

7th November 2022

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held on Monday 7th November 2022 in the Baptist Schoolroom at 7.30pm.

Present.

Councillors Mike Elsey (Chairman), Mrs. Michelle Lee, John Moran, Mrs. Alice Olley and George Smith

Mr. David Green (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr. Martin Foley (ECC) and Cllr. James DeVries (UDC)

2. Public Representations

There were no representations from the public

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

Cllr. Foley had tendered his apologies. His wife had been seriously ill in hospital, was now home and Cllr. Foley was taking her away for rest and recuperation. Members wished Mrs. Foley a speedy recovery.

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

The following report, previously circulated to Members, was tabled in Cllr. De Vries absence:-

"Butlers Lane – No new planning application has been received yet. No reports of any further dumping have been made. I have chased enforcement for an update as to what happens next and will advise when I have heard.

All Saints – We are still awaiting an update/decision from the CEO Peter Holt.

Radwinter Road – UDC and Essex County Council are both looking into the flooding issues and related causes.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme - Non-profit groups or organisations based in Uttlesford, including the parish council can apply for funding (£1,000 - £35,000) for new projects which will deliver carbon emission reduction, community engagement in climate change, or ecological enhancement in your community. Closing date for applications is Thursday 5th January 2023.

Local Plan updated timetable – the Draft Local Plan will be published for consultation in Summer 2023 and subject to successfully passing independent examination the Local Plan will be formally adopted by the council and come into force in October 2025.

Uttlesford Design Code – Help us create a Design Code for Uttlesford, share your views on the Design Code website: <https://uttlesforddesigncode.co.uk/>.

Free Christmas Parking – There will be a variety of free parking available throughout the district, leading up to Christmas – dates and locations can be found here: <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/8089/Festive-car-parking-offers-to-support-businesses-and-shoppers>"

5. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Smith declared a non pecuniary interest in that he is a District Councillor and may attend District Council meetings where planning applications are discussed.

6. Minutes.

Resolved - that the Minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd October and the 10th October 2022, previously circulated, be approved (Cllr. Moran)

7. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields.

- a. Rectory Lane. A ball park figure of £7000.00 had been received from Fenland Leisure for the replacement of the wooden components of the zip wire. Accordingly a suitable sum would be put in the 2023/24 Budget and further quotations sought. (Action Clerk)
- b. The bags of rubbish had now been removed by UDC from the steps leading to the playing field.
- c. All Saints Playing Field. The lease on the 1.6 acres of land adjacent to All Saints close had expired. Ownership of the land now reverted back to the owners, Uttlesford District Council. Advice would be sought from the District Council as to whether the lease would be extended for a further period of time, and if so for how long; insurance and maintenance of the fitness equipment and upkeep of the field would also have to be discussed and resolved. It was noted that the insurance, grass cutting and maintenance of the equipment was an burden on the people of Ashdon when it was not now their responsibility.

ii Highways. Traffic Management.

- a. Water End/Spriggs Lane. Cllr. Smith would seek confirmation from Cllr. Foley as to why this item had been removed from the Local Highway Panel Agenda/Budget if indeed it had been or possibly removed in error.

The Clerk reported that Water End had been visited by Cllr. Foley and the ECC Drainage Engineer during their recent visit to the village to see drainage problems first hand. All gullies were blocked, some hardly visible. Cllr. Foley would ask for them to be cleaned on a regular basis
- b. Spoil Butlers Lane/Byrds Farm. Nothing to report. See Cllr. DeVries report Item 4.
- c. Speeding. Cllr Moran reported that the speed reduction measures (20mph throughout the village) were now undergoing validation. The relevant traffic/highways officer would visit the village to make an assessment. Cllr. Moran would participate in a county wide plenary on the 15th November

when a blanket 20mph limit in villages throughout the county would be discussed. It was hoped that Ashdon would be a priority village due to dangers to pedestrians through lack of footpaths and speeding rat running traffic.

iii. Village Hall and White Horse House.

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

It was noted that Fairstone Group would cover the cost of the system for White Horse House. The funding of the updated system for the listed part of the village Hall would be negotiated with the Village Hall Committee.

Resolved -

- i. that Prestige be awarded the contract to install a new hard wired alarm system in the old hall and passageway at a cost of £7,225.00 + vat: and
- ii. the cost of the system be split 50/50 with the village hall committee (Cllr. Smith)

Resolved:- that Canon Architects of Thaxted be appointed as architects to draw up plans for improvements to the old village hall and toilet facilities (Cllr. Moran)

It was noted that Canon had been recommended by Hibbs Walsh the now retired architects, Canon had taken on some of their projects and would be conversant with previous plans and ideas for the modernisation/updating work thus saving time and cost.

Cllr. Mrs. Olley would represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee replacing Councillor Hayler.

iv. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The referendum had been passed with great success. There had been a near 30% turn out with an 88.8% majority. The success vindicated all the hard work and dedication of the neighbourhood Plan Team over the last three years in the preparation.

A briefing session for Members by the NHP Team would be held in the Baptist Schoolroom on Monday 14th November at 7.30pm.

v. Community Led Housing.

No further progress. Waiting for a reply from Peter Holt Chief Executive of the District Council

vi. Neighbourhood Watch. There had been several incidents in the village of late. Cllr. Mrs. Lee would coordinate the Neighbourhood Watch following the resignation of Cllr. Hayler.

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

The District Council Landscape Officer had completed the underground services search and had nothing to report. He confirmed that the Parish Council could go ahead and plant a suitable tree(s) keeping a minimum of 5m from the Highway. To be done when ground conditions were suitable by Andy Everitt.

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

Mr. Gerald Lucy had reverted saying that the plans were well in hand, funding and relevant permissions had been secured and an exhibition would be held in the Village Hall on the 9th March 2023

- ix. Proposed Shop at the Rose & Crown

The Chairman reported that he had been informed that plans had now been submitted.

- x. Defibrillator at Village Hall. A loan defibrillator was in place whilst the original was being updated.

- xi. Coronation of H.M. King Charles III.

Date set for Saturday 6th May 2023. Monday 8th May had been designated a Bank Holiday. There would be a brainstorming meeting in the Baptist Schoolroom, Tuesday 8th November 1015. The Village Hall had been block booked for the weekend.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Various emails had been distributed to Members.

- i. Letter dated 23rd October 2022 from Uttlesford District Council informing Ashdon Parish Council of their intention to pass a Resolution under S45 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to adopt the aforementioned Act.

Clerks Note: the above Act is mainly giving the District Council means to prosecute for a number of offences relating to unlicensed minicabs.

Resolved:- that the above Act be adopted (Cllr. Elsey)

- ii. Appeal from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance for funding towards this service.

In line with previous appeals of this nature Members considered this to be a personal matter where individual would support the cause if they so wished.

- iii. Notification from U.D.C that the three dwellings under construction at Mortimers Farm will be known as Mortimers Barn, Great Mortimers and Mortimers Farm

Noted.

9. NEW ITEMS.

- i. Notice of and public participation at meetings

Re-wording of the notice to be advised by Cllr. Moran and confirmed by the Chairman. (Action Cllr. Moran)

- ii. Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

Armistice Day. Friday 11th November. A service would be held at the War Memorial as usual starting at 1050 with special regard and dedication of the plaque to the late Mrs. Elizabeth Everitt A.M. who had died trying to rescue American airmen from a crashed USAF Havoc Bomber on the 27th May 1944. The ceremony would be attended by a USAF Colour Guard from RAF Lakenheath and a representative from RAF Mildenhall. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mrs. Lorna Rolfe would attend a lay a wreath on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant. Members of the Everitt family and the RBL Standard would be in attendance.

Remembrance Sunday 13th November. Service at the War memorial starting at 1050.

10. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- i. UTT/22/2740/FUL. Extension and amendments to existing garage to create 1 no. dwelling
5. Church Hill

Object. Members were very concerned about the reduction in parking spaces and that vehicles would park on the highway. Whilst this may slow the traffic it could also lead to the possibility of accidents with through traffic.

- ii. UTT/22/2849/DOC. Application to discharge condition 2 (materials) and 3 (window details) attached to UTT/20/0102/LB.
2 Bridge Cottages, Water End

No Comment

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED.

- i. UTT/22/2309/FUL. Proposed erection of 2 no. detached dwellings accessed from existing access on Church Hill, with associated works
Land south of Church Hill.

Refused

APPEAL DECISIONS

- i. UTT/21/2047/FUL. Change of use from agricultural to residential and light industrial, erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and 1 no. glassblowing workshop and gallery. Appeal Ref: APP/C1570/W/21/328785
Spriggs Lane, Water End

Allowed

12. FINANCE.

i. ACCOUNTS

The Accounts, Appendix i. were approved for payment (Cllr. Moran)

13. NEXT AGENDA

There were no items for the "Next Agenda"

Next meeting Monday 12th December

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed

Date

Appendix i

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2022 3rd OCTOBER 2022 to 7th NOVEMBER 2022

Monies Received.

£

Nil

Invoices for Payment

R.M. Design & Print Ltd. Neighbourhood Plan printing	801.00 Ch.No.102768
R.M. Design & Print Ltd. Neighbourhood Plan printing	140.00 Ch.No.102769
NPower . Electricity September Account	40.17 Ch.No.102770
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	20.78 Ch.No.102771
D. Green. Ink cartridges	63.98 Ch.No.102772
Grasshopper Lawn care. Treat War memorial grass	28.00 Ch.No.102773
RCCE Membership renewal	72.60 Ch.No.102774
Mark Harrod Ltd. Goal nets Rectory Lane P.F.	88.69 Ch.No.102775
Springwell Nursery. Pansies for War Memorial S137	79.02 Ch.No.102776
MD Landscapes. Village grass October	700.80 Ch.No.102777
N.Power. Electricity October Account	44.14 Ch.No.102778
D. Green. Malwearbytes. Computer protection.	49.99 Ch.No.102779

Balances at Bank on 7th November 2022:-

Current Account:-	£2,895.87
Saver Account:-	£1,071.77
Saver Account:-	£82,517.37

