

9th January 2023

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 2023 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)

2. Public Representations

Mr. Stuart Hastie, Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee said that he had been nominated to attend the meeting by his committee to put their views on the proposed plans for the renewal/refurbishment of the disabled toilet at the village hall. It was the Committee's view that the small hall should be used for storage and that the existing disabled toilet in the listed part of the building should be refurbished.

Members would take these views into consideration when making their decisions.

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

Cllr. Foley had tendered his apologies due to having contracted Covid.

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

There was no report from Councillor DeVries in his absence.

5. Declaration of Interests

There were no "Declarations of Interest"

6. Minutes.

Resolved - that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th December 2022, previously circulated, be approved (Cllr. Smith)

7. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields.

- a. Rectory Lane. The playing field and equipment were in good order. The new goal nets had been put up. It was noted that ground conditions were extremely wet.
- b. All Saints Playing Field. The Chairman had not yet received a date for the proposed meeting with the District Council to discuss the future of the land at adjacent to All Saints Close. It was noted that, as the lease had now expired, the responsibility for the upkeep of the equipment and land had reverted to the District Council. The upkeep of the land and the

equipment was one of the items to be discussed at the proposed meeting. It was noted that the land was extremely wet due to the clay sub soil and the recent rain.

ii Highways. Traffic Management.

- a. Spriggs Lane. Nothing to report
- b. Spoil Butlers Lane/Byrds Farm. Nothing to report.
- c. Speeding. Radwinter Road - Flooding and Road Gullies

Councillor Smith reported that the Local Highways Panel would meet on Monday 16th January. He would attend.

Councillor Moran reported that he would attend the next full meeting of Essex County Council when he would put the case for Ashdon to be prioritised on the list for the introduction of a 20mph limit. He proposed the limit would cover all entrances to the village from the existing 30mph signs at Walden Road, Hill Farm, Radwinter Road, New Road Hill on the Camps Road and the bridge at Knox End. Steventon End would need to be given careful consideration as to what limit could be introduced and enforced.

The Chairman was concerned at the lack of speed restriction signs in the village and suggested that, in the absence of action by Highways, the Parish Council might consider purchasing flashing speed signs from their own budget.

It was noted that, following recent rains, many of the gullies in Radwinter Road were blocked again due to debris being washed down and the inadequacies of the current drains to take the water flow. It had been particularly bad from the entrance to the development in Radwinter Road to Crown Hill caused by dirty run off from the site. It was noted that there were no interceptor drains to prevent run off from the site. Councillor Foley was pursuing this matter and flooding in general with Highways and had requested a site visit by the CEO of the County Council.

iii. Village Hall and White Horse House.

Resolved - that:-

- i. The existing disabled toilets be refurbished to the required standard;
- ii. the sanitary ware in the remaining two toilets be removed;
- iii. a new storage cupboard for the bowls trolley/equipment be installed in the old hall as per the architect's plan;
- iv. that the old hall be used for storage for the long table trolley;
- v. that the door frame between the old hall and passageway be re-designed to afford improved wheel chair access to the refurbished toilets.
(Cllr Moran)

The Chairman had previously reported that the electrical distribution box in White Horse House may need replacing to meet the latest standard. Elliott's Electrical of Saffron Walden to advise.

- iv. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Moran reported that in recent discussions with councillors from other villages they had commented on how good the Ashdon Neighbourhood Plan was.

- v. Community Led Housing.

A meeting was being organised with the Interim Head of Housing at the District Council. Date to be advised. See Item 7ib.

- vi. Neighbourhood Watch.

Councillor Mrs. Lee reported that she would be meeting Mr. Gifford, UDC Coordinator next week.

- vii. Planting of a Jubilee Oak at the "Fir" trees, Walden Road. In hand with Mr. Everitt

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

Plans were well in hand for March.

- ix. Defibrillator at Village Hall.

Now fully working. Remove from the Agenda

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

Councillor Mrs. Lee reported that plans were well in hand. A meeting would be held on Tuesday 10th January. Action to date:- School Playing Field booked (also hope to use the toilets), First Aiders booked, Children's' Entertainer booked. Advertising banners, leaflets etc being investigated. Gazebo's required. Noted that the budget be increased to £3,000.00

- xi. Uttlesford Rangers

Notification had been received that, following a poor response requesting funding for the continuation of the Rangers service, it would be discontinued.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Various emails distributed to Members. Members had been requested to raise any matters received by email under Correspondence.

9. NEW ITEMS.

- i. Adoption of New Model Code of Conduct

Resolved - that the revised Model Code of Conduct as adopted by the District Council also be adopted by Ashdon Parish Council (Cllr. Smith)

10. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- i. UTT/23/0020/DOC. Application to discharge condition 3 (materials) attached to UTT/212378/HHF.
Spriggs Farm

No Objections

- ii. UTT/23/0021/DOC. Application to discharge condition 3 (external finishes) attached to UTT/21/2379/LB
Spriggs Farm

No Objections

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED.

- i. 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

Discharge in Full

- ii. UTT/22/3319/TCA. Reduce height by approx. 5m, reduce remaining crown by up to 2m to balance shape, 1no. silver birch.
The Beeches, Walden Road

No Objections (UDC)

12. FINANCE.

- i. To review the Cemetery Fees and Charges

Resolved - the scale of fees and charges as adopted in 2022 remain in force for the fiscal year 2023/24 (Cllr. Moran)

- ii. **Resolved** - that:-

- i. the budget for the fiscal year 2023/24 fixed as in Appendix i;
- ii. the Precept for the fiscal year 2023/24 be set at £43,160.00. (Cllr. Lee)

The Precept remaining at the 2022 level of £43,160.00 represents a Band D decrease from £114.06/annum to £111.04/annum, £3.02 or 2.65%

- iii. Accounts for payment.

Resolved - that the accounts Appendix ii, be passed for payment (Cllr. Elsey)

13. There were no "Items for the Next Agenda"

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed Chairman Date

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023
12th DECEMBER 2022 to 9th JANUARY 2023

Monies Received.

£
NIL

Invoices for Payment

Michael Swan. Hedge at Village Hall overflow car park	195.00 Ch.No.102793
John Thorn. Microsoft Account 2022	50.16 Ch.No. 102794
BPO Collections. Tax re PAYE	200.00 Ch.No.102795
Cannon. Architects. Village Hall Toilets	840.00 Ch.No.102796
John Thorn. "Site Ground" Web site Hosting Plan. 2 years	414.46 Ch.No.102797
Prestige Fire Safety Ltd. Village Hall alarm system	4,339.39 Ch.No.102798
NPower Commercial Gas. Electricity December Account	36.25 Ch.No.102799
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	20.26 Ch.No.102800
Grasshopper Lawncare. War Memorial	28.00 Ch.No.102801
D. Green. Computer memory stick	8.99 Ch.No.102802
Prestige Fire Safety Ltd. White Horse House Alarm	4,091.74 Ch.No.102803

Balances at Bank on 9th January 2023:-

Current Account:-	£4,910.99
Saver Account:-	£1,072.37
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