

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday March 6th at 7.30pm 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, District Cllr Tucker, and three members of the public.

Declaration of interest in items on the agenda - Mr P Oswald - Debate on Duncannon Lane.

2. Apologies - Cllr L.Green, Tree Wardens R.Bowles and J.Green.

3. Police Issues

None reported.

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

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

It was hoped that Sharpham would accept responsibility for the ownership of the lane but formal confirmation due by the beginning of February has still not been received. The Council instructed the Clerk to write to Sharpham asking the Trust to put their views in writing to the Council.

Cllr Evans will approach the Land Registry in Plymouth to ascertain whether they are able to clarify ownership.

The Clerk has followed up a number of Highways issues with DCC Highways - DCC will not replace the missing "HGV Sign" at the top of Bow Hill. Work has been carried out on a wall causing flooding at the beginning of the road from Bow Bridge to Harbertonford.

6. P3 Footpath Report

No report submitted.

7. Tree Warden Report

No Tree Wardens present.

8. Planning

01/0364/14/TCA C.Newton. Bay Tree Cottage. Fell one davidia. No objection.

01/0026/14/F Hillside Tuckenhay. Alterations and extension. Approved SHDC

01/0058/14/F Green Oak Barn. Construction of porch. Approved SHDC.

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- None

11. Village Hall Report.

Annual General Meeting is on March 18th . The Summer Lunch is on Saturday June 14

12. Ash Meadow Report.

Nothing to report.

13. District/County Councillor Report.

Cllr Tucker Cllr Tucker stated that significant work is taking place regarding the Planning System, particularly validation and plans, for the South Hams.

Coombe Park - A Management Plan is being produced to reduce the water flooding onto the Totnes/Ashprington road. It will be available next year.

Dog Fouling. If parishioners see dog fouling they should report it – more powers are to be given to local councils to deal with this unpleasant problem.
South Devon College is to recruit up to 20 apprentices who will be trained for the fishing industry.

Other Business

14.1 Agenda Items for the Parishes Cluster Meeting on March 18th. These were agreed and prioritised based on the TAPS bids submitted to SHDC, for the benefit of Cllrs Phillips and Oswald who will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

14.2 Devon Best Kept Village Competition. In the absence of Cllr Green, this item was postponed to the April Meeting.

14.3 Code of Conduct. The Clerk confirmed that that the Parish Council had adopted its Model Code of Conduct for Councillors at its meeting in July 2012 and no further action was needed.

Emergency Plan. - Cllr Stocks will place a copy on the Village Website.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

The next meeting is on Thursday March 6th, 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.45pm. And will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

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