

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL
ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM

Present R Battagel (RB), M Baverstock (MB), P Briscoe (PB), D Gilson (DG), E Lewis (EL), C Sully (CS), D Thorley (DT) and B Wells (BW).

In Attendance Cllr J Carter (District Cllr), M Pullin (County Cllr; in part), S Vaillant (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

271/18 Apologies were received from D Barlow (DB, Chair), S Barlow (SB) and P Dennis (PD). Yes sure Vice-Chair E Lewis chaired the meeting in David Barlow's absence.

Action

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

272/18 No request for dispensation nor declaration of interest were made.

AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

273/18 The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2018 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held, with the following amendments:

- 247/18 should say 'Neil Corp, Local Highway Officer'.
- 269/18 item should refer to double white lines in the middle of the road to stop vehicles overtaking (A37 100 yrd from the junction). SV to report it to Highways.

SV

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

274/18 (157/18) Raised garden bed in High Street & Registration of playing field with Fields in Trust – Ongoing.

SV/DB

275/18 (197/18) Quotation for upkeep or raised bed in the High Street – BW will speak to Primrose to do the Pound.

276/18 (198/18) Parking at the bottom of Zion Hill – ongoing.

277/18 (238/18) Piece of land and drainage ditch near post office – Meeting on site was held with Primrose. A working party is looking into it with Binegar Parish Council.

278/18 (262/18) Worn road marking around the junction at the post office – Clerk has reported on Highways website. John was not able to say if Rachel had reported; he will follow this up.

279/18 (269/18) Double lines in the middle of the road to stop vehicles overtaking - Rebecca Davis is now new Highways officer. M. Pullin stated that he would report it as well as Clerk (clerk to send copy of email to M. Pullin).

SV

280/18

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

281/18 Cllr M Pullin (County Cllr) reported as follows:

- Despite earlier communication, grit bins will now be filled as extra money has been given to Somerset.
- Small Improvement Scheme (SIS) at the top road is still going through the motions but no decision yet.
- It was noted that Truespeed broadband had put a box very near the church area. M Pullin advised to check if planning permission has been obtained.

SV

282/18 J Carter (District Cllr) reported as follows:

- Ongoing revamp of parish forum towards more parish council involvement, and introducing more planning training among other things.
- New PCSO was keen to reintroduce speed cameras and doing so in Binegar.

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GDPR UPDATE

283/18 Clerk provided a brief update and highlighted key action points to work through:

- Code of conduct forms for all councillors to be published on website.
- Have a good clear out.
- Privacy notices important to adopt (& relevant policies to support)
- Annual Data Protection Fee to ICO (diff from membership); Up to 10 employees £40.
- Look at which cloud we use and how secure they are.

SKATE PARK; UPDATE

284/18 Clerk to contact SALC to find out if as Custodian Trustee the Parish council can head the project.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

285/18 The Council reviewed the new website. It was suggested to add a digital version of the magazine. DT trying to recruit people interested in updating the website to get it active; EL suggested advertising on Facebook.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

286/18 Clerk to circulate the information again. To be discussed at December meeting. SV

NEW SMALL TRAVELLER SITE IN QUARRY ADJACENT WITH THE BACK OF KINGS COMBE

287/18 Noted.

HIGHWAYS WINTER MAINTENANCE; REVIEW OF CHANGES FOR 2018/19

288/18 It was noted that the gritting network had been reduced and that grit bags were not being offered free of charge any more. The grit bins will be refilled – clerk to send a reminder that we have some grit bins in the parish. SV

PLANNING

289/18 Updates on previous applications:-

2018/1849/FUL; Demolition of existing buildings on site and erection of replacement dwelling and attached building; Stable Cottage, Highcroft Lane, Gurney Slade – No decision.

2018/2013/HSE; Removal of front wall and extension of dropped kerb to create parking area at front of property (revised scheme); Prospect House, Fosse Road, Oakhill – Refused.

2018/1069/FUL; Revised application for change of use from B8 Storage to B1(a) office to convert existing storage warehouse into offices to adjoin existing office building; The White House, Old Frome Rd to Underhill – Approved w/c.

2018/2324/TCA; Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area: T1, Cypress fell; Grange House, Zion Hill – TPO not required (no objection).

290/18 Application 2018/2624/TCA; Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area: T1 Cherry Tree: fell; T2 Catoneasta: reduce to existing hedge height; The Old Barn, Brewery Lane – It was unanimously agreed to leave the decision to the Tree planning officer.

FINANCE

291/18 Financial Statement – Financial statement to 14th November 2018 was agreed and signed.

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292/18 The following invoices were agreed:-

	£
S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses	281.39
HMRC	64.00

The above invoices and the following payments agreed at October meeting are still to be written and signed once a new chequebook has been received:

Primrose Garden Maintenance (Oct Instalments)	321.18
Mary Cheshire (War Memorial flowers)	10.95

293/18 Grant request from Citizens Advice Bureau – It was unanimously agreed to donate £150 to the CAB.

MATTERS OF REPORT

294/18 Car parked in the rec field – It has been ascertained through social media posts that the car belongs to a nearby resident.

295/18 PCSO – Guy Drury's report was circulated before the meeting.
28/09 – Report of a theft from outside the church in Oakhill.
04/10 – Report of a HGV lorry having problems with heavy traffic in Oakhill – Police attend to assist.
09/10 – Report of a tree fallen into the road outside a garage on the Bath Road – Highways informed – Tree removed from road.

296/18 Footpaths – RB has emailed Clare Haskins about the footpath but was advised there was no money to repair the path. It was agreed that we should insist for the path to be made good as it is well used, including local children walking to school and needs a new post, which gives out on the highways. **RB**

297/18 SALC / School / Village hall / Speedwatch – Nothing further to report.

298/18 SV to report the yellow painted disabled parking space near the pub, which have reappeared. **SV**

299/18 The millennium tree planted in the Recreation Field died over the summer. CS proposed to go to Chew Valley Trees to find a replacement. Unanimously agreed. **CS**

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

300/18 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th December 2018, 7.30pm.