

28th September 2020

At the Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held remotely on **ZOOM** due to the CoVid19 pandemic, on Monday 28th September 2020, at 7.30pm.

Present.

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

Cllr. Simon Walsh (ECC)
Mr. David Green (Clerk),
Mrs. Melanie Horrigan, Ms. Jane Gray (Neighbourhood Plan Group. NPG)

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr. James De Vries (UDC)

2. Public Representations

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

3. County Councillor's Report.

.The County Councillor's monthly report had been received and circulated.

Cllr. Walsh reported that cases of CoVid19 were increasing in the south of the county but were generally low in the north west. Registration for secondary school admissions were required by the end of October. The pot hole list had been submitted to Highways along with a request to have the hedge at Chapel Farm cut back by Uttlesford Rangers. The footway from the Chapel Car Park to Meadowside had been resurfaced by the contractors carrying out the cable works, the path from Meadowside to Crown Hill still required attention. He would endeavour to have this done. The damaged road surface at Steventon End had not yet been repaired.

4. District Councillor's Report.

There was no District Councillor's Report

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 Zoom on Monday 24th August 2020, previously circulated, be signed as a true record. (Cllr. Player)

7. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields

Rectory Lane. Fallen branch removed. Trees adjacent to the playing field in Rectory Lane inspected from the ground by both the County Council Arboricultural

Consultant and the Council's Tree Surgeon and found to be sound. No further action required at this time

Quotations were awaited for the updating/replacement of the climbing frame and aerial runway. The possibility of providing a seat at the top of the playing field would be investigated. It was noted that a seat had previously been placed in this location but had been moved to the bottom by persons unknown.

All Saints Fitness Trail. Notification had been received that the RoSPA inspection had been carried out to date as requested. No immediate problems. Report circulated to Members

ii Highways. Traffic Management.

- a. There had been little progress on speeding matters which was very frustrating. A letter had been received from Kemi Badenoch M.P with a copy letter from Cllr. Bentley (ECC) regarding speeding and traffic matters. It appeared that Ashdon was not a priority in the views of the County Council and was not earmarked for speed reduction measures
- b. Weight Limit –Spriggs Lane. Cllr. Walsh would try to obtain funding through the Local Highways Panel to have protection measures put in place.

iii. Village Hall.

Cllr. Hayler reported that the Village Hall AGM had been cancelled due to CoVid restrictions. There were a few lettings. A set of drawings of the proposed hub would be sent to Ray Hammond, Village Hall Chairman via the architect

iv. Ashdon Neighbourhood Plan.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – 16th September 2020

1. The meeting was attended by Melanie Horrigan, Jane Gray, Jo Wheatley and new member – Isabel Blackett. We are grateful to have two new members on the Steering Group.

Parish Councillor and new member, Corey Vost was unable to attend but provided notes in his absence.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the impact of the Government's plans to overhaul the planning system and to prepare the Steering Group's response to the White Paper and consultation on 'Planning for the Future'. The response is currently in its first draft and will be worked on by the Steering Group in the next week.

3. The next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan are now being considered.

Mrs. Horrigan reported that September had been a quiet month. The Group had started studying the Government White Paper on Development. Initial response was that there were some very worrying aspects giving carte blanche to developers. Responses were required in the next two weeks. The Group was

formulating its next move taking into account current restrictions. Whilst the future of Neighbourhood Planning was not at all certain, it was considered that they could and should have a very positive effect on the Government White Paper. A copy of Mrs. Badenoch's letter on the White Paper would be forwarded to Mrs. Horrigan and Ms. Gray

v. Community Led Housing.

A Zoom meeting had been held with the RCCE, UDC and English Rural. Legal matters regarding the land were now being investigated.

vi. Community Hub/Shop/Café.

The Planning application had been submitted. There remained very strong interest in leasing the premises. Matters regarding the lease of White Horse House were with the Council's solicitor.

vii. Superfast Broadband.

Nearing completion. There was still some ongoing roadworks causing some obstruction in the village.

viii. Neighbourhood Watch.

It was reported that the Police Reports had now re-commenced. There had been no reported crimes. The Facebook Group was still growing.

ix. Mobile Post Office.

A start date of Tuesday 3rd November had been received. Cllr. Thorn would act as the village contact in case of an emergency.

x. Cemetery - Composting Compound.

Resolved - that the quotation from Acorn Services to clear the existing compost/rubbish, level the site. Supply and install a compound 2.4m x 1.2m x 800mm for the sum of £750.00 +vat be accepted. (Cllr. Smith)

xi. Village Handyman.

The situation regarding the handyman would be monitored. A revised list of jobs would be drawn up, approved and issued. (Action Chairman/Clerk)

xii. Mosaics at War Memorial.

Ms. Moriarty was working on the mosaics which, it was hoped, would be ready for Remembrance Sunday.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. Essex Air Ambulance. Letter dated September 2020 appealing for funding.

Members considered that this was a personal matter with individuals making donations should they so wish.

9. NEW ITEMS

- i. Village Christmas Tree

Resolved - that a Christmas Tree be ordered for the village (Cllr.Hayler)

- ii. Verge at Walden Road between the steps to the river and the bus shelter.
Placing of a seat to commemorate 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2

Resolved - that an order be placed with Andrew Everitt to clear the verge and river bank from the steps at Crown Hill to the bus shelter for the sum of £350.00. (Cllr.Thorn)

The Chestnut Tree had been inspected by the County Council Arbourial Consultant and found to be in need of extensive remedial works. This was in the hands of the County Council, owners of the tree.

Resolved - that a suitably engraved seat be purchased to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2 be placed on the verge when cleared. The existing seat to be refurbished and possibly placed at the Recreation Ground. (Cllr. Player)

- iii. Autumn Litter Pick

Sunday 18th October. 10.00am Village Hall. To be advertised by word of mouth and social media

- iv. Update on proposed cycle route Saffron Walden to Ashdon

Jane Gray reported that Saffron Walden Town Council were adamant that there should be a new route along the old railway line despite one already being in place in way of the Harcamlow Way. The Town Council would contact the four landowners involved to seek their views. To be monitored.

10. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. UTT/20/2009/FUL. Proposal for 5 new family dwellings with private road access from Radwinter Road, gardens, landscaping and new wild planted shared green space
Land to the west of Radwinter Road

Object. (letter on file)

- ii. UTT/20/2190/FUL. Conversion of existing building used as a residential annex to create a self-contained detached dwelling, with associated garden, car parking and landscaping.
Pennycroft, Bartlow Road

No Comment

- iii. UTT/20/2125/FUL. Change of use from village hall (D1) to mixed use as village hall (D1)1, shop (A1) and café (A3). Single storey side extension and internal alterations
Ashdon Village Hall, Crown Hill

Support

- iv. UTT/20/2126/LB. Single storey side extension and internal alterations
Ashdon Village Hall, Crown Hill

Support

- v. UTT/20/2125/HHF. Insertion of 2 no. rooflights into existing flat roof and replacement of existing window with door.
1. Collier Row, Bartlow Road

No Comment

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

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

Conditional Approval

12. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (Appendix i)

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

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no "Items for the Next Agenda"

The Meeting Closed at 9.08. Date of next meeting Monday 9th November

Signed Chairman

Date

Appendix i

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2020 24th AUGUST to 28th SEPTEMBER 2020

Monies Received	£
HJ. Paintin. Interment fee re Dorothy Bartlett	50.00
Mr. W.S. Stuart. Interment of ashes re Susan Mary Solesbury	30.00

Monies for Payment	£
Andrew Everitt. Cemetery hedge	400.00 Ch.No. 102543
John Dobson. Essex Mammal Surveys. Village Hall	200.00 Ch.No. 102544
MD Landscapes. Village grass 1 cut. Closed Churchyard	538.80 Ch.No. 102545
Playsafety. RoSPA Inspection fitness equipment All Saints	99.00 Ch.No. 102546
Graham Marsh. Village Handyman	290.00 Ch.No. 102547
D. Green. 6 months salary	2,350.40 Ch.No. 102548
HMRC. PAYE Clerk's salary	587.60 Ch.No. 102549
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	21.00 Ch.No. 102550
Anne Mangham. Fee Internal Audit	190.00 Ch.No. 102551
D. Green. CPRE Annual Subscription	36.00 Ch.No. 102552
D. Green. Copy paper/ audit postage	8.15 Ch.No. 102553
D. Green ref T. Maples Wasps in Cemetery	55.00 Ch. No.102554
E.ON. Electricity Account September. (£192.93 - £30.68)	162.25 Credit

Balances at Bank on 28th September 2020:-

Current Account:-	£1,526.76
Saver Account:-	£1,071.18
Saver Account:-	£59,482.69