

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6th November at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall
starting at 7.30pm

Present: - Cllrs Philip Blatchford, Phil Briscoe, David Barlow (Chair), David Thorley, David Hine and Jackie Bally

Also, in attendance – Kate Egan (Clerk)

1 Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr David Barlow welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received

3 Absent

Cllrs Monica Munday, Sarah Emery and David Simons

4 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

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

No declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda were received.

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

A written request for dispensation was received from Cllr David Barlow regarding 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 were received.

5 Public session the period designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.

There were two members of the public in attendance and they spoke about a potential planning application as it had been suggested by the Planning Officer to engage with the Parish Council.

6 Somerset Councillor Reports

There were no Somerset Councillors in attendance.

7 To confirm the minutes of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th September, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th September be accepted as a true record, these were signed and dated by the Chair.

8 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) 2024/1095/FUL Alteration of approved vehicular access (2022/0593/FUL) and inclusion of new menage. Land at 364752 148162 Bath Road, Oakhill.

Recommendation The Parish Council recommended approval subject to approval from Highways.

(b) 2024/1838/HSE Erection of a single-storey side extension. Varykino, Pound Lane, Oakhill. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended approval.

(c) 2024/1927/AGB Application for prior notification of agricultural development for a proposed building. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended approval.

- (d) **2024/1776/TCA** T1 – Beech – Fell, T2-Oak-Reduce by 4.5m, T3-Ash-Fell, T4-Ash-Fell, T5-Ash-Fell, T6-Ash-reduce by 4.5m, T7-Oak-reduce by 3m. The Beeches, Gas Lane, 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.

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

- (a) **2024/0069/FUL** Erection of curtilage building for use as ancillary residential accommodation. Oakhill Cottage, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Decision.** Somerset Council have granted approval
- (b) **2024/1053/FUL** Erection of a building for light industrial use and associated infrastructure (amended description / plans received 23.07.24). Land at 361998 147954 Roemead Road, Binegar. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval
- (c) **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. (Resubmission of 2020/2603/FUL). **Decision** The Planning Inspector published the decision on the 2nd October and the decision was to allow the application.
- (d) **2024/1503/FUL** Widen existing access and rebuilding wall. Park Farm, Fosse Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.
- (e) **2024/1489/CLP** Application for a proposed lawful development certificate for creation of new window opening on rear ground floor elevation. 8 The Granary, High Street, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have said the development is lawful.
- (f) **2024/1557/TCA** Acer – Fell. The Willows, High Street, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted TCA approval

10 To be Resolved / Discussed

- (a) **To consider applying for a grant for a Defibrillator to be installed in Neighbourne in the disused phone box. To note electricity is required to maintain the defibrillator at a constant temperature.**

This was deferred to the next meeting as the status of the electricity needs to be investigated.

- (b) **Proposal from Cllr David Thorley to consider the approval of the Community Review Report and the Executive Summary to note the Community Review Action Plan.**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Community Action Report and the Executive Summary.

Cllr David Thorley gave a verbal update on the progress and the Action Plan. The Reports will be published on the 30th of November. A public meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th November to show the results and ask for volunteers for the various groups suggested. The Steering Group was also thanked for all their hard work, support and enthusiasm in putting the report together.

- (c) **Following the last meeting the Parish Council registered with the enhanced routine maintenance scheme, an acknowledgement has been received and a site meeting will be arranged. Proposal to delegate responsibility to Councillors to arrange a site meeting to seek further information.**

Cllrs David Barlow and David Thorley will arrange a meeting with a representative from Keir and report back at a later date.

11 Clerks / Councillors Report

- (a) Concerns have been received from a resident about potential calming measures on the Bath Road and road signs that are being obscured by vegetation.
- (b) A request has been received from Binegar Parish Council to share the costs on a 50/50 basis to clear the ditch / open drain adjacent to Gurney Slade Post Office Car Park. Once quotes have been received, they will be brought back to the Parish Council for approval. **Update** The Parish Council agreed to pay £600 towards the costs, this will be ratified at the next meeting.
- (c) Upon review from Somerset Council regarding the charges for emptying the waste bins and dog waste bins within Ashwick Parish, they have stated that no charges will be applied as all the council bins are situated on Somerset Council land.
- (d) Ashwick Parish Council has not been represented at the LCN Meetings, so updates are being received, are Councillors able to attend on a regular basis? **Update** Details of the next meeting will be forwarded to all Councillors.
- (e) The new national pay award has been agreed, this will be included within the November salary also including backpay from the 1st of April 2024.

12 Finance

Bank Balance as at 30.10.24

Current account £4,154.30

Reserve account £25,060.62

To consider and approval of the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation from 1st July until 30th September 2024

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation from 1st July until 30th September 2024, it was signed by Cllr Phil Briscoe.

To Note the Quarterly Budget review for the second quarter of the financial year.

The Council **NOTED** the quarterly budget review for the second quarter of the financial year.

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £34.03 – received £10.10.24

Payments

(b) Idverde – Grass Cutting - September - £171.77

(c) Clerks Salary for October and expenses – £409.51

(d) Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00

(e) RBL – Remembrance Wreath £25.00

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

(f) Idverde – Grass Cutting – October - £171.77

(g) David Thorley – refund for printing of leaflets - £96.00

(h) SLCC – Annual Membership - £99.00

13 Correspondence

(a) Free SALC training events – forwarded 22.10.24

(b) Publication of Shepton Mallet Neighbourhood Plan – forwarded 25.10.24

(c) Somerset report to Mendip Hills – forwarded 29.10.24

(d) Notification regarding Somerset Parishes Conference – forwarded 29.10.24

(e) Update on the Somerset Local Plan – forwarded 29.10.24

14 Matters to report/items for next agenda

(a) Grass Cutting contract for 2025-2026, tenders will be sent out soon

15 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 18th December 2024 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.07pm