

# ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL  
ON 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM

**Present** D Barlow (DB, Chair), R Battagel (RB), M Baverstock (MB), D Gilson (DG),  
E Lewis (EL), C Sully (CS) and B Wells (BW).

**In Attendance** S Vaillant (Clerk).

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

34/18 Apologies were received from P Briscoe (PB), P Dennis (PD), S Emery (SE) and  
D Thorley (DT). Cllrs J & R Carter also presented their apologies.

**Action**

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

35/18 No request for dispensation nor declarations of interest were made.

## **AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**

36/18 The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed to be a true and  
accurate record of the meeting held, with the following amendment:

- 20/18 the items was not added to the agenda due to clerical error.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (where not dealt with later)**

37/18 Raised garden bed in High Street & Registration of playing field with Fields in Trust –  
Clerk has contacted Bartlett Gooding & Weelen to start proceedings. Ongoing.

**SV**

38/18 (303/17) Overhanging vegetation, Bath Road – Clerk has written to residents. Clerk to  
send another letter if it has not been actioned.

**SV**

39/18 (289/17) Training for defibrillator – Ongoing.

**DB**

40/18 (13/18) Mendip Local Plan Part II – Clerk submitted Parish's response. Action complete.

41/18 (20/18) Proposed residential scheme on land at end of Chapelfield – The meeting was  
well attended by Councillors and residents. MB proposed to respond to the developer  
opposing the proposed development (DG seconded, all agreed) for the following  
reasons:

- It is out of the development limit.
- There is no infrastructure around the site to support a large development.
- It is not in line with Mendip Part I and Part II Mendip Development Plan: the village  
has already met its quota of development until 2024.
- It was felt that the presentation contained errors and inaccuracies.

42/18 (31/18) Situation at Sun Cottage – DB to action.

43/18 (32/18) Culverts have been cleared and rain is now draining properly.

## **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

44/18 No District or County Councillors present.

## **SOMERSET LIBRARIES CONSULTATION 2018**

45/18 It was unanimously agreed to respond to the consultation and to support Option A with  
the Shepton Mallet library being moved to the Shape Mendip Hub, which has good  
parking facilities and good access by bus. Clerk to respond.

**SV**

## **CONDITION OF SIMBRIS LANE**

46/18 The poor condition of the lane was discussed. It was agreed to monitor the condition  
over time.

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## CELEBRATORY EVENT IN APRIL

47/18 An event will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> April at the village hall. Contributions can be given to any members of the planning committee and leaflets will be going out very shortly.

## PLANNING

48/18 Updates on previous applications:-  
2017/0821/OTS; Rock House, Old Frome Road to Underhill, Gurney Slade; Outline planning application for the erection of two detached dwellings and garaging and formation of vehicular access; Appeal – Refused.  
2016/2225/FUL; Field 2947 off Old Frome Road; Appeal – Refused.  
2017/2868/OTS; Outline Application (all matters reserved) for the erection of a two storey dwelling house and associated vehicle parking; The Conifers, Little London, Oakhill – No decision.  
2017/3355/TCA; Proposed works to trees in a conservation area; The View, Zion Hill – TPO not required (no objection).  
2017/3380/TCA; Proposed felling of 2 semi-mature Field Maples, crown reduction of Holly and crown thinning of a Swedish Whitebeam; Scott House, High Street – TPO not required (no objection)  
2017/3379/TCA; Proposed felling of cherry, removal of branches from a Crab Apple and Alder and felling of a Sycamore; The Old Kitchen Garden, Zion Hill – TPO not required (no objection).

49/18 Planning Application 2018/0216/TPO – Proposed works to trees in a TPO area: Felling of 4 Ash trees; Coombe End, Binegar Lane, Gurney Slade – DG proposed, BW proposed. It was unanimously agreed to leave the decision to the Tree officer.

## FINANCE

50/18 Financial Statement – Financial statement to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 was agreed.

51/18 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

		£
819	S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	260.02
820	HMRC	60.40
821	SALC Affiliation Fee & New Councillor Training	361.97
822	Oakhill Village Hall; Hiring of room for Parish Meetings 2017	144.00

## MATTERS OF REPORT

52/18 Highways / Footpaths / Speedwatch – Nothing to report.

53/18 Village Hall – Committee has not met. It was noted that the new fence was up; Clerk to thank the committee. **SV**

It was also agreed to ask if the heating could be fixed in the small room as the small heater is rather ineffective. **SV**

54/18 SALC – Clerk circulated updates published in the last couple of weeks containing important information about new General Data Protection Regulations coming into force soon. Congratulations were extended to Cllr B. Wells on his invitation to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

55/18 PCSO – nothing to report. Clerk to contact Sheila Thompson again. **SV**

56/18 School – SE to organise a meeting with the school to further discuss the possibility of a walking bus. Ongoing. **SE**

## DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

57/18 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 7.30pm.