

18th July 2022

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held on Monday 18th July 2022 in the Baptist Schoolroom at 7.30pm.

Present.

Councillors Mike Elsey (Chairman), Steve Hayler, John Moran and George Smith,
Mr. David Green (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Martin Foley (ECC)

2. Public Representations

There were no representations from the public

3. Short address by Cllr. Martin Foley on County Council matters

There was no report from Cllr. Foley updated reports having been received and previously circulated

4. Short address by Cllr. James De Vries on District Council Matters.

Clerk's Note:- The following was not received in time to be included in the meeting;

"Butlers Lane – Following the enforcement notice, the landowner has been invited to put in a planning application for their proposed works, to date no application has been received.

UTT/22/1296/PAQ3 - Prior Approval has been Refused. The applicant will now need to make a full planning application if they wish to proceed"

5. Declaration of Interests

Cllr, Smith declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 10 being a Member of the District Council

6. Minutes.

Resolved - that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th June 2022, previously circulated, be approved (Cllr. Smith))

7. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields.

a. Rectory Lane. New swing ordered, waiting installation. It was hoped this would be done during the school summer holiday and the old equipment removed, to afford access via the school.

b. Dog faeces and glass at the play areas. A letter would be written to the District Council Waste Collection Department regarding the non emptying

of some litter and dog bins throughout the village. The Clerk would speak to Mr. Marsh to ensure those bins belonging to the Parish Council at the playing fields were emptied regularly (Action Chairman/Clerk)

ii Highways. Traffic Management.

- a. Water End/Spriggs Lane. Waiting for a report from Councillor Foley. The Local Highway Panel Web Site would be checked to ascertain if this item was still on their agenda (Action Cllr. Smith)
- b. Spoil Butlers Lane/Byrds Farm. See Item 4. Cllr. De Vries report.
- c. Speeding. Councillor Moran reported that it was hoped to get a 20mph limit throughout the village in addition to that already outside the school. It was understood that this was now at the stage of being designed and costed. Cllr. Moran suggested that Ashdon could be used as a trial site for the introduction of 20mph limits in other villages if successful. Cllr. Moran confirmed that he had spoken to Mrs. Goodwin regarding her concerns at the previous meeting and as such Steventon End would be added to the list. It was noted that there had been a recent speed check on Crown Hill by the Police. (Action Cllr. Moran)

iii. Village Hall and White Horse House.

Following discussion regarding the inadequacy and access to the current disabled toilet facilities it was:

Resolved that:-

- i. Further quotations/ideas be obtained from an alternative architects for the installation of new disabled facilities in the small hall and the upgrade of the existing facilities.(Cllr. Smith)
(Action Chairman/Clerk)
- ii. that a third quotation be obtained for the installation of a new fire protection system to cover White Horse House and the thatched part of the village hall. (Noted that Fairstone Group had offered to pay for White Horse House email dated 13/7/22 David Benwell)
- iii. that the possibility of using a wireless system be further investigated to obviate the need to have hard wiring/trunking etc in the listed building;
- iv. negotiations be entered into with the Village Hall Committee regarding financing the project.(Cllr. Elsey)(Action Cllr Elsey/Clerk)

iv. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Mrs. Melanie Horrigan reported that the Independent Examiners Report had been received. It was most complimentary;

" The Plan is an exceptionally good example of a neighbourhood plan. It is beautifully written and presented. It has also been produced in a timely fashion. It includes a variety of policies and seeks to bring forward positive and sustainable development in the neighbourhood area. It adds value to the policies in the

adopted Local Plan. 4 The Plan has been underpinned by community support and engagement. It is clear that all sections of the community have been engaged in its preparation".

This was most gratifying following the months of hard work that had gone into the project. There were small amendments to be made in a few items to the wording. These would be completed and submitted by Friday 22nd July. The District Council now had five weeks to ratify the plan. It was noted that there were no Committee meetings at the District Council in August and so this would be done by the 1st September, following which a village referendum would be called within seven weeks i.e. in September/October.

The Chairman offered the Group his, and the Parish Councils, fulsome congratulations on producing such a detailed and praiseworthy document for the good of the whole village and on which the future of the village could be based.

Eight copies of the Independent Examiners Report would be obtained

v. Community Led Housing.

Following the meeting with the CEO of the District Council, the Parish Council, English Rural and the RCCE forwarded the relevant documents for him to assess. Nothing heard to date. (Action Chairman)

vi. Neighbourhood Watch. Councillor Hayler had nothing to report.

vii. Planting of a Jubilee Oak at the "Fir" trees, Walden Road.

Following communication with the Landscape Officer at the District Council it was:

Resolved - not to pursue the transfer of the land east of Guildhall Way (Fir Trees) due to the time delay involved but to request that the Parish Council be allowed to plant an English Oak when conditions were right to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee (Cllr. Smith) (Action Clerk)

viii. Commemoration of the centenary of Ashdon Meteorite 9th March 2023.

Waiting to hear from Mr. Lucy regarding the project.

ix. Proposed Shop at the Rose & Crown

The Parish Council had not yet received details/drawings of the proposed shop. The Chairman commented that, at the Village Meeting the village had voted for a café/hub with a small shop and that this was what he understood would be provided at the Rose & Crown. Mr. Foster commented that this was a commercial venture and that they were following planning guidelines.

x. Flag Pole Crown Hill.

Remove from the agenda. Relevant flags would be flown at the War Memorial on official days only.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Various emails distributed to Members. Members had been requested to raise any matters received by email under correspondence. No matters raised.

9. NEW ITEMS.

Village Christmas Tree.

Resolved - that the village erect a Christmas Tree on Crown Hill as in previous years (Cllr. Hayler)

10. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- i. UTT/22/1724/HHF. Single storey rear extension
2 Bridge Cottages, Water End

No Objections

- ii. UTT/22/1725/LB. Single storey rear extension
2 Bridge Cottages, Water End

No Objections

- iii. UTT/22/1826/TPO. 1 No Beech - 3-4m height reduction, 2-3m lateral reduction
Clayes, Walden Road

No Objections

- iv. UTT/22/1491/OP. Outline application with all matters reserved except access and layout for conversion of a barn to 1 no. dwelling
Spriggs Farm. Amendment to previous application

No Objections

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED.

- i. Application to discharge condition 2 (hard/soft landscaping) attached to
UTT/20/2190/FUL.
Pennycroft, Bartlow Road

Discharge Conditions in Full

- ii. Non-material amendment to UTT/21/1754/DFO including the omission of full gable end glazing to rear of plots 1,2 and 4. Further revisions to the approved front and side elevation fenestration
Land to the west of Radwinter Road

Approve

- iii. UTT/22/0996/HHF. Proposed rebuilding of 3 bay car port with room above.
The Orchard, Kates Lane

Conditional Approval

12. FINANCE.

- ii. Accounts for payment

Resolved - that the Accounts Appendix i, be passed for payment (Cllr.Elsey)

Payments with cheques/online

Resolved - that the current system of paying by cheque be retained. (Cllr. Hayler)

Noted that Barclays , Saffron Walden, was closing in August but that a bank was available in Haverhill and facilities could be used at the mobile Post Office in the village on a Tuesday.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA. There were no items for the "Next Agenda"

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next meeting Monday 22nd August

Signed
Chairman

Date

Appendix i

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 18th JULY 2022 28th JUNE 2022 to 18th JULY 2022

Monies Received.	£
E.ON. Credit/balance of account at change to NPower invoicing	25.90
UDC Community Fund. Grant new play equipment	3,500.00
H.J. Paintin. Memorial and Inscription re Dick Fisher	55.00
Invoices for Payment	
D. Green. Ink cartridges	69.98 Ch.No. 102736
D. Green. Stamps	16.32 Ch.No. 102737
M. Elsey. Jubilee Expenses	326.59 Ch.No. 102738
V. Moriarty Jubilee Expenses underpayment Ch.No.102729	10.00 Ch.No. 102739
D. Green. Jubilee Expenses	103.03 Ch.No. 102740
The Sign Maker. Plaque War Memorial gates	144.60 Ch.No. 102741
D. Green. Tel/Broadband	18.64 Ch.No. 102742
D. Green. Copy paper	15.00 Ch.No. 102743
Grasshopper Lawncare. Treat War Memorial	28.00 Ch.No. 102744
NPower. Electricity June Account	38.16 Ch.No. 102755
Andrew Everitt. Hedge Windmill Jubilee	450.00 Ch.No. 102756
Balances at Bank on 18th July 2022:-	
Current Account:-	£4,687.10
Saver Account:-	£1,071.44
Saver Account:-	£62,497.32

Appendix i

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 28th JUNE 2022
9th MAY to 28th JUNE 2022**

Monies Received

£

UDC Precept	21,580.00
HMRC. VAT repayment	879.73
UDC. Neighbourhood Plan	158.25
Fairstone Group (Village Hall Committee). Rent White Horse House	1562.50
Interest. Saver account	5.13
HMRC. VAT repayment	1384.75
Interest Saver Account	0.08

Monies passed for Payment £

NPower Electricity April Account	44.75 Ch.No.102718
M. Elsey. Toilet Hire. Jubilee	204.00 Ch.No.102719
Playsafety. R0SPA playground inspection	306.60 Ch.No.102720
Philip Player. Travelling expenses 28/3/22, 9/5/22	141.50 Ch.No.102721
D. Green. Jubilee Bunting	255.35 Ch.No.102722
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	18.64 Ch.No.102723
MD Landscapes. Grass May 2 cuts	818.40 Ch.No.102724
D. Green. Padlock playing field gate	21.96 Ch.No.102625
Ashdon Parochial Church Council. PC share of hedge at cemetery	600.00 Ch.No.102626
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd. New equipment Rectory Lane	22,354.20 Ch.No.102727
Cheque Cancelled	0.00 Ch.No.102728
Victoria Moriarty. Jubilee expenses	95.02 Ch.No.102729
D. Green. TC Fixings. Parts playground maintenance	25.80 Ch.No.102730
NPower. Electricity May Account	43.08 Ch.No.102731
MD Landscapes. Grass June 2 cuts	783.60 Ch.No.102732
Ashdon Village Hall Committee. Hire of hall for Jubilee functions	72.00 Ch.No.102733
M.A.Ager. Manufacture new War Memorial gates	3084.00 Ch.No.102744
Ashdon Baptist Church. Hire of hall 3 meetings	60.00 Ch.No.102745

Balances at Bank on 28th June 2022:-

Current Account:-	£24,474.75
Saver Account:-	£1,071.36
Saver Account:-	£67,497.32

The Clerk noted that the invoice for the new War Memorial gates had been received for payment. The gates had been made in Ashdon by local craftsmen to the highest standard. He was authorised to order a bronze plaque to be fitted to the gates to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee at a cost of £130.00 +vat. He would also investigate the possibility of holding a short service of commemoration/dedication at a date to be determined with the Baptist Minister, Deputy LL and RBL in attendance.