

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday 4th April 7th at 7.45pm
in Ashprington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Phillips, Cllr Oswald, Cllr. Evans, Cllr Green, Cllr Widdicombe {Chair},

Cllr Peters & Cllr Stocks

In attendance: Mr M. Read, Parish Clerk, Dist. Cllr J. Tucker, County Cllr Hawkins
P3 Coordinator Pam Macey, Tree Warden Bob Bowles and three members of the public.

1 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda . Planning Application for Lower
Sharpham Barton - Cllr Widdicombe.

2 Apologies - None

3 Police Report

No crime was reported for March

4 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 7th March 2013 were duly
signed and approved.

5 Matters Arising from the January meeting not on the agenda .

Tuckenhay Noticeboard

A revised estimate for the refurbishment of the Noticeboard has been received and
the work will be completed shortly.

6.P3 Footpath Report

The National Trust have visited Crownley Woods and are keen for more local
involvement and usage there - however there is unlikely to be improved signage due
to the sensitivity of the area. The Woods are however featured on the NT website.

7.Tree Warden Report

Trees will be coppiced in Lime Lane.

8.Planning

01/0528/13/TW A.Mallock. Bow Bridge House. Tree Works to Horse Chestnut. No
Objection.

01/0555/13/TCA Mrs J Geall, Delamore. Reduce Leylandii Hedge to approx. 7foot tall.
No objection.

01/0645/13/F K.D.Jones, Green Oak Barn. Provision of porch. No Objection.

01/2500/12/F J.Skuse. Lower Sharpham Barton Farm. Consideration of
Ecological Report. No comments raised

9. Various correspondence put into circulation for the Councillors.

10 Finance

Bank Balances Treasures A/c £4857.10, P3 - £406.49 , Cemetery A/C £487.71

Accounts approved and payable - None. Income - None

Accounts Payable - Trimming Cemetery Hedges, Robert Rogers - £72. DALC

Subscription - £101.39 {to be deducted from Precept in April.} Quarterly Clerks Net
Salary - £312.13. Income Tax payable thereon - £208.00. Parish Expenses - January 1st

to March 31st. -£59.17.

11.Village Hall Report.

The AGM took place in the Village Hall on March 21st at 7.30pm. A surplus for the
year of £855 was made last year. A new committee member has joined the
Committee - Diane Dieker. The Summer Lunch will be in June.

12.Ash Meadow Report.

Nothing to report other than the inclement weather has made work difficult over the
last month.

13.District Councillor Report.

Cllr Tucker encouraged a response from the public on the issue of Solar Ray farms. There is a six week response time.

Whilst Parish Boundaries will be unaffected, if the number of Councillors are reduced from 40 to circa 30, the "grouping" of parishes into clusters may well be. The "pothole problem" continues to be tackled - however parishioners are encouraged to report cases where practicable.

Other Business

The Annual Accounts and Return for the year ended 31st March 2013 have been completed by the Clerk and were signed and approved by the Chair and the Council.

Sharpham House and Grounds

Cllr Oswald reported that Sharpham are considering whether to open up the estate so that villagers can walk on its paths.

Cllr Green is to investigate the whereabouts of a plaque to recognize the work done on the Coronation Plot at Tuckenhay so that consideration can be given to locate it there.

The Clerk will investigate whether the white line outside Ashprington Bus shelter can be extended southwards in front of the bench and be repainted.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday May 1st, 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.45pm. and will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm

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