

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL
ON 11TH APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM

Present D Barlow (DB, Chair), P Briscoe (PB), M Baverstock (MB), D Gilson (DG),
E Lewis (EL), C Sully (CS) and B Wells (BW).

In Attendance S Vaillant (Clerk) and 10 parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

88/18 Apologies were received R Battagel (RB), P Dennis (PD), S Emery (SE) and D Thorley (DT). R & J Carter (District Councillors) also advised they would not be able attend.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

89/18 No request for dispensation nor declarations of interest were made.

AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

90/18 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2018 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held, with the following amendments:

- Chris Sully was not present at the meeting.
- (60/18) should read Johnstone Land Company.
- (71/18) should read 'school term' for clarification.

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

91/18 Raised garden bed in High Street & Registration of playing field with Fields in Trust – Clerk has contacted Bartlett Gooding & Weelen to start proceedings. Ongoing.

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92/18 (303/17) Overhanging vegetation, Bath Road – The trees have been cut back. Action complete.

93/18 (72/18) Defibrillator training – SWAST do not organize defibrillator training to communities. Action complete.

94/18 (80/18) Risk Assessment and Asset Registers were signed. Action complete.

95/18 Annual Parish Meeting – Chair to ask a member of the history group to make a short presentation about the village.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

96/18 No councillors present to update.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACTION 1984, TRAFFIC MANAGMEENT ACT 2004: PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING, AND ON-STREET PARKING ON HIGH STREET, OAKHILL

97/18 Ten parishioners directly affect by the proposed design were in attendance at the meeting and raised the following point:

- It was pointed out that houses in this area do not have parking on their property, and residents will be penalised.
- What is the reason for the parking restriction. Is it only for the benefit of the school? If so, parents and children should park at the Village Hall car park and use the footpath down to the school, which could be improved for their use. It is felt that the school should be involved as they are part of the problem.
- Pub customers and persons catching the bus would also be affected.
- There isn't a footpath running the length of the High Street to take you to the junction.
- It is uncertain whether the proposed design will improve safety.

Chair stated the proposals were an improvement on the previous design, with a reduced 'no parking' area and a pavement being created, however, it is acknowledged that this

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design is still restrictive to the local residents and not fully in line with the Parish Council's response to previous consultation.

- 98/18 PB proposed that the Parish Council ask if the length of the double yellow lines could be reduced further as the arrangement is too restrictive and removes too much parking from the High Street. The ramp crossing could also be brought closer to the main road and the pavement on the North side could also therefore be shortened. It was felt that it was still important to retain the double yellow lines on the corner to the crossing (EL seconded, unanimously agreed).

Clerk to response and copy Cllr Pullin who had visited site during the previously consultation period.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, BATH ROAD AND BOLTERS LANE, SHEPTON MALLET; 30TH APRIL 2018

- 99/18 Noted.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

- 100/18 Martin Baverstock agreed to help the clerk implement the GDPR.

RESCHEDULED LITTER PICK UP EVENT

- 101/18 The event scheduled for early March was cancelled due to the snow. EL is thinking of organizing an ongoing group of litter pickers who would look after a designed patch. EL to place a notice in the parish magazine to recruit volunteers, and place on Facebook and on the website.

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PLANNING

- 102/18 Updates on previous applications:-
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.
2018/0216/TPO – Proposed works to trees in a TPO area: Felling of 4 Ash trees; Coombe End, Binegar Lane, Gurney Slade – Approved w/c.
2018/0329/PTO; Works to a PTO tree, M1153 Ash Tree removal of low limb growing over the garage; The Old Coach House, Bath Road, Oakhill – No decision.
2018/0279/VRC; Application to vary condition 3 occupation restriction of Planning approval 2017/2866/FUL to a standard agricultural restriction; Badgers Cross Farm, Zion Hill to Underhill – No decision

FINANCE

- 103/18 Financial Statement – Financial statement to 31st March 2018 was agreed.

- 104/18 Review of Financial Regulations & Standing Orders –
Clerk would like to delay the update of the standing orders in order to incorporate any changes needed following the implementation of the GDPR.
Clerk has prepared the draft Financial Regulations which will be emailed to members of the finance committee for reviewing (Chris, Phil, Bryan and David Barlow) and agreement at June meeting.

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- 105/18 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-

		£
825	S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	300.65
826	HMRC	70.00

- 106/18 Grant request to fund MRI at Musgrove Hospital – It was unanimously agreed to ask the Doctors Surgery what they thought in terms of patient referral to Musgroval Hospital to ensure the donation would benefit parishioners.

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- 107/18 Bench at Fiveways – BW seeking quotation. To be discussed at June meeting.
- 108/18 New dog bin at the Pound – There is already a bin in situ which people should not use to dispose of personal rubbish. It was unanimously agreed not to pursue.

MATTERS OF REPORT

- 109/18 Highways; A resident queried if the gulleys could be cleared to prevent flooding.
- 110/18 Footpaths – Chair received a call from a resident who had fallen on the footpath going from the road to the Rec Field due to muddy conditions. Chair to pass details to Becky to contact Footpath officer.
Bryan also mentioned the kissing gate at the bottom of same footpaths, which needs attention.
- 111/18 Village Hall – DT not present. Next meeting on 18th April 2018, AGM on 18th June.
- 112/18 School – The headteacher has now left and a new one has been appointed to start in September.
- 113/18 PCSO – Clerk has received an update from PCSO Sheila Thompson.
- 114/18 Speedwatch/PCSO/SALC/School – Nothing further to report.
- 115/18 Martin presented his apologies for the next meeting.

DB/RB

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 116/18 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th May 2018, 7.00pm.