

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday April 3rd, 2014 at 7.45pm in Ashprington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Widdicombe{Chair}, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Peters, Cllr Oswald, Cllr Stocks & Cllr Evans.

In attendance: Mr M.Read, Parish Clerk, County Cllr J.Hawkins, District Cllr Tucker, and two members of the public.

1. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda - None.

2. Apologies - Cllr L.Green, Tree Wardens R.Bowles and J.Green.P3 Coordinator - P.Macey

3 Police Issues

None reported.

4. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated March 6th, 2014 were duly signed and approved.

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

Dog Fouling The Clerk pointed out that a resident in Brixham had just been fined for failing to dispose of their dog's mess.

Duncannon Lane

The Chair and the Clerk have met with Julian Carnell of Sharpham regarding ownership of the Lane. He is continuing to work with their solicitor but progress is proving problematical and slow. However he is awaiting a response shortly via the Fields Book. The National Archive Plan is now in their possession but has not helped.

Meanwhile Cllr Evans has been in touch with the Land Registry who cannot assist as the land is unregistered. The Clerk and Cllr Evans will meet with Sharpham if additional information becomes available.

6. P3 Footpath Report

The condition of the footpath adjacent to Lower Gribble Plantation is still causing concern and a complaint has been received from a member of the public. The Clerk has reported this to Ros Davies of DCC but no response has been received.

Cllr Hawkins offered to chase on the council's behalf.

7. Tree Warden Report

Nothing to report.

8. Planning

01/0364/14/TCA C.Newton. Bay Tree Cottage. Fell one davidia. Approved SHDC.

01/0026/14/F M.Pearey. Hillside, Tuckenhay. Alterations & Extension. Approved SHDC

01/0058/14/F K.Jones.Green Oak Barn. Erect Porch. Approved SHDC.

01/0710/14/F A.Watson. Perchwood Cottage, Tuckenhay. Erect single storey side extension and alterations to existing garage. Objection.

9. Various correspondence put into circulation for the Councillors.

10. Finance

Bank Balances Treasures A/c £6217.87, P3 - £406.49, Cemetery A/C £487.71

Accounts Payable and approved- Accounts payable - Clerks Salary January 1st to March 31st - £494.10. Income tax thereon - £329.40. Parish Expenses January 1st to March 31st - £71.95. Land Registry Search Fee - £36.00.{Duncannon Lane}- Robert Rogers- Cemetery Hedge Cutting - £72.00

11.Village Hall Report.

Annual General Meeting was on March 18th. The Summer Lunch is on Saturday June

14th.The outside of the hall is to be decorated and a screen to be ordered.

12.Ash Meadow Report.

Nothing to report.

13.District/County Councillor Report.

Cllr Tucker stated that parish councillors will, will, on a pilot basis, be allowed to speak at Planning Meetings.

Flood Damage Grants. Businesses may apply for grants of up to £5000 for remedial work following the recent floods. However SHDC have only been allocated £55,000 for the whole of the district.

The future of the Library Service in Devon is under review – the Clerk was asked to respond on behalf of the Council indicating the importance of the Mobile Library to the parish. The future of the Youth Service is also out to consultation.

Other Business

14.1 Parish Cluster Meeting. Cllrs Phillips and Oswald reported back from the meeting. The Councils bid for the verges in the Parish to be sprayed was successful.

14.2 Devon Best Kept Village Competition The Village will enter the competition this year with Cllr Green coordinating the Village activity.

14.3 Annual Parish Accounts The Accounts were approved by the Council and signed off by the Chair.

Other Business – Highways.

A parishioner has pointed out the danger in the road near the War Memorial from vehicles and bikes approaching the village from the Sharpham direction. It is thought that the signage may be inadequate. The Clerk will pursue DCC with the support of Cllr Hawkins.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

The next meeting is on Thursday May 1st , 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.45pm. And will be precede by the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.

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