

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12th March at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall
starting at 7.30pm

Present: - Cllrs Phil Briscoe, David Barlow (Chair), David Thorley, Sarah Emery, 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

Cllr Philip Blatchford

3 Absent

Cllr David Simons

4 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

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

Cllr David Thorley declared an interest in relation to planning item 2025/0306/OUT

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

No written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests were received.

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received.

5 Public session

There were five members of the public in attendance. The applicants of planning application 2025/0326/FUL and how they had worked with Somerset Council to reflect the various changes. Two residents spoke about planning application 2025/0306/OUT, the applicant was also in attendance and spoke about the application

6 Somerset Councillor Reports

There were no Somerset Councillors in attendance.

7 To confirm the minutes of the meeting from the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th January 2025, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th January be accepted as a true record, these were signed and dated by the Chair.

8 To consider the co-option of a new Parish Councillor

Cllr David Thorley proposed Stephanie Dowley be co-opted as a Parish Councillor, this was seconded by Cllr Phil Briscoe and unanimously agreed.

(a) Signing of the Acceptance of Office Form

Cllr Stephanie Dowley was welcomed to the Parish Council and signed the acceptance of office form.

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.

(c) 2025/0326/FUL Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erect new 4-bedroom dwelling and associated works. Beacon Cross Farm, Old Frome Road, Masbury.

Recommendation The Parish Council recommended approval.

Cllr David Thorley as he had declared an interest in the following item did not partake in any discussion or vote

- (d) **2025/0306/OUT** Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for development of six detached houses and a pair of semi-detached houses and garages. Land at 363907 147136 Fosse Road, Oakhill. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended refusal.
- (e) **2024/1807/FUL** The removal of existing wind turbine and erection of replacement of wind turbine, up to 74m blade tip, with associated development. Land west of Warren Farm, Old Frome Road, Masbury. **Recommendation** Ashwick Parish Council recommended approval.
- (a) **2024/2176/TCA** Portugal Laurel (T1) – remove major limbs, shape. Oakhill House, Dean Lane, Oakhill. **This is a notification only** -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) **2025/0290/AGB** Application for prior notification of agricultural development for 2no. proposed buildings. Strodes Farm, Blackey Lane, Ashwick. **This is a notification only** -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.

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

- (a) **2024/2074/APP** Approval of details reserved by conditions 2 (Materials Schedule), 4 (Ducts, Pipes and Rainwater Goods), 5 (Joinery details) on planning consent 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) **2024/1095/FUL** Alteration of approved vehicular access (2022/0593/FUL) and inclusion of new menage. Land at 364752 148162 Bath Road, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.
- (c) **2025/0006/HSE** Divide double garage and convert garage space adjoining the house to a reception room. 9 The Maltings, Oakhill. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.
- (d) **2025/0290/AGB** Application for prior notification of agricultural development for 2no. proposed buildings. Strodes Farm, Blackey Lane, Ashwick. **Decision** Somerset Council have refused prior approval.

11 To be Resolved / Discussed

- (a) **To Consider the location of speed indicator devices within the village (see report)**
Following a decision the Council **RESOLVED** to submit possible locations to Somerset Council for approval.
- (b) **To consider holding the Annual Parish Meeting in May.**
The Chair decided not to call the Annual Parish Meeting due to low attendance in the previous years. Members of the electorate may call one.
- (c) **To consider donating the dog waste bin to the Village Hall Community to replace a damaged one.**
The Council **RESOLVED** to donate the dog waste bin to the Village Hall Community.
- (d) **To consider and approve the Asset List for the end of the financial year**
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Asset List for the end of the financial year.

12 Clerks / Councillors Report

- (a) Cllr David Barlow attended an Emergency Plan Workshop at Stoke St Michael on 4th March 2025, more details including a summary of the evening will be provided at the next meeting.

13 Finance

Bank Balance as at 5th March 2025

Current account £4,403.96

Reserve account £20,184.22

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £29.59 – received 10.02.25

Payments

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

(c) Idverde – Grass Cutting - £171.77

(d) Clerks Salary and expenses – February - £276.55

(e) Clerks Salary and expenses – March £276.55

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

14 Correspondence

(a) Somerset Councillors Report February 2025 – forwarded 01.03.25

15 Matters to report/items for next agenda

(a) Damaged finger post

(b) Idverde quotes

16 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 16th April 2025 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.41pm