

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall
starting at 8.00pm

Present: - Cllrs Philip Blatchford, David Thorley, Phil Briscoe, Monica Mundy, Sarah Emery, David Hine and David Barlow (Chair),

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

1 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received

3 Absent

Cllr David Simons

4 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

(a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

No declarations of interest were received from Councillors on items on the agenda

(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests

A written request for dispensation was received from Cllr David Barlow in regard to the potential development at Chapelfield, this was granted for a period of 12 months and is valid until 10th January 2025

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received

5 Public session

There were three members of the public in attendance. A representative from Constantine Wind Energy spoke about the upgrade to the wind turbine on the edge of the village. A public consultation is being held on Thursday 6th June in the village hall.

6 Somerset Councillor Reports

There were no Somerset Councillors in attendance

7 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th April 2024, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th April be accepted as a true record. They were signed and dated by the Chair.

8 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

There were no matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

9 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.

(a) **2024/0633/TCA** T1 – Beech – crown reduction. T2 – Fell. Pondsmead Surgery, Bath Road, Oakhill. This is a **notification only** and in line with Somerset Council's constitution and the adopted scheme of delegation and terms of reference, the decision for this application is delegated to the planning officers.

(b) **2024/0634/TCA** T1- Beech - Monolith @ 6m. T2- Ash - Fell. T3- Ash - Fell. T4- Beech - Fell. T5- Beech - Remove lower limbs. T6- Beech - Monolith @ 0.5m. T7- Yew - Crown lift to 3m. T8- Beech - Reduce by 8m. T9- Sycamore - Fell. T10- Ash - Fell. G1- Ash - Fell. This is a **notification only** and in line with Somerset Council's constitution and the adopted scheme of delegation and terms of reference, the decision for this application is delegated to the planning officers

- (c) **2024/0607/FUL** Erection of dwelling and car port and formation of vehicular access. Land South of Corner Cottage, Blackey Lane to Withy Lane, Neighbourne. **Recommendation** The recommendation from the Parish Council was submitted under delegated authority and the majority was to recommend approval.
- (d) **2024/0640/HSE** Demolish existing garage, replace with new garage. The Cottage, Hinley, Little London, Oakhill. **Recommendation** The Council recommended approval.
- (e) **APP/E3335/W/24/3341085** Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for up to 23 no. two storey houses (including 30% affordable housing), parking, hard/soft landscaping, open space, drainage and infrastructure with details of access/layout/scale (Application number 2023/2245/OUT). An appeal has been launched against the decision of Refusal. The appeal will be examined at an informal hearing – date to be confirmed. If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, this can be done online before 3rd June **Update** The Parish Council will submit a written statement to the Planning Inspectorate.

10 Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.

- (a) **2024/0067/CLE** Use of first floor as an independent dwelling unit. Land west of Harridge Cottage, Ash Lane, Nettlebridge **Decision** Somerset Council have stated the development is lawful.
- (b) **2024/0589/CLP** Replace existing wooden windows with aluminium windows. Size and colour to remain the same. 8 The Granary, High Street, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have stated the development is lawful.
- (c) **2024/0364/FUL** Proposed ground mounted solar photovoltaic panel installation. Little Oakhill, Brewery Lane, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.
- (d) **2024/0326/FUL** The construction of an agricultural access point on to Roemead Road. Land at 361998 147954 Roemead Road, Binegar. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.
- (e) **2024/0281/HSE** Proposed side extension, reinstate original chimneys and new outbuilding in place of existing. Fern Cottage, Windsor Hill Lane, Downside. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.
- (f) **2024/0586/TCA** T1 – Oak – Crown reduction 1.5m. T2 – Norway Maple – Crown Reduction 1.5m. 28 The Old Maltings, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.
- (g) **2024/0633/TCA** T1 – Beech – crown reduction. T2 – Ash – Fell. Pondsmead Surgery, Bath Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset have granted TCA approval.
- (h) **2024/0436/FUL** Change of use of agricultural land to extend pub car park. Oakhill Inn, Fosse Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.

11 Grant Applications

- (a) **Grant Application from Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall for £3293.70**
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the grant application to Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall for £3293.70
- (b) **Grant Application from the Phoenix Magazine for £500**
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the grant application to the Phoenix Magazine for £500

12 To be Resolved / Discussed

There were no items to be resolved

13 Clerks / Councillors Report

- (a) Update from Cllr David Thorley on the Community Review drop-in session held on 27th April and any further updates. **Update** Cllr David Thorley had given an update at the Annual Parish Meeting held earlier in the evening.

- (b) The defibrillator by the school is currently out of action as a new lock/cabinet is required. The company has been contacted and the replacement cost will be about £200. As soon as the model has been confirmed a new one will be ordered. **Update** A new lock has been ordered, once it has been delivered it will be installed.

14 Finance

Bank Balance as at 15th May 2024

Current account £4,308.26

Reserve account £34,873.86

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest – £14.94 – received 10.04.24

(b) Annual Precept - £23,000 – received 29.04.24

(c) Bank Interest - £24.77 – received 10.05.24

Payments

(d) Clerks Salary and expenses –April - £315.63

(e) Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00

(f) Idverde – Grass cutting costs for 2023-2024 - £1693.36

(g) Idverde – Grass Cutting - £171.77

(h) ThinkLogik – lock for the defibrillator - £140.40

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments and receipts.

15 Correspondence

(a) Invitation to apply for a role on the Somerset Council standards committee – forwarded 15.04.24

(b) Year one of Somerset Council – forwarded 18.04.24

(c) Training courses from SALC and Breakthrough Communications – forwarded 18.04.24

(d) Councillor training events for May and June – forwarded 30.04.24

16 Matters to report/items for next agenda

There were concerns grass verges were being overgrown and causing visibility problems, these will be reported to Somerset Council

17 Date and time of next meeting: - **Wednesday 3rd July at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed 8.34pm