2 x delegates N.P Training session	40.00 Ch.No. 102471
SLCC Annual Subscription	109.00 Ch.No. 102472
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	18.92 Ch.No. 102473
E.ON. Electricity. £434.41 credit	0.00 Credit
Richard Doubleday. 1 x 5m Christmas Tree . S137	135.00 Ch.No.102474
D. Green. New printer	89.99 Ch.No.102475

## Balances at Bank 9th December 2019

Current Account	£3,981.84
Savings Account	£1,070.36
Savings Account	£37,453.28

