

22nd February 2021

At the Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held remotely on **ZOOM** due to the CoVid19 pandemic, on Monday 22nd February 2021, at 7.30pm.

**Present.**

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

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

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Cory Vost who is in hospital. Members sent their best wishes to Cllr. Vost for a speedy and full recovery.

**2. Public Representations**

Mr. Stuart Hastie. Mr. Hastie again raised the concerns he raised at the meeting on the 11th January 2021, regarding the provision of a shop/café/community hub in the redundant/under used part of the Village Hall. He stated that capacity of the main hall would be reduced from 100 with an additional 40 persons being accommodated in the small hall, to between 70 and 80 persons. This was unacceptable in view of the number of "capacity" events that the hall had accommodated in the past. He also stated that, in his opinion, the village pub was unlikely to re-open and the hall would have to accommodate trade/events that would have normally been held in the pub. He stated that, in his opinion, the proposed toilets did not comply with regulations nor building regulations and a complete re-think was required which would incur further costs on the village. He also questioned as to why the tenant at White Horse House could not/had not been put on notice and White Horse House used as the shop/hub/café particularly as the new lease had not yet been signed.

The Chairman told the meeting that the Parish Council were carrying out the wishes of the village as determined at the public meeting where voting in favour of the shop/hub/café was approximately 120 in favour 6 against. The Chairman requested Mr. Hastie to put all his points/complaints in writing to enable them to be assessed at length and answered in full.

The Clerk reported that the new lease for White Horse House was with Fairstone Group's Solicitors.

Mrs. Sue Smith (Vice Chairman, Village Hall Committee). Mrs Smith was acting as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee following the resignation of Mr. Ray Hammond due to ill health. Members were sorry to hear of Mr. Hammond's health problems and thanked him for the work he had done as Chairman and wished him a speedy recovery. Mrs. Smith reiterated Mr. Hastie's comments regarding the hall and stated that, in the future it would be needed to host large wakes for residents of the village. She also stated that the storage shed outside contained a table tennis table and that it was probable that a table tennis club would be set up which would require room for extra storage of tables. She was also concerned that the fire exits did not meet regulations. Mrs. Smith stated that she would be contacting the Charity Commissioners regarding the project.

The Chairman asked Mrs. Smith to put her concerns in writing to enable them to be assessed at length along with the matters raised by Mr. Hastie.

Mrs. Smith was also concerned about horses using the footpath across the Glebe. Cllr. Walsh said that if they had the permission of the landowner this was in order. To be investigated with the land owners, Thurlow Estate.

### **3. County Councillor's Report.**

Cllr. Walsh would take up the matter of horses on footpaths, as reported by Mrs. Smith, with the relevant authority. This was a critical time for the County Council with the Budget due for approval on the 23rd February. They were also digesting the Prime Minister's latest route from lockdown as announced today. All road defects should be reported in the normal way. It was noted that the repairs required at Steventon End following the Gigaclear works were outstanding as was the matter concerning the dangerous icy conditions outside Springfield, Radwinter Road, recently reported by the Clerk. These would be actioned. The matter regarding a weight limit/protection measure for Water End/Spriggs Lane would go to Committee in March.

Cllr. Walsh took questions from Members. Cllr Walsh left the meeting at this point.

### **4. District Councillor's Report.**

Cllr. De Vries reported that the Local Plan was progressing, the airport enquiry was ongoing and that the District Council were also digesting the Prime Minister's recent announcements on lockdown. A meeting with the District Council would be arranged to discuss and clarify the matter of the proposed housing at All Saints Close.

### **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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021, previously circulated, be signed as a true record. (Cllr. Hayler)

### **7. Matters Arising.**

#### **i. Playing Field.**

Rectory Lane. It had not been possible to arrange a site meeting with potential suppliers due to Covid Regulations. To be organised when restrictions are lifted.

All Saints Fitness Trail. Closed due to Covid in accordance with Government guidelines.

Cllr. Smith would carry out and log inspections at Rectory Lane, Cllr. Hayler would carry out and log inspections at Church Field Play Area/All Saints Fitness Trail  
(Action Cllr. Smith/Cllr. Hayler)

#### **ii Highways. Traffic Management.**

Cllr. Smith had completed, and submitted, a request to the Local Highway Panel for weight restrictions/protection measures at Spriggs Lane. Mrs. Harriet Burrows (NPG) had written to the Natural Sciences Officer at the District Council seeking protection for Spriggs Lane and the verges to be protected particularly in light of

the recent granting of the planning application of the barn adjacent to Lt. Mortimers. It was noted that heavy ready mix lorries had been using the lane to access Mortimers Farm and that the District Council Refuse Lorry had damaged the entrance to Spriggs Farm drive, as reported to the District Council by Mr. Michael Snow.

iii. Village Hall and White Horse House.

The Chairman reported that it had been necessary to purchase a new cabinet for the defibrillator along with batteries and pads. Cllr. Thorn and the Chairman had fitted the new cabinet. It was now in full working order. The Chairman would inform the defibrillator volunteers of the new code.

Cllr. Hayler had nothing further to report.

iv. Ashdon Neighbourhood Plan.

### **STEERING GROUP MINUTES 15th FEB 2021**

Present: Melanie Horrigan, Harriet Burrow and Jane Gray

Apologies: Jo Wheatley, Isabel Blackett and Corey Vost

1. The second public consultation questionnaire had been a great success and the results had kindly been tabulated by Isabel and were up on the Ashdon Plan web-site. A big thank to Christian Kipp for managing the on-line version and to all those who collated answers, promoted the questionnaire and generally helped to get such a good number of responses.

2. Melanie and Jane have met, via zoom, with the person who will compile the Design Guide.

3. We made plans for gathering together some of our data into more publishable "chunks" and looked for any "gaps", anything we might have missed, young people's opinions and organised sport were flagged up as needing more work.

Harriet is working on a trees, hedgerows and flora and fauna document, which will include wildlife and insect corridors, and chalk streams.

4. The Group is at the stage of writing the draft Plan and so we discussed how the themes might be set out.

5. The Village Magazine needs an article for the next edition - Melanie to make start on this with Jane to follow up. It was decided that this was an ideal opportunity to fill two gaps, sport and the opinions of young people as the magazine goes to all households and e-mail comments would be much appreciated.

6. UDC Local Plan - we have been watching the new Local Plan public consultations and presentations and there seems to be little public response

Mrs. Melanie Horrigan reported that the results of the second questionnaire were now on the NHP web site. She advised members to take note of the comments

thereon. There had been overwhelming support for the NHP vision and objectives. The Design Code had been commissioned and funding to cover it had been obtained.

It was suggested that the white railings throughout the centre of the village could do with painting. The Clerk would contact Uttlesford Rangers to seek their help.

**Resolved** - that the full Housing Needs Survey be published on the NHP website (Cllr. Hayler)

v. Community Led Housing.

Progressing frustratingly slowly. Advice would be sought from Cllr. De Vries on how best to proceed. It was suggested that a Zoom meeting be arranged with the relevant Members and Officers from the District Council to progress the matter.  
(Action Cllr. De Vries)

vi. Community Hub/Shop/Café.

i. Covered in Item 2. as raised by Mr. Hastie. Waiting for both Mr. Hastie and Mrs. Smith's submissions.

ii. Lease for White Horse House.

The Parish Council's solicitor had reported that the lease was with Muckle & Co. Fairstone Group solicitors for signing.

vii. Superfast Broadband.

Last properties being connected.

viii. Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr. Thorn reported that there were currently 103 subscribers to the Facebook Group. Mrs. Sonia Lewis had raised concerns regarding strange vehicles and unknown persons loitering near the windmill. Facebook Group had been informed and watch kept.

ix. Village Handyman.

erected Village seats cleaned and mounted on concrete plinths. New notice board at the Village Hall.

x. Litter

Litter picks had been carried out by individual Members. Litter and garden waste was being dumped on Thurlow Estate land between New Road Hill and Pennycroft. This would be reported to Thurlow Estate with a request that a sign be erected to deter further dumping.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

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

## 9. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. UTT/21/0201/HHF. Construction of two pitched roofed dormers to front of dwelling The Beehive, Radwinter Road

**No Comment**

- ii. UTT/20/2896/FUL. Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic. Demolition of garage and storage building. Single storey extension to barn and link to re-built south range. Internal and external alterations and new single storey garage  
Barn Owls, New House Lane. Amended application

**No Comment**

- iii. UTT/20/2897/LB. Demolition of garage and storage building. single storey extension to barn and link to re-built south range. Internal and external alterations.  
Barn Owls, Newhouse Lane. Amended application

**No Comment**

## 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

- i. UTT/20/2893/FUL. Change of use from agricultural to residential and light industrial, erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and 1 no. glassblowing workshop and gallery.  
Land west of The Vales, Radwinter Road

**Refused**

- ii. UTT/20/2894/FUL. Change of use from agricultural to residential and erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and associated single storey garage/hobby room.  
Land east of Fairfields, Water End

**Refused**

- iii. UTT/20/2450/FUL. Demolition of existing barn and proposed replacement structure to provide 1 no. dwelling, following previous approval to convert ref. UTT/19/1989/FUL  
Barn adj. Little Mortimers, Water End

**Conditional Approval**

- iv. 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, Ashdon

**Refused**

## 11. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

**Resolved** - that the accounts, Appendix i. be passed for payment (Cllr. Thorn)

## 12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no "Items for the Next Agenda"

The meeting was closed at 8.37pm

Next meeting Monday 29th March, Annual Parish Meeting

Signed Chairman

Date

## Appendix i

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2021 11th JANUARY 2021 to 22nd FEBRUARY 2021

Monies Received	£
AVHC. (Rent WHH Fairstone)	1550.00
Monies for Payment	£
D. Green. (Just-Us Digital. Playing Field signs)	60.48 Ch.No. 102585
S.P. Services Ltd. Defib. cabinet <b>S137</b>	593.94 Ch.No. 102586
D. Green. Christmas tree lights electrics <b>S137</b>	52.03 Ch.No. 102588
Acorn Services. Village Christmas Tree <b>S137</b>	324.00 Ch.No. 102589
Acorn Services. Mount and install mosaics at War memorial	144.00 Ch.No. 102590
Greenbarnes Ltd. Notice Board Village Hall	876.26 Ch.No. 102591
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	21.70 Ch.No. 102592
Nicholas Reynolds. Deposit Cemetery Gates	500.00 Ch.No. 102593
E.ON. Electricity January Account (£41.65 - £30.68)	10.83 Credit
J. Thorn. Microsoft and Zoom invoices for PC meetings and internet	23.51 Ch.No. 102594
J. Thorn. Microsoft invoices for internet x 2	9.12 Ch.No. 102595
J. Thorn. Zoom invoices for meetings x 3	43.17 Ch. No.102596
TPM Medical. Defib pads and battery. <b>S137</b>	270.00 Ch.No. 102597

Balances at Bank on 22nd February 2021:-

Current Account:-	£3,758.39
Saver Account:-	£1,071.21
Saver Account:-	£52,484.05



