

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday November 4th , 2014 at 7.30pm in Ashprington Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr M. Read, Parish Clerk, Tree Warden J.Green and one member of the public.

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

2.Apologies - Cllr Oswald, Cllr Green, P3 Coordinator.P.Macey, Tree Warden, R.Bowles, County Cllr Hawkins, District Cllr Tucker.

3 Police Issues

None reported.

4. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated October 2nd 2014 were duly signed and approved.

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

Duncannon Lane

The Clerk wrote to DCC to see whether part of the lane might be adopted. A reply is yet to be received despite a follow up by the Clerk. Cllr Hawkins will be asked to become involved. Cllr Evans has made further enquiries at the Devon Records Office regarding ownership which were fruitless.

Sharpham Drive

Discussions regarding a second speed bump on the drive to Sharpham are under consideration. The hole at the entrance to Ash Meadow will be filled.

Laying the Wreath at the War Memorial The Clerk agreed to lay the wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Cemetery Maintenance

An estimate for a paved area on the southern edge of the cemetery is awaited.

The Council is grateful to Cllr Green for repainting the Cemetery Gates free of charge.

Lower Gribble Plantation Footpath.

Staggered barriers will be erected at the entrance to the footpath forcing cyclists to slow down.

6.P3 Footpath Report

Nothing to report other than DCC are commissioning further barriers to discourage speeding cyclists at Lower Gribble Plantation.

7.Tree Warden Report

Nothing to report except see under planning - Ashprington House.

8.Planning

01/2534/14/TCA A Zahara, Ashprington House. Crown reduce London Plane Tree.

SHDC asked to visit and consult.

03/2422/14/F Mr and Mrs P.McGregor. Lower Longcombe, Totnes. Erection of a wind turbine @ SX8312 5901. Recommend objection {although not in this parish}

01/2650/14/F Mr Allum/Mrs Fearn Meadow Way, 1 Hill Park. Application for external works. No objection.

9.Various correspondence put into circulation for the Councillors.

10 Finance

Bank Balances Treasures A/c £10213.20, P3 - £406.49 , Cemetery A/C £487.71

Accounts payable and approved SLCC Membership - £87.00. Ashprington Bowls

Club {Grant Aid}- £275.00.

Ashprington Village Hall {Grant Aid} £734.40

11. Village Hall Report.

The Winter Lunch is on December 6th at 12.30 for 1pm. There will be a bar and the cost is £12 for adults and £6 for children.

12. Ash Meadow Report.

The enlargement of the compost bins using railway sleepers and reinforcing rods is now completed. The compost facility will close for the reception of garden waste from the end of November for a while so that the remaining area can be excavated for aggregate and concrete, to complete the improvements of the area. Cllr Green will be giving instruction on pruning the apple trees at 10.00 hours on December 6th; everyone is welcome. A program of coppicing during the winter will be started. Some seeding of the wild flower areas has taken place. The Guy Fawkes bonfire will take place on the 5th of November at 18.00 hours.

13. District/County Councillor Report.

Unable to be present.

14 Other Business

Cllr Evans and the Clerk will attend a Super-Cluster meeting on behalf of the Parish on November 26th.

Cardboard waste can now be folded neatly and left near the blue sack - it must no longer go into the brown bin.

DCC will attempt to save a further £265k via Waste Management changes.

Grants to the value of £734.40 and £275 have been awarded to Ashprington Village Hall and The Ashprington Bowls Club by Invest in Devon Grant and an SHDC Locality Fund Grant respectively. The Chair will write thanking both Councils.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

The next meeting is on Thursday December 4th , 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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