

3rd April 2023

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held on Monday 3rd April 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)

The Chairman opened the meeting by informing those present of the untimely death of Mr. Philip Player. Mr. Player had served on the Parish Council and was, for some time, Chairman. He loved Ashdon and was greatly missed when he moved away, he returned to the village when ever possible. The Chairman offered Members' sincere condolences to Mrs. Sandra Player.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for Absence

2. Public Representations

Mr. Dean Foster told the meeting that the plans for the shop to the rear of the Rose & Crown had now been passed (confirmation not yet received from UDC). Construction would start when convenient to Mr. Iain Ford.

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

There was no address by Councillor Foley and no report in his absence

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

There was no address by Councillor DeVries and no report in his absence.

5. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he is a Member of the District Council

6. Minutes.

Resolved - that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th February 2023, previously circulated, be approved (Cllr. Moran)

7. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields.

a. Rectory Lane. The new zip wire structure would be installed during the May half term.

b. All Saints Playing Field. Waiting for written confirmation from the District Council on the new rolling lease. The Parish Council would still be responsible for maintenance, inspections and grass cutting

ii Highways. Traffic Management.

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

Councillor Moran reported that the traffic control at the entrances to villages i.e. 20mph signs was waiting for validation from the Highways Panel. The Highways Panel was in a state of flux due to budget reductions by the District Council which could cause funding problems with a number of those schemes already approved, this without adding new schemes. It was noted that the introduction of 20mph speed reduction schemes throughout the county would overload and dominate the Highways Panel budget. It was also noted that neighbouring counties had approved funding for such schemes.

It was also noted that applications for such schemes as highlighted above came under the remit of County Councillors. Councillor Moran would speak to Councillor Foley on this matter.

- d. Road works at Linton.

Councillor Mrs. Lee gave a brief resume on the proposed road works at Linton from Dean Road crossroad to the Bartlow junction including the installation of a new roundabout. Plans of the proposed works were distributed. It was expected that the installation of the roundabout would start no earlier than September 2023. Suitable diversion schemes would be put in place to ensure access and ease the flow of traffic during the period of the road works.

iii. Village Hall and White Horse House.

Councillor Mrs. Olley asked for an update on the replacement of the front door. The Clerk reported that he had approached Mark Ager on several occasions requesting a revised estimate and this had been promised. She also reported that some of the roof tiles required attention and the surface of the car park to the rear of the hall had become uneven. Acorn Services to be asked to inspect and advise

The Chairman updated Members on the ongoing saga of the electrics. It was advised that Elliot's should complete their EICR works and then further works put in hand as necessary to have the new fire alarm system signed off. It was paramount that the electrics throughout the building should meet all latest standards

v. Community Led Housing.

A meeting would be held with the CEO of the District Council, dated to be confirmed. Chairman, Clerk and Councillor Smith to attend.

vi. Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr. Mrs. Lee reported that the village was relatively crime free.

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

This had been an excellent event, very well attended both on site for the unveiling of the commemoration post and in the Village Hall for the talk. Following a talk by Dr. Natasha Almeda, of the Earth Sciences Department at the natural History Museum, a commemoration booklet, "The Ashdon Meteorite" written by Mr. Gerald Lucy and Mr. Mike Howgate was distributed to those attending. In addition to the talk the actual meteorite was on show in a glass case to prevent contamination. A replica was passed round for those attending to examine and handle. Articles had appeared in the Saffron Walden Historical Magazine, the Ashdon Village Magazine and local papers.

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

Plans progressing. Next meeting Thursday 6th April

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Various emails distributed to Members. Members had been requested to raise any matters received. None raised.

- i. Membership renewal of the Essex Playing Fields Association (£30.00) and Best Kept Playing Field Competition 2023.

Resolved - to join the EPFA for the fiscal year 2023/24. (Unanimous)

- ii. Notes from Passenger Transport meeting distributed by Jane Gray previously distributed. No matters raised.

- iii. CPRE. Countryside Voice. Spring/Summer Edition

9. NEW ITEMS.

- i. Neighbourhood Plan. To appoint a Member to liaise with Ms. Jane Gray on updates and further information on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Resolved - that Councillor Moran be appointed to liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan Committee (Cllr. Smith)

- ii. To set a date for the Spring Litter Pick

30th April, 10.00am Village Hall. Councillor De Vries be requested to loan 10 litter pickers for the event from UDC.

- iii. To approve Ashdon Parish Council Risk Assessment Schedule (previously circulated)

Resolved - that the Ashdon Parish Council Risk Assessment Schedule be approved (Cllr. Smith)

- iv. The multi-agency events with a number of different organisations to visit Ashdon at 11am, Tuesday 18 April – Guildhall Way.

This would be a most worthwhile event. Members would attend if possible.
Councillor Smith would request advertising posters from the District Council.

10. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- i. UTT/23/0371/NMA. Non material amendment to UTT/21/2047/FUL approved under APP/C1570/W/21/3287385- Alterations to doors and fenestration on the house, changes to external materials on the house, addition of a dormer window to rear elevation and chimney flue, minor amendments to driveway layout.
Land west of The Vales, Radwinter Road

Already determined by UDC. Split Decision. Councillor Smith reported that the request for the addition of dormer windows had been refused.

- ii. 1 no. Leyland Cypress - reduce height by 6-7m
Dorvis Cottage, Dorvis Lane

Since approved by UDC

- iii. UTT/23/0767/FUL. S73 application to remove condition 15 (Accessible and adaptable dwellings) of UTT/21/1754/DFO (details following outline application UTT/18/1429/OP for 4 dwellings)
Land to west of Radwinter Road

Object. High accessibility could and would be required for future residents.

- iv. UTT/23/0763/DOC. Application to discharge condition 4 (ecological mitigation), 5 (Biodiversity Enhancement Layout) and 6 lighting design scheme) attached to UTT/22/3316/HHF
Little Mortimers, Water End

No Comment

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED.

- i. UTT/22/3234/FUL. Erection of private equestrian facilities
Saffron House, Redgates Lane

Conditional Approval

- ii. UTT/22/2407/FUL. Removal of condition 17 (details of works to ditch and ground level electric transformer) attached to planning permission UTT/21/1754/DFO
Land to west of Radwinter Road

Conditional Approval

- iii. UTT/23/0213/FUL. Conversion and adaptation of redundant barn to 1 no. residential dwelling.
Spriggs Farm Water End Water End

Refused

12. FINANCE.

- i. Accounts for payment.

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

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- i. The removal of fire places and chimneys to the bungalows at Carters Croft and Rogers End still in the ownership of the District Council (Cllr. Lee)

Signed
Chairman

Date

Appendix i

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023 20th FEBRUARY to 3rd APRIL 2023

Monies Received.

£

HMRC. VAT repayment	1070.14 DC
Ashdon PCC. Grant towards posts at Church Lane	50.00 DC
H.J. Paintin. Memorial re David Belsom	55.00

Monies passed for Payment

Print4Business. Coronation Banner Cancelled	70.70 Ch.No.102817
Mark Martin. Moji Children's Entertainer Coronation deposit	90.00 Ch.No.102818
D, Green. Telephone/Broadband	19.64 Ch.No.102819
D. Green. Print4Business Coronation Banner	70.70 Ch.No.102820
D.Green. Jackson's Fencing. Posts Church Drive	207.12 Ch.No.102821
D. Green. Herbicide War Memorial	40.00 Ch.No.102822
NPower Electricity February Account	30.56 Ch.No.102823
The Sign Maker. Platinum Jubilee sign Oak tree	160.66 Ch.No.102824
D.Green. 6 months salary to 31/3/23	2,808.00 Ch.No.102825
HMRC.. PAYEE Clerks salary	702.00 Ch.No.102826
Anne Mangham. Internal Audit fee	190.00 Ch.No.102827
Wade & Davies Solicitors	
Lease of White Horse House as requested by Fairstone Group	3,750.00 Ch.No.102828
General Property Matters. Land at All Saints	<u>2,952.00</u> Ch.No.102829
	6,702.00
Grasshopper Lawncare. Spray War Memorial grass	28.00 Ch.No.102830
Shaw & Sons. Acceptance of Office Book	169.20 Ch.No.102831
EALC Annual Subscription	295.72 Ch.No.102832

