

27th September 2021

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held on Monday 27th September 2021 in Ashdon Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present.

Councillors Mike Elsey (Chairman), Philip Player, George Smith and Corey Vost

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 Councillors Steve Hayler and John Thorn

2. Public Representations

There were no matters arising from the public and no public representations

3. Cooption of Mr. John Moran to the Parish Council

Resolved:- that Mr. John Moran be co-opted to the Parish Council (Cllr. Vost)

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Moran and said that his expertise gained previously both on the Parish Council and as a County Councillor were most welcome.

4. Short address by Cllr. Martin Foley on County Council matters

There was no address from Councillor Foley and no report

5. Short address by Cllr. James De Vries on District Council Matters.

There was no address from Councillor De Vries and no report

6. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Moran declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 12 in that his property neighboured Coppers, Radwinter Road.

7. Minutes.

Resolved - that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd August 2021, previously circulated, be approved (Cllr. Smith)

8. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields.

a. Rectory Lane. The Chairman had previously circulated the three quotations received for the replacement of the climbing frame and renovation/replacement of the aerial runway. Members would study the quotations and visit other play areas in the district prior to the next meeting when a decision would be made.

- c. Decaying bench at Church Field. New bench installed. Old bench removed
- ii Highways. Traffic Management.
 - a. Water End/Spriggs Lane. Cllr. Smith reported that it was hoped that suitable protection measures would be discussed at the Highways panel in the new year.
 - b. Spoil Butlers Lane/Byrds Farm. It was understood that this was under investigation by both the District Council and County Council.
 - b. Speeding/Speed Watch. A preliminary meeting had been held with Highways and Councillor Foley to see the problems first hand. Highways had reverted with some ideas including "ghosting" on the highway at strategic points to give the impression of the highway being restricted to try and reduce speed. Speed humps were not an option. One option would be for the Parish Council to purchase and erect flashing speed signs at strategic points. These would cost approximately £2000.00 each plus installation. It was deemed that this would be a quicker solution than relying on the County Council to erect such signs.

A "Traffic Group" would be convened consisting of the Chairman, Mr. Terry Dales and Cllr. Thorn (both Speed Watch) and Mrs. Michelle Lee (Carters Croft)

- iii. Village Hall and White Horse House.

Lease. Now completed and signed and awaiting the arrival of the Council's copy.

- iv. Ashdon Neighbourhood Plan.

The final consultation had been presented in the village Hall on the 17th and 18th of September and had been very well received with many favourable comments. A display had also been put in the church over the weekend of the 25th and 26th September. The consultation would close on the 31st October.

The Chairman thanked the Committee again for all their hard work and dedication on producing such a comprehensive and outstanding Plan.

- v. Community Led Housing

- a) The District Council had been dilatory in replying to both communications from the Parish Council and the Parish Council's solicitor. .

- c) Ground Rent.

Nothing heard officially. Cllr. Moran said that he would take the matter up with Kemi Badenoch M.P. at her next surgery. It was suggested that it may also be appropriate for him to raise the matter of the housing at All Saints Close at the same time, if nothing had been heard in the interim, to try and break the log jam.

- vi. To receive a report on the Village Community Hub

Due to the importance of this matter, and the quotations received to date, the Chairman deferred this matter to the next meeting when, it was hoped, more Members would be present.
- vii. Superfast Broadband. Nothing further to report in Cllr. Thorn's absence
- viii. Neighbourhood Watch. Nothing to report in Cllr Thorn and Cllr. Hayler's absence
- ix. Village Handyman. Nothing to report. Mr. Chris Pardue said that he would consider volunteering to help if and when necessary
- x. Litter. The autumn litter pick was re-arranged for Sunday 24th October, 10.00am Village Hall
- xi. War Memorial Gates. The Chairman presented the three quotations.

M.A. Ager Carpentry and Joinery Services	£2,570.00 +vat
Bluerun Limited (make gates only)	£3,000.00 +vat
Nick Reynolds	£4,595.00 no vat

Following discussion it was:-

Resolved that- the contract to make and hang replacement oak gates at the War Memorial be placed with M.A. Ager for the sum of £2,750.00 + vat (Cllr. Smith)

- i. HM The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022. Cllr. Smith would organise a small committee from the village to coordinate events to mark the jubilee.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. EPFA. Playing Field awards 2021. Thursday 21st October, Chelmsford
- ii. emails received from the Directors of Ashdon Inns regarding the refurbishment of the Rose & Crown

10. NEW ITEMS

- i. Village Christmas Tree.

Cllr. Vost would head up the Village Christmas Tree this year. Tree to be erected on Saturday 4th December

- ii. Parish Council responsibilities in the absence of the Chairman and/or Clerk.

Cllr. Smith would assume responsibility for parish Council matters in the absence of the Chairman and/or Clerk

11. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. UTT/21/2636/LB. Proposed renovation and refurbishment works. Internal works including redecorating/replacing/repairing windows, doors, door frames, linings and architraves, exposed timbers, walls, floors and ceilings throughout. Erection of protective timber cladding. Works to improve fire protection including plastering and fire door. External works including removal of windows and infill openings. Insertion of new window opening. Removal of existing corrugated roofing, rafters and posts over current smoking area. Repair/replace fascias and soffits, cast iron gutters and downpipes, window openings, frames, cills etc. Make good render, replacement external timber wall claddings. Replace defective brickwork and repoint. Defective roof tiles replaced. Remove existing brick wall at rear of car park and reduce ground levels to provide additional parking
Rose & Crown Public House, Crown Hill

No Comment

APPEALS.

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

Members were concerned that the drainage scheme was still inadequate and that the application was in contravention of both the Essex Design Guide and Ashdon Neighbourhood Plan.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

- i. UTT/21/1942/HHF. Proposed two storey and single storey rear extension, first floor extension above existing garage dormer window to replace velux to front. Coppers, Radwinter Road

Conditional Approval

13. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

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

- i. Conclusion of Audit. The External Audit had been successfully completed and notices to that effect promulgated on the village notice board and on-line.

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no "Items for the Next Agenda"

The Meeting closed at 8.36pm

Signed
Chairman

Date

Appendix i

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2021 23rd AUGUST TO 27th SEPTEMBER 2021

Monies Received	£
H.J. Paintin. Memorial & Inscription re Andrew Eyles	50.00
Groundworks UK. Neighbourhood Plan Grant	2832.00
HMRC VAT Repayment	661.94
UDC Precept	20,750.00

Monies passed for Payment	£
MD Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd. Village grass August 2 cuts	748.00 Ch.No.102646
E.ON Electricity August Account	30.68 Ch.No.102647
Andrew Everitt. Hedges. War Memorial, Cemetery	600.00 Ch.No.102648
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	21.95 Ch.No.102649
D. Green 6 months salary	2350.40 Ch.No.102650
HMRC. PAYE Clerks salary	587.60 Ch.No.102651
PKF Littlejohn. External Audit fee	240.00 Ch.No.102652
CPRE. Annual Subscription	36.00 Ch.No.102653
D. Green. Stationery	36.17 Ch.No.102654

Balances at Bank on 27th September 2021:-

Current Account:-	£7,496.99
Saver Account:-	£1,071.30
Saver Account:-	£81,488.34

