

13th January 2020

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 13th January 2020, at 7.30pm.

Present.

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

Mr. David Green (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting by informing the Meeting of the recent resignation of Councillor Jo-Ann Wheatley. The Council was now two Members short.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Simon Walsh and Cllr. James De Vries both of whom had to attend other meetings.

2. Public Representations

Mr. Chris Pardue spoke about the recent accident on the corner at Church End when two vehicles were written off; the police were in attendance and the road closed for five hours. Diversions were in place. No injuries were reported. Mr. Pardue said that this highlighted the fact that revised speed restrictions and traffic calming/control measures were required. The Parish Council with members of the public had been trying to set up meetings with Councillor Walsh, Councillor De Vries and Highways to discuss this problem. To date no such meeting has been arranged. It was concluded that a letter be written to Kemi Badenoch M.P. to seek her help in clearing the log jam and progressing this very important matter as soon as possible.

3. County Councillor's Report. There was no County Councillor's Report, Cllr. Walsh not being in attendance.

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 9th December 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. (Clerk's note; 14/1/20. Mr. Everitt replaced two of the oak trees before Christmas and would monitor the remaining tree to ensure it was in good order)

The bark under the multi unit was causing concern in that it required constant attention and the weeds were prolific. Following discussion Members considered

that the unit was in reasonable order and that it should last for another three to five years at least but that alternative surfacing should be considered.

Resolved - that three quotes be obtained for replacing the bark under the multi unit with a more satisfactory rubber type surfacing (Cllr. Eelsey) (Action Clerk)

- 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 and traffic safety 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 was investigating. He stated that there were no specific protection measures on the ECC Web Site but that he would take this matter up with both the County and District Councillors as a matter of urgency. (Action Cllr. Smith)
 - c. Footway – Chapel Car Park to Crown Hill. Reported to, and under investigation by Cllr. Walsh (Action Cllr. Walsh)
 - d. Footpath network in the parish. Ms. Victoria Moriarty would continue to report to the Council on footpath matters in the village. She would attend and report at the meeting on the 24th February

iii. Village Hall

Councillor Hayler reported that there were no outstanding matters regarding the Village Hall other than some persons were finding it difficult to lock the door. He pointed out that instructions on how to DO this were posted inside the hall and on the outside of the door.

iv. Telephone Kiosks.

- a. Steventon End. Waiting for residents to decide on how they would install a book exchange.
- b. Church End. Removal under investigation by the District Council.

v. Ashdon Village Neighbourhood Plan.

Mrs. Melanie Horrigan reported that much progress was being made. The draft Landscape Appraisal had been received from Alison Farmer; Water End and Steventon End were ongoing. The volunteers would check the report which could then be finalised and presented to the Parish Council for ratification. There are currently 18 volunteers who have been trained on the "Street Scape" requirements and how to carry out assessments. It was noted that a representative from the District Council attended the session, which, gave credence to the ongoing Plan. The village had been divided into 10 areas for fact finding, the volunteers would meet at the end of January and complete the module by the end of February. This would then feed into the Design Survey in the early spring. Councillor Smith would have an input into this module with the verge assessments currently being carried out. A Flood Management module was

required, Ashdon Flood Group would work closely with the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Modules for Community Spaces, Facilities and Sustainable Transport were required. Mrs. Horrigan would organise the neighbourhood Plan Group to meet in advance of Parish Council meetings to enable a summary of progress to be presented thus keeping all parties up to date.

The Chairman thanked the Neighbourhood Plan personnel for their help and enthusiasm in carrying out this very important work on behalf of the village.

- vi. Community Led Housing. The draft report from the RCCE was imminent. There would be a meeting with the RCCE on the 27th January 1015 in the Baptist Schoolroom to go through the initial findings.
- vii. Ashdon Windmill Trust. Chairman to contact Mr. David How regarding this and the telephone kiosk handover.
- viii. Village Community Hub. There was interest in the project from two commercial parties. The Community Officer from the District Council had visited the hall and would seek further information to forward the project. The Chairman and some Members would attend the Village Hall Committee Meeting on the 23rd January to discuss progress. Mr. Michael Snow would attend. See summary of progress to date Appendix i.
- ix.
 - a. 75th 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. Plaque ordered. It was with regret that the Clerk reported the recent death of Mrs. Norma Everitt, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Everitt.
- x. Superfast Broadband. Cllr. Thorn reported that a new contractor, TELECOM, had been appointed and that work should resume shortly. A representative from Gigaclear would attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to fully update Members.
- xi. Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr. Hayler regretted that some information received that might be useful for residents, was on a closed Facebook page. He reported that there was lack of crimes being reported to the police. This could be due to the perceived lack of progress in following up reports of criminality when they were reported. The possibility of holding an open morning in the Village Hall with interested parties attending including the Police, would be investigated.
- xii. Grass Cutting Contract. No definite proposals from the District Council to date. The grass cutting budget would be set on the existing areas.

Resolved - that, in view of the value for money and that there would be no cost increase over the period March 2020 to March 2023, MD Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd. be reappointed as the Council's grass cutting contractor for the three years from March 2020 to March 2023 (Cllr. Smith)

- xiii. Village Handyman. Mr. Graham Marsh would continue as Village Handyman under the previous terms.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Various emails distributed to Members. Members are requested to raise any matters received by email under correspondence.

9. NEW ITEMS. Budget 2020/21 had been moved to the heading Item 12 Accounts.

There were no "New Items"

10. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (None)

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.

ADDRESS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- i. New development adjacent to All Saints Cottage to be known as "Milden House", Bartlow Road CB10 2HR
- ii. Conversion of barn at Woodstone Farm, New House Lane. Dwellings to be known as Nos 1 & 2 Woodstones Barns, Newhouse Lane CB10 2LX

BREACHES OF PLANNING CONTROL

- i. enf/19/0335/c. Alleged breach of planning control erection of a wooden structure at 11. Church Field.

Investigated. No breach of planning control. Case Closed

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

- 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

Refused

12. ACCOUNTS

- i. Budget 2020/21, copies had been previously circulated (Appendix ii)

The Clerk presented the budget for the fiscal year 2020/2021. Members considered the items therein. There were no changes to the budget as presented. Members noted the need to increase General Reserves and the additional projected expenditure on safety surfacing at Rectory Lane. In view of the aforementioned it was:-

Resolved - that a Precept of £40,000.00 be put on the District Council for the fiscal year 2020/2021. (Cllr. Player)

This represented an overall increase of 14.06% over 2019/20, increase a Band D property from £92.75/annum in 2019/20 to £105.79/annum in 2020/21 or

approximately a cost of £2.00 per week for the provision of all the village amenities.

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

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA (Footpaths Item 7.ii.d.)

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2020
9th DECEMBER 2019 TO 13th JANUARY 2020

Monies Received	£
Ivett & Reed. Headstone re Craig	50.00
BPA. Interest 2/9/19 - 1/12/19	15.19
BPA. Interest 2/9/19 - 1/12/19	0.53
Monies passed for Payment	
John Thorn. Spray paint for dog faeces	13.34 Ch.No. 102476
John Thorn. Timber and fixings for telephone box Steventon End	31.55 Ch.No. 102477
M.D. Landscapes. Strim & clear river bank	240.00 Ch.No. 102478
D. Green. Scoops for salt bins	12.12 Ch.No. 102479
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	18.49 Ch.No. 102480
E.ON. Electricity. (£30.68 December Account. £403.73 Credit)	403.73 Credit
D. Green. Copy Paper	17.50 Ch.No. 102481
D.Green. Gift for Mr. Furze. Fork lift for Christmas Tree	12.99 Ch.No. 102482
Balances at Bank 13 th January 2020	
Current Account	£3,668.58
Savings Account	£1,070.36
Savings Account	£37,453.28

