

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday June 4

th, 2020 at 7.30 pm held virtually.

Present; Cllr Stocks {Chair} Cllr Thompson {Vice Chair}, Cllr S. Seeley, Cllr L. Green, Also present Michael Read, Clerk, District Cllr. J. McKay, County Cllr Hawkins, No members of the public.

1. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None
- 2 Apologies - J. Green, Tree Warden. P Macey, P3 Co Ordinator. Cllr T. Green
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated May 7th, 2020 were approved and will be signed off shortly.
4. Matters arising from the meeting of May 7th, not on the agenda;

Cofid19

The Chair suggested that the Zoom contract remains in place until at least July - the July meeting will need to be virtual in any event - agreed by the council.

Due to the additional work resulting from COVID19, the Council resolved to increase the hours paid to the clerk by 2 hours per week initially for two months and to be reviewed at the June meeting. The Clerk stated that as work was returning to the "new normal", no further overtime should be payable.

Devon Air Ambulance

All funding is now in place. The planning application for the lighting mast is with SHDC and a decision is due by mid-June. The £200 grant from SHDC is being processed.

Casual Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk advised that the process to select two new councillors has had to temporarily aborted due to COVID19 - there are more applicants than places, so a selection process will be set up as soon as practicable.

VE Celebrations

Cllr Stocks reported that despite the restrictions imposed, some events were organised to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Villages were decorated with flags and bunting. Parishioners were encouraged to join in the toast for the Nation and then enjoy a picnic. In Tuckenhay, residents embraced the whole idea even dressing up and with a background of the 1940's songs they ate and drank until late afternoon. Thanks to Stuart Greaves and Gavin Middlewood for organising the broadcasted events in Ashprington and Tuckenhay.

Internal Audit

The Clerk reported a successful outcome to the Internal Audit and thanked Bob Tildesley for his work, as Honorary Auditor. The Clerk has given a small thank you gift on behalf of the Parish and a card sent from the Chair.

Highways Issues

Traffic orders are likely to be postponed until 2021 - any decision on potential double yellow lines will have to wait until then.

A different crop is to be grown in the field adjacent to Coombe Park which it is hoped will prevent water escaping across the highway.

New signage for the village near the war memorial should be available soon. Some of the deeper potholes in the parish have been filled but others remain. DCC are to receive £28 million from the Government to assist but in the short term, funds will be allocated for the provision of wider paths and cycleways due to COVID 19 instructions from central government.

5. P3 Report

Pam Macey could not be present but her report indicates that Giant Hogweed is not present in Tuckenhay but rather the smaller, less invasive variety. A grant of £350 has been awarded by DCC for future footpath works. The damaged stepping stones near Bow Bridge have been capped by DCC.

6. District and County Councillor Reports

District Cllr Report

Cllr McKay reported that he was pleased to see the shredder had completed its work at Ash Meadow. A grant has been approved for £100 towards the cost of VE Day celebrations. Some local businesses have been helped in the ward. Second Home owners visiting and staying overnight in their properties remains an issue as the police are struggling to respond to reports due to stretched resources.

County Councillor Report.

Cllr Hawkins reported that a recovery plan for Dartmouth for the effects of the pandemic, is underway. Grant funds are still available to the parish.

7. Tree Warden Report

See under "Planning"

8. Planning

01177/20/TCA J. Van Den Broek. Jasmine Cottage. T1 Pittosporum Shrub- Crown Height reduction. Cherry - Fell and Remove. No objections SHDC.

1170/20/FUL Granary Farm, Washbourne. Change of use of land to residential curtilage/garden. Support.

9. Correspondence. It was agreed that no paper copies of documents would be circulated for the time being due to Covid19.

10. Finance.

Finance. Treasurers Account -Balance £17,742.04 {DAAT funds deducted} Cemetery Account - £353.84, P3 Account - £487.71. A/cs Approved and Payable - £14.39- ZOOM Sub. Income - £350.00 P3 Grant.

11 Ashprington Village Hall Report

The Chair thanked Cllr McKay for reminding the Village Hall about a grant that was available supported by himself - without him, the hall could have found this year's lack of income difficult to rectify. The Committee met virtually in May to discuss and approve the necessary maintenance of the hall. A new oil tank is to be purchased and to comply with new regulations extra electrical work needs to be done. Quotes to paint the exterior of the hall have been sought and the work will be undertaken shortly. The rotting exit door by the kitchen is to be replaced. Many of the double-

glazed windows have “blown” and will need replacing – this is being investigated. Exterior lighting is to be improved and upgraded. A new online booking system is being trialled for future use.

Provisional dates for future events have been identified;

Winter Lunch – December 5th, 2020, Summer Lunch 2021 – June 12th, Winter Lunch 2021 – December 4th. Depending on the restrictions associated with coronavirus, there could be a Quiz Night on November 4th, 2020.

Other Business

Donation of Cycle Rack

The Durant Arms kindly offered to donate their Cycle Rack to the village. Cllr. L Green will install near to the Bus Shelter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Next Meeting on Thursday July 2nd, 2020 at 7.30pm remotely on ZOOM. Request access code from the Clerk {email address or telephone below}

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