

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday March 2nd 2nd, at 7.30 pm in Ashprington Village Hall.

Present; Cllr Evans {Chair} Cllr Stocks {Vice Chair} , Cllr L.Green, Cllr Tom Green, , Cllr Seeley ,Cllr Thompson

Present; Michael Read, Parish Clerk, District Cllr Tucker and one member of the public.

The Clerk readout a short letter from Cllr Oswald expressing his regret but wishing to resign from the Council. The Council thanked him for his work for the benefit of the Community.

Simon Harrington gave a short update on the performance of the Totnes Community Bus Scheme. Things have been going well but the organisers now want to appeal for funding to aid sustainability and raise income. They propose to set up an Advertising Project and are looking for a contribution towards set up costs as £2500 is still needed. The Chair suggested the Council discuss whether it should contribute and then advise them in due course.

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

2. Apologies: County Cllr Jonathan Hawkins, Cllr Oswald, Pam Macey, P3 Coordinator and Bob Bowles and Jaye Green, Tree Wardens.

3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated February 2nd, 2017 were duly approved and signed.

4. Matters arising from the meeting not on the agenda.

Corkscrew Hill Debris – The Chair raised this issue with DCC Highways at a meeting in February but is pessimistic that DCC can finance a long term solution due to the cost of any remedial work.

AONB Meeting re Planning Cllrs Seeley and Thompson attended a meeting in February on possible reform proposals made by the AONB which claims that more should be done to protect the environment in planning proposals.

Parish Maintenance The Clerk has been in touch with Derek Hallett who does maintenance work for neighbouring parishes. Whilst he cannot enter into any formal arrangement, he has agreed that the Clerk may contact him to try and resolve problems on a “one off” basis.

5. P3 Report

The clear up day at Crownley Woods planned for March 2nd has been postponed. The permissive footpath to Crownley needs work. The Co ordinator will approach Peter Mantle for authority to proceed.

6. Tree Warden Report

Nothing to report.

7. Planning

0322/17/TCA Jasmine Cottage. T1 Ash Removal. Support.

0237/17/TCA Harrison, Quay House. T1 Holm Oak – Fell. This application has already received Council opinion and was resubmitted in error by SHDC.

3946/16/LBC R.Jobson. Riverside House,Tuckenhay. Grade 2 Listed Consent for for repairs. Conditional Approval

4186/16/FUL Sharpham Trust, Sharpham Estate. Creation of new toilets/shower block for woodland Camp site. Conditional Approval.

8. Correspondence. Nothing to report

9. Finance.

Bank Balances Treasures A/c £10694.06. P3 - £406.49 Cemetery A/C £487.71.

Income - VAT refund - £12.00 Accounts Approved and Payable - None.

10.Village Hall Report

The AGM will be on 28th March. The oil boiler leaks have now been repaired. The system will probably last for three more years. The AVH committee are reviewing how they will support village events. A new sign will be erected. The Village Archive Draw is starting to fill up. The Chair would like to be informed of any unauthorised work in the AVH grounds.

11.Ash Meadow Report

The Ash Meadow Committee responded to a consultation on reduced grants for compost providers to DCC. Only 11% agreed that the rate per bag should be reduced and 84% said it should remain at the current level. A credit of £600 has now been received for the latest collection of green waste. A settlement regarding the old swings is likely to be reached with SHDC for £350 towards the cost of chippings.

Work parties continue on the first Saturday of each month 10am until noon.

12 District Councillors Report.

The Joint Local Plan is now ready to go out for 6 weeks consultation. There will be no forced development unless it is a community led project. The new SHDC website will be up and running shortly and is believed to be faster and much better, although there is still more work to be done, particularly on Planning, by the end of the month.

The PC responded to the SHDC Dog Consultation Project and more signs have been erected in the Parish.

13. Any Other Business.

13.1Defibrillator Update

The Group have held regular meetings the last one being on February 25th,. Equipment has already arrived from the British Heart Foundation. The Ashprington defibrillator is planned to be located in the telephone box and planning permission is required plus a 90 day consultation period. In the interim, the machine may be located in the Durant Arms. Work is progressing to determine the location of the other machine{s} in Tuckenhay as the telephone box there, is still in use. The second machine will be similar to the first to cut down on maintenance costs. Further fund raising is planned.

13.2 Outcome of DCC Highways Meeting. The Chair met with Cllr Hawkins and a Highways officer on February 10th . As reported under “Matters Arising” there is no long term solution to the problems at Corkscrew Hill although some of the potholes may be fixed and the area tidied up.

Dart Harbour Non Beneficiary Group The Group reconvened in January with a new Harbour Master at Dartmouth now in post and a new Chair Ian Gibson. The Group would like local involvement. Abandoned boats are becoming a problem. Beach and slipway cleaning is to be undertaken.

The next ordinary meeting is on Thursday April 5th 2017 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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