

24th August 2020

At the Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held remotely on **ZOOM** due to the CoVid19 pandemic, on Monday 24th August 2020, at 7.30pm.

Present.

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

Mr. David Green (Clerk),
Mrs. Melanie Corrigan, Ms. Jane Gray (Neighbourhood Plan Group. NPG)

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs. Simon Walsh (ECC), James De Vries (UDC) and Cllr. Corey Vost

2. Public Representations

There were no matters from the public, no members of the public having requested an invitation to attend via ZOOM

3. Update by Ms. Sophie Winter, Gigaclear.

The Ashdon cabinet area covers a total of 493 properties, in the localities of Ashdon, Radwinter and Wimbish. 108 properties are subsidised by the Superfast Essex programme and 385 are commercially funded. Current estimate is for 60% of premises to go live by the end of August 2020. The majority of premises will go live by the end of September 2020. Those properties fed from the Lt. Walden cabinet will not go live until the end of June 2021. There will be an estimated 3 week connection time once an order is placed with Gigaclear for their particular superfast broadband. Other suppliers are available. Repairs to the damaged road surface at Steventon End due to the hot weather, and the replacement of the commemorative plaque to the Cherry Tree at Carters Croft would be chased up.

It was noted that, at times, the road closures signage had been causing problems due to signs being in place or not removed when no work was in progress. This had led to residents taking long de-tours when unnecessary. This would be taken up with the contractors.

4. County Councillor's Report.

.There was no County Councillor's report. The monthly report would follow.

5. District Councillor's Report.

"In regards to you emails earlier this month (13th & 14th August) relating to the grass cutting situation, unfortunately responses are slow from this department but I shall update you as soon as I hear anything. Do you know if any of these residents have formally approached the council about vehicle damages?

Broadband – the Gigaclear build for Ashdon is now almost complete, with the cabinet on schedule to go live from 30th August 2020, Gigaclear will then be aiming to have all possible resident connections from the cabinet in place by 30th September 2020. Please

note that some Ashdon residents actually will be connected to the Little Walden cabinet, which is not currently due for completion until 1st June 2021.

Stansted Airport – All District Councillors are currently undergoing further training and education on the Airports appeal against their application. Whilst this appeal inquiry has formally started as of August 12th 2020, the actual inquiry is not expected to be full underway until next year.

Speeding in Ashdon – Essex Police have now responded via the UDC liaison Colin Day and this comes from Inspector Colin Cox and is an extract from a report about multiple locations in Uttlesford – “Rogers End Ashdon – situated right outside the complainant s address shows average speeds of 31.6 and 31.1mph, nothing enforceable.”

Aircraft flying heights – I responded earlier this month Mrs. Horrigan's and Cllr. Hayler's comments and queries about the altitudes planes going to and from the airport were and if they had changed.

Here is the response I provided: “I have now heard back from both the airport and the UDC Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport – Derek Eke, that there are no alterations to flight paths and that there have not been any during lockdown. It was mentioned that because there are less flights at the moment aircraft have more airspace to wander about in which leads to this kind of perception. If an aircraft is particularly loud then it should be reported to the airport on their hotline. The airport website also provides a service called WebTrak : <https://www.stanstedairport.com/community/noise/investigating-aircraft-noise/> where you can see the details (including height) of all the aircraft approaching and leaving the airport, I believe you can do this live or looking back to a particular time”.

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

7. Minutes.

Resolved – that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Zoom on Monday 20th July 2020, previously circulated, be signed as a true record. (Cllr. Player)

8. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields

Rectory Lane. The weeds had been removed from under the climbing frame. A large branch had fallen in the recent high wind from a beech tree at Rectory Lane onto the zip wire. No damage had been done and no one had been hurt. The branch required removing. ECC (Cllr Walsh) had been informed. The Clerk had recommended to Cllr. Walsh that a survey be done on the tree to ensure that it was safe and would shed no more branches. This should be done as a matter of urgency. (Action Clerk)

Quotations were awaited for the updating/replacement of the climbing frame.

Church Field. The slew ring on the roundabout had been replaced. The roundabout was now in full working order.

All Saints Fitness Trail. Notification had not yet been notified that the RoSPA inspection had been carried out to date as requested.

ii Highways. Traffic Management.

- a. Covered in Item 6. Cllr. De Vries report. Progress was frustratingly slow but the Council would persevere and explore all ways to try and resolve this ongoing problem.
- b. Weight Limit –Spriggs Lane. It was noted that verges and protection of the environment were part of the ongoing Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Smith would liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan Team to draw up a list of those verges and lanes at risk.

iii. Village Hall.

Cllr. Hayler reported that the hall was available for groups of no more than 30 persons. Full risk assessment and CoVID precautions would be required. There were no outstanding maintenance matters.

iv. Ashdon Neighbourhood Plan.

Mrs. Melanie Horrigan and Ms. Jane Gray reported on behalf of the NPG. There had been no group meeting recently due to the CoVID restrictions. The final Street Scape Assessment is now on the web site. The full document is some 91 pages long. It includes a summery report and 15 character assessments round the village. Pages 6 - 12 are particularly relevant to the current planning applications in the village. It is recommended that Members take note of these pages. The NPG would study the recent Government Planning White Paper, would put together representations and submit them before the consultation deadline of the end of October. Cllr. Vost would join the NPG

v. Community Led Housing.

Negotiations were ongoing between English Rural and RHT re the ransom strip at All Saints Close. Once this had been resolved further progress on planning matters could be made.

vi. Community Hub/Shop/Café.

The planning application had been submitted. A Flood Assessment and Sustainability Survey were required. The latter would be put in hand immediately with the architect at a cost of £200. The Flood Risk Assessment would follow. It was noted that separate toilet facilities for the Hub/Shop were now included following advice from the District Council

Resolved - that Mr. Michael Chapman, Wade & Davies, Solicitors be engaged to act for the Parish Council as required in matters concerning White Horse House, the Village Hub/Shop and Affordable Housing. (Cllr. Player) (Action Clerk)

vii. Superfast Broadband.

See Item 3. Gigaclear.

viii. Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr. Thorn reported that there were now 88 members in the group. Police updates were not as regular as in the past but those from the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator were still being received.

ix. Mobile Post Office.

The Chairman was pursuing the Post Office to get this service up and running

x. Cemetery - Composting Compound.

Quotation not yet received

xi. Village Handyman.

Mr. Marsh was keen to continue. The Chairman and Clerk would contact Mr. Marsh to determine his long term intentions.

xii. Mosaics at War Memorial.

Following consideration, Ms. Victoria Moriarty would be invited to produce an additional mosaic featuring a Dove of Peace which would be placed at the end of the flower bed on the opposite side to the original mosaic for symmetry.
(Action Chairman)

9. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. CPRE "Countryside Voice" Summer Edition
- ii. Correspondence had been received regarding litter at the Windmill Car Park. The Windmill Trustees would be consulted.

10. NEW ITEMS (None)

11. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. UTT/20/1771/HHF. Proposed conversion of cart lodge roof space to home office and storage area
Little House, Radwinter Road

No Comment

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED (None)

13. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (Appendix i)

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

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA (None)

The Meeting Closed at 9.22. Date of next meeting Monday 28th September

Signed Chairman Date

Appendix i

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 24th AUGUST 2020 20th JULY 2020 to 24th AUGUST 2020

Monies Received		£
Peasgood & Skeates. Inscription re Daisy Peach		25.00
Monies for Payment		£
John Thorn. Zoom meeting		14.39 Ch.No. 102535
MD Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd. Grass July 3 cuts		1,137.60 Ch.No. 102536
Hibbs Walsh Planning fee Village Hall/Hub		256.00 Ch.No. 102537
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband		23.11 Ch.No. 102538
D. Green. Ink Cartridge		38.99 Ch.No. 102539
E.ON. Electricity Acc. July. Credit (£223.61 - £30.68)		192.93 Credit
D. Green. Minute Book ref. David Nicholls		249.00 Ch. No.102540
D. Green. Cornis oil War Memorial seats		13.90 Ch.No. 102541
Acorn Services:		
Weed under climber at Rectory Lane	£100.00	
Wash play equipment at Church Field	£100.00	
Investigate and repair roundabout at Church Field	£1374.02	
Install Everitt plaque at War Memorial	£50.00	
VAT on the above	£324.80	1,948.82 Ch.No. 102452
Balances at Bank on 24th August 2020:-		
Current Account:-	£803.93	
Saver Account:-	£1,071.03	
Saver Account:-	£47,476.14	

