

13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

At the Annual Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, at 7.30pm.

**Present.**

Councillors Mike Elsey (Vice Chairman), Steve Hayler, Victoria Moriarty, John Thorn and Jo Wheatley

Cllr. James De Vries (UDC), Mr. David Green (Clerk)

Cllr. Mike Elsey (Vice Chairman) took the Chair in Cllr. Player's absence, Cllr. Player having been admitted to hospital. Cllr. Elsey brought the meeting up to date on the latest information regarding Cllr. Player's illness. All present wished Cllr. Player a speedy and full recovery. Cllr. Elsey then welcomed all present to the meeting especially Cllr. James De Vries the newly elected District Councillor for Ashdon, Mr. Graham Slater and Mr. George Smith both of who had expressed a wish to be co-opted to the Council. Cllr. Elsey hoped that the excellent relations established with Cllr. De Vries's predecessor, Howard Rolfe, would continue.

Cllr. De Vries thanked Cllr. Elsey for his kind words and said that he would endeavour to continue to serve the people of Ashdon as the previous Member had.

**1. Election of Chairman of the Civic Year 2019/2020**

**Resolved** – that Cllr. Elsey be elected Chairman for the Civic Year 2019/2020 (Cllr. Hayler)

Members wished to record their thanks to Cllr. Philip Player for his help and enthusiasm during his tenure as Chairman.

**2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the Civic Year 2019/2020**

**Resolved** – that Cllr. Player be elected Vice Chairman for the Civic Year 2019/2020 (Cllr. Thorn)

**Resolved** – that a vote of thanks be passed and recorded to Howard Rolfe for his help and guidance and all his good works for the village during the past four years. (Unanimous)

**3. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Simon Walsh (ECC) and Philip Player

**4. Public Representations.** There were no matters arising from the public.

**5. County Councillor's Report.** (Appendix i) previously circulated. There were no matters arising

**6. District Councillor's Report.**

There was no report as Cllr. De Vries had only just taken office. He said that he wished to become involved in the village and that he was aware of the problems being encountered with speeding vehicles and other highway matters.

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

8. **Minutes.**

**Resolved** – that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019, previously circulated, be signed as a true record. (Cllr. Elsey)

9. **Matters Arising.**

i. Playing Fields.

- a. All Saints Fitness Trail. Official opening. This matter would be held in abeyance during Cllr. Player's absence. Cllr. De Vries would contact Mrs. Janine Corby at the District Council to determine what arrangements had been put in place. (Action Cllr. De Vries)
- b. Rectory Lane Playing Field. The contractor had been unable to gain access through the school during the Easter holidays. Work would now start in half term, the Clerk having been given access details.

ii. Highways.

- a. Weight Limit –Spriggs Lane. Cllr. Walsh would investigate (mins 8/4/19). Nothing heard to date (Action Cllr. Walsh)
- b. Traffic Calming. The 20mph signs outside the school were now working. It was noted that these only operated at specific times of the day and not at all in school holidays. Members reiterated that further traffic calming measures were required in the village, possibly physical measures, as other methods such as signage were clearly not working. It was noted that a site had been found for Tru-Cam and that this would be put in place in the near future. Cllr. De Vries would attend and observe the Speedwatch Team to see the problem at first hand.
- c. Verge protection measures. Noted that part of the verge at Spriggs Lane now had protection signs in place (the verge is home to Bearded Cow Wheat a protected species). Investigations would be made into other 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. Ongoing. No action to date.

iii. Village Hall. A replacement light had been fitted by the main entrance.

iv. Telephone Box, Steventon End. The paint had been received and passed to Graham Marsh. It was hoped he would put the work in hand in the near future.

Telephone Box, Church End. It was noted that BT intend to remove 31 redundant Telephone boxes in the District, concern was raised that the box at Church End could be on the list. Investigations would be made as to whether the box could be adopted for use by the village. It was noted that the telephone box at Crown Hill is listed and thus protected.

- v. Ashdon Village Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting was updated by Cllr. Wheatley on work done to date. An initial meeting had been held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, following which a letter had been written and lodged with the District Council laying out the Committee's intention to put such a plan in place. Acknowledgement to this fact had been received from the District Council. The next meeting of the committee would be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The committee intends to both set up a specific web site (Cllr. De Vries offered to assist and give his expertise in this field), and to hold a consultation and exhibition in the Village Hall in October (date to be arranged). It was noted that the committee has no funds to offset expenses.
- vi. Community Lead Housing. A draft letter and questionnaire had been received from the RCCE. This would be circulated to members for comment and further discussion with the Housing Enabler at RCCE prior to approval and distribution.
- vii. Spring Litter Pick. A very successful event with a cross section of the community taking part including families with children. It was heartening to note that the amount of litter collected was less than previous years.
- viii. Ashdon Windmill Trust.

**Resolved** – that Ashdon Windmill Trust be informed that Ashdon Parish Council agrees to become Custodian Trustees of Ashdon Windmill subject to further discussion and legal documents being drawn up and agreed. (Cllr. Elsey)  
(Action Cllr. Elsey)

- ix. Village Community Hub.

**Resolved** – that further investigations be made into the possibility of an Ashdon Community Hub. (Cllr. Hayler)

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. CPRE Countryside Voice

## 11. NEW ITEMS

- i. Risk Assessment Policy. Cllr Wheatley to advise. (Action Cllr. Wheatley)
- ii. Composting site at Cemetery. Quotations would be obtained for removing the compost heap and installing a formal compost compound to prevent incursion into the adjacent land and keep the area tidy.
- iii. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE/VJ Day 2020. Ideas for suitable events and celebrations would initially be discussed informally with a view to drawing up a programme of events to mark both VE and VJ days in 2020. (Action All)
- iv. Superfast Broadband. The County Council will be rolling out Superfast Broadband across the county in the coming months. BT had installed a cabinet on Crown Hill and further installations would be carried out by Gigaclear to include all outlying properties. This would increase speed to 900mbits/sec and would

be done following installations in Radwinter, the cables being entrenched along the Radwinter Road to the village. Connections to individual properties would be at residents' expense. Final costs to be advised. It was hoped to complete installation of the main fibre cables by November 2019. Cllr. Thorn to monitor progress. (Action Cllr. Thorn)

**12. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- i. UTT/19/0758/FUL. Variation of condition 2 (materials) on planning permission UTT/17/0024/HHF in order to change roof tiles of cartlodge from "Black Slates" to hand made clay plain red tiles. Little House, Radwinter Road

**No Comment**

**13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED**

No determinations had been received

**14. ACCOUNTS (Appendix ii)**

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

It was noted that the internal audit had not yet been completed but would be completed and presented at the next meeting prior to submission to the external auditor.

**15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

There were no items for the next agenda

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed Chairman

Date

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**  
**8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 to 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**

Monies Received	£
Mrs. Gemma Rhodes. Interment of ashes of the late Ken Rhodes	30.00
H.J. Paintin. Memorial re the late Margaret Carrington	50.00
H.J. Paintin. Inscription re the late Glynis Burbery	50.00
UDC. Precept	17,000.00

Monies passed for Payment	£
BHIB Insurance Brokers. Renewal Insurance	1,450.20 Ch.No. 102400
M.D. Landscapes. Grass cutting April	795.60 Ch.No. 102401
Just-Us Digital. Litter pick banners	38.40 Ch.No. 102402
EALC. Course fee. Web accessibility (Cllr. Thorn)	78.00 Ch.No. 102403
E.ON. Electricity. April Account	80.83 Ch.No. 102404
X2Connect. Paint for telephone box	131.52 Ch.No. 102405
EALC. 2 x "Good Councillor Guide"	9.60 Ch.No. 102406
EPFA. Best Kept PF competition entry fee. <b>Duplicated Cancelled</b>	<b>10.00 Ch.No. 102407</b>

## Balances at Bank 13th May 2019

Current Account	£4,672.11
Savings Account	£1,068.77
Savings Account	£28,417.20