

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday September 5th, 2019 at 7.30 pm in Ashprington Village Hall

Present; Cllr Stocks {Chair}, Cllr. T. Green, Cllr Thompson {Vice Chair}, Cllr S. Seeley, Cllr E. Allan, Cllr M. Pearey, Cllr L. Green,

Also present Michael Read, Clerk, J. Green & R. Bowles, Tree Wardens, District Cllr. J. McKay, County Cllr Hawkins. 11 members of the public.

A presentation by Martin Rich of the Devon Community Resilience Forum was delivered prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.
2. Apologies - P Macey, P3 Co Ordinator
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated July 4th, 2019, and the Planning Meeting on August 1st, were approved.
4. Matters arising from the meeting July 4th 2019, not on the agenda:

Parish Lengthsman

A lengthsman contract has now been issued by the Clerk and work has already begun in the Parish. Maps showing location of drains and buddle holes have been provided. The Council have applied for a grant from the DCC Highways Enhancement Fund - the Chair thanked Cllr Seeley and Mr Seeley for their support. The Council will hear by the end of September if the application is successful.

HGV Vehicle Disruption.

The Clerk has written to and received a reply from Carpenter Oak regarding the extremely large vehicle which caused problems {and complaints from parishioners} in the parish in August. The vehicle which was a Romanian registered vehicle, followed satellite navigation instructions instead of adhering to instructions from Carpenter Oak to deliver to their "remote" depot near Ashburton. They will again write to their suppliers insisting that the correct route is followed in future.

Highways Update

The Chair and the Clerk met with DCC Highways in August to explore options for traffic signage near the war memorial and other issues. A further meeting will be arranged with the DCC Officer responsible for this issue probably in October.

5. District & County Councillor Reports

Cllr Pearey queried whether the proposed Planning Workshops promulgated by SHDC Planning and former Ward Cllr Tucker were still to proceed. Cllr McKay agreed to investigate and report back.

DCC are the region's Climate Emergency Lead {to include Plymouth City Council and SHDC} - Parish Councils are considering whether to declare an Emergency.

A Citizens Assembly for the South Hams is to be considered. Cllr McKay would welcome feedback.

6. Tree Warden Report

Ash dieback has reached Devon but those with affected trees should seek advice {see comments under AOB}. Parishioners do need permission from SHDC to fell an affected tree {our Tree Wardens can assist}. Felled Ash Trees should be replaced. Cllr Pearey will distribute notes to farms in the Parish.

7. Planning

2070/19/FUL Frogmore Orchard. Provision of new Dwelling. Objection Parish Council

1191/19/FUL The Old Bakehouse Tuckenhay. Conversion of Barn to Dwelling. Withdrawn.

0945/19/TCA Durant Arms. T1 Spruce. Fell. No objections - SHDC

1342/19/TCA Mr Lynch. Lime Tree Cottage. T1 Ash - Remove. T" Eucalyptus - Crown Height reduce by 3 metres. - No Objections, SHDC

1906/19/HHO B & K Lunt. Coombe Barn. First floor extension, widened access and associated works. Conditional Approval, SHDC.

1953/19/LBC Quay Cottage Tuckenhay. LBC for replacement window. No objection.

8. Correspondence.

A letter has been received from a company canvassing for the installation of charging points for electric vehicles. It will be circulated to Cllrs.

9. Finance.

Treasurers Account -Balance £14,480.85, Cemetery Account - £353.84, P3 Account - £487.71 A/cs Approved and Payable - L. Stocks - laminated maps for lengthsman - £9.90. Income - Nil.

10. P3 Report

Pam Macey could not be present but her report indicates that the fallen tree at Bow Creek has been dealt with by Paul McFadden of DCC.

11. Ash Meadow Report

A new basket swing, suitable for all ages, and four pieces of exercise equipment, suitable for older children and adults, were installed in June. A village picnic was held on 13 July to celebrate this and to publicise the new facilities. This was well attended and the BBQ raised a small surplus for Ash Meadow funds. The equipment was funded by grant aid from the Parish Council, South Hams District Council and Devon County Council. These grants boosted the funds available of approximately £1,800 from the Ash Meadow Committee to a grand total of in excess of £9,000. Warm thanks to all three councils.

An additional monthly work party has been started.

A brush cutter has been hired, part of a new planned programme of grass maintenance aimed to promote the natural flora and fauna wherever possible by leaving the grass untouched between early Spring and late August/early September. The idea is to allow plants to flower and seed undisturbed, and to give insects and small animals the chance to benefit from the additional food available and to breed and rear their young in the protected habitat.

In terms of finances, Ash Meadow are very approximately in the same position that we were one year ago, with all bills paid, reserves of £1,500 untouched, and a modest surplus which could be available for further projects.

12 Other Business

12.1 Ash Dieback. Information continues to be made available on the crisis with information in a special area on the DCC website at www.devonashdieback.org.uk There is further information on trees growing alongside the highway and also information on finding suitably qualified and insured arborists. Our own village Tree Wardens, Bob Bowles and Jaye Green, can also help.

The Red Ensign was flown from the Church Tower to remember Red Ensign Day. Thanks go to Cllr Green and Jaye Green for facilitating.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Next Ordinary Meeting -Thursday October 3rd at 7.30pm, in Ashprington Village Hall.

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