

22nd August 2022

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held on Monday 22nd August 2022 in the Baptist Schoolroom at 7.30pm.

Present.

Councillors Mike Elsey (Chairman), Steve Hayler, John Moran and George Smith.

Councillor Martin Foley (ECC) and Councillor James De Vries (UDC)

Mr. David Green (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no "Apologies for Absence", all Members being present

2. Public Representations

Mr. Stuart Hastie, Treasurer Village Hall Committee. Mr. Hastie gave a detailed account of the state of the fire alarm systems and emergency lighting in the Village Hall. The Annual Inspection had been carried out and modifications made as per the inspector's recommendations. These had been paid for by the Village Hall Committee. Mr Hastie said that there was only one small domestic smoke detector in the thatched part of the hall. The Village Hall Committee had received a quotation for a new wireless system to be installed. This would, however, require a battery back up throughout the system and would need the batteries renewing annually which could incur considerable cost. The wireless signal in the hall was not reliable.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hastie for his detailed report. He stated that quotations for alternative hard wired systems had been received which would required cables running throughout the listed building and would have to meet Listed Building regulations. Because of the considerable differences in the quotations received the Village Hall Committee were requested to consult their insurers to ensure that all quotations received met with the insurer's requirements.

Mr. Chris Pardue. Mr. Pardue raised the matter of the revised planning application submitted for 12 Guildhall Way which neighboured his property. He had examined the application and considered that it would make a minimal difference from the original application to which the Parish Council had objected. He said that the overall effect would denigrate the look of the whole row of properties that, whilst not listed or of any outstanding architectural merit, did add something to this part of the village. He requested, therefore, that the Parish Council object to the revised application.

Councillor Smith would investigate the matter with the Planning Authority.

3. Co-Option of Mrs Alice Olley and Mrs. Michelle Lee to the Parish Council.

Resolved - that Mrs Alice Olley be co-opted to Ashdon Parish Council (Cllr. Moran)

Resolved - that Mrs. Michelle Lee be co-opted to Ashdon Parish Council (Cllr. Smith)

The Chairman and Members welcomed both Mrs. Olley and Mrs. Lee to the Parish Council

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

Report previously circulated. Cllr. Foley said that Mrs. Rissa Long (Highways) had now left the County Council and that a replacement was being sought. Pot holes remained a problem throughout the District. Any outstanding dangerous pot holes should be reported via the C.C. website preferably using the "What 3 Words" App to give the exact location.

Cllr. Foley said he was very much in favour of Youth groups and said that if such a group could be formed in the village he would give it his full support.

Following numerous representation from residents at Steventon End he would arrange a site visit with the Chairman to see the Highways/Traffic problems first hand and would then take the matter up with the relevant authority.

Cllr. Elsey asked Cllr. Foley to pass on the Council's best wishes to Mrs. Foley who had been in poor health in recent times. Cllr. Foley was grateful for Member's concerns.

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

Butlers Lane. A retrospective application for the works having taken place on the site was still awaited by the District Council. He noted that there were no further works currently taking place.

Land Adjacent to All Saints Close. Waiting for a response from the UDC Chief Executive Peter Holt.

Radwinter Road Drainage. The developer would need to submit an application to discharge the conditions for drainage at the site. This would be the time for the Parish Council to examine the proposal and submit their comments.

Councillor De Vries left the meeting at this point.

6. Declaration of Interests

Cllr, Smith declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 8.5 being a Member of the District Council.

Cllr. Olley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.9 in that she was a personal friend of the owners of the Rose & Crown.

7. Minutes.

Resolved - that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2022, previously circulated, be approved (Cllr. Moran)

8. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields.

a. Rectory Lane. New swing installed. Old climber removed. Ground made good. Zip wire maintenance carried out. Now to RoSPA standard. Invoice received.

b. Dog faeces and glass at the play areas. Councillor Smith reported that no reply had been received to date from UDC Environmental Health regarding the matter of dog litter and bottles. The Chairman suggested that the litter bins were too small. This would be investigated and decision made at the next meeting if the bins needed replacing Cllr. Olley would

contact a contractor emptying bins elsewhere to see if he would be interested in undertaking this task at the playing fields in Ashdon.

ii Highways. Traffic Management.

- a. Water End/Spriggs Lane. Nothing to report
- b. Spoil Butlers Lane/Byrds Farm. See Item 5. Cllr. De Vries report.
- c. Speeding. Cllr. Moran reported that the EALC were holding a "20 is Plenty" seminar from which two working groups would be formed to investigate the problem county wide. Waiting for dates. The possibility of an overall speed reduction from 30mph to 20mph was being sought throughout villages in the county. There is currently no speed limit at Steventon End which was causing residents great concern. This would be investigated by Cllr. Foley in conjunction with the Chairman and Cllr. Moran to determine if a satisfactory solution could be found. It was suggested that one way to tackle speeding in the District would be for parish councils to form groups of like minded parishes to work together on the problem.

iii. Village Hall and White Horse House.

Councillor Hayler reported that the Village Hall Committee were re-assessing hire charges in view of rising costs. Interest in hiring remained good.

The Chairman reported that the following quotations had been received for a new improved fire alarm system in the old hall and passageway:-

Anglia Fire Protection	£16,000.00 wireless
Ellen Group (Fairstone)	£14,094.00 hard wired
Prestige	£7,225.00 hard wired

In view of the wide variation in cost the Village Hall Insurers would be consulted to determine if all quotes fulfilled their requirements. (Action Village Hall Committee)

Cllr. Olley would seek advice from a contact she has regarding the best system to install.

iv. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Currently with the District Council

v. Community Led Housing.

Waiting for a reply from Peter Holt Chief Executive of the District Council

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

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

Waiting for the Landscape Officer at the District Council to revert with a ground survey prior to planting in the autumn/winter

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

Waiting to hear from Mr. Gerald Lucy regarding the project.

- ix. Proposed Shop at the Rose & Crown

Drawing received immediately prior to the meeting. A site meeting would be arranged with the owners at which Members would ask questions only. (Action Chairman)

9. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. CPRE. "Countryside Voices" Summer edition received

10. NEW ITEMS.

- i. Defibrillator recall. The Chairman reported that the defibrillator had been recalled and would be returned for modification. A temporary replacement would be supplied in the interim.

Resolved - that the defibrillator cabinet be accessed by code only due to the high risk of it being stolen if left unlocked. (Cllr. Smith)

It was noted that the first action in an emergency should be to dial 999. The emergency operator also holds the code to the defibrillator if the person trying to access the cabinet cannot enter the required code for any reason..

11. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- i. UTT/22/1592/HHF. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Amended plan.
12 Guildhall Way

Object. The side extension remains overpowering and would irrevocably change the character of Guildhall Way. The proposed changes to the front elevation would alter the character of the building in an unsuitable way

- ii. UTT/22/2147/DOC. Application to discharge condition 3 (materials), 4 (ecology mitigation an enhancement), 5 (Great crested Newt method Statement),6 (Biodiversity Enhancement Layout) and 7 (lighting design scheme) attached to UTT/21/2347/HHF
Spriggs Farm

No Comment

- iii. UTT/22/2226/DFO. Details following outline application UTT/19/1220/OP (approved appeal reference APP/C1570/W/19/3238810), details of appearance, landscaping and layout for the erection of 1 no. dwelling with garage
Land south of Kates Lane

No Comment

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED.

ALLEGED BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL.

- i. Building a 2m high wall without planning consent UTT/21/2796/HHF refused.
Springmead, Fallowden Lane.

Investigated. No breach found. File Closed

- ii. Failure to discharge condition 2 - Hard and Soft landscaping attached to
UTT/20/2190/FUL Street Record.
Pennycroft, Bartlow Road

Investigated. No breach found. File Closed

13. FINANCE.

- ii. Accounts for payment.

Resolved - The accounts, Appendix i. be passed for payment (Cllr. Elsey)

The meeting closed at 9.20pm. Next Meeting 26th September

Signed Chairman

Date

Appendix i

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 2022 18th JULY 2022 TO 22nd AUGUST 2022

Monies Received.	£
Ashdon Village Hall Comm. Fairstone rent W.H.H.	1562.50
UDC. Jubilee Grant	994.00
UDC. Members Grant. War memorial Gates and birds Nest Swing	448.00
HMRC Vat repayment	5130.80
Peasgood & Skeates. Interment of ashes re the late John Roberts	310.00

Invoices for Payment

D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	18.64 Ch.No. 102747
MD Landscapes. Grass cutting July	409.20 Ch.No. 102748
NPower. Electricity July Account	38.65 Ch.No. 102749
Fenland Leisure Products. Zip wire maintenance and upgrade	1,002.48 Ch.No. 102750
EALC. Undercharge on Affiliation fee	167.20 Ch.No. 102751
D. Green. Bunting Ukraine National Day	66.43 Ch.No. 102752

Balances at Bank on 22nd August 2022:-

Current Account:-	£7,242.22
Saver Account:-	£1,071.44
Saver Account:-	£67,497.32

