

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHCURCH RURAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2019

Present: Cllrs J Hargreaves JH, T Davies TD; B Cooke BC; D Garnett DG, G Shurmer GS (p/t)

Pauline Clarke - Parish Clerk

C. Cllr V Smith
Borough Cllr M Gore MG:

Barbara Pond GRCC BP

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Webmaster Ian White IW
Volunteer Assistant to the Council Jo McCauley JM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

01.08.19	WELCOME The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting	
02.08.19	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr A Brown	
03.08.19	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
04.08.19	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 22ND JULY 2019 Minutes were agreed and signed	
05.08.19	TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM BARBARA POND (GRCC) JH updated Barbara Pond with the progress of the NDP He informed her the Council had previously had contact with GRCC 18 months ago but things had not progressed with them BP asked what were the emerging issues and was told the goal posts had moved, with the MOD site, and the new Hitchins development of 850 houses BP asked if the plan needs to be reviewed in light of the Masterplan TD replied that we can utilise our evidence, and get the plan over the line and then dovetail it into the Masterplan, it will then go in review JH added the problem with the Masterplan is it only a concept. We need to ensure the identity of the villages within the NDP, and the Garden Town would have to fall in line.	

	<p>MG added she was in a key position and is fighting the parishes corner.</p> <p>TD said we want a Working Party that includes other organisations to give input into the plan</p> <p>BP was told we have considered a Memorandum of understanding</p> <p>MG felt engagement is the key but it is early days, she noted a new role has been created of program director</p> <p>BP offered to look at plan and will be a formal consultee</p>	
06.08.19	<p>TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR</p> <p>Clerk will attach future reports to the minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VS has visited site of accidents on 7 bends, he noted the surface has grip and he has met with Craig Freeman who will look at police reports, and then refer back to him Traffic is fast and there are no reflectors or chevrons on the road, once he has received the report, he will refer back to the Parish Council VS will check if a traffic survey has been carried out A435 will be resurfaced from 10th September for 16 nights, also there will be resurfacing through Teddington during the day which will close the road Major resurfacing of the footway Northway -Newtown 	
07.08.19	<p>TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Plan was approved in July, will now go back to Inspector The Borough Council is working towards being carbon neutral Jonathan Dibble has been appointed as Garden Town Programme Developer as from Sept, the Borough can then plan how to go forward Will give update regarding Ashchurch bridge at next meeting <p>DG noted tea and coffee served at the Borough offices are not in recyclable cups, MG will look into this</p>	
08.08.19	<p>TO NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THIS AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pamington Junction Alignment - no update Members had expressed concern on the removal of asbestos at the MOD site, the Clerk is waiting for a response from TBC. GS noted residents are still very concerned. 	

	<p>JH stated there were correct procedures that have to be followed, he had been informed of a helicopter that was found to have been covered in dust after being at site</p> <p>TD asked for answers and MG agreed to follow this up with Environmental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GS told the members that following heavy rain on A46 West bound by Pamington Lane there had been flooding and substantial ponding – VS to follow up 	
09.08.19	REVIEW GRANTS POLICY	FUTURE AGENDA ITEM
10.08.19	REVIEW COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE	FUTURE AGENDA ITEM
11.08.19	REVIEW CODE OF CONDUCT	FUTURE AGENDA ITEM
12.08.19	<p>ADOPTION OF GENERAL POWER OF COMPETANCE</p> <p>Clerk recommend applying for this power. There is a certain criterion that must be met, including Clerk training</p> <p>Members agreed in principle, Clerk will get more details</p>	FUTURE AGENDA ITEM
13.08.19	REVIEW GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	FUTURE AGENDA ITEM
14.08.19	<p>UPDATE - LCAS AWARD SCHEME</p> <p>Clerk has looked into this and tabled a report</p> <p>Members were in agreement in going for quality status</p> <p>Clerk needs to acquire 12 CDP points through training within a year, it was agreed she would get more Information on available courses including dates and prices</p>	<p>FUTURE AGENDA ITEM</p> <p>A: Clerk</p>
15.08.19	<p>REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbourhood Development Plan NO UPDATE 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defibrillator REPORT FILED • Website Pictures on war memorial have been uploaded Clerk to send footpath closure to IW JM raised concern on Broadband scam phone calls, agreed to go on website • Working Groups NONE 	A: Clerk
16.08.19	REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH NOTICE BOARDS AND THE SEAT IN PAMINGTON GS informed the members they are in poor state of repair JH will ask Turlands for a quote for repair, and to compare cost of new ones GS updated members on new board at Wheatpieces, which will be in place in 2-3 weeks, he noted this cost at £1200	A: JH
17.08.19	ARCHIVING HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS Clerk has several historical flies that need to be archived as she has little space JH agreed to store	
18.08.19	TO CONSIDER LOOKING AT COMPANIES TO DISTRIBUTE NDP QUESTIONNAIRES Clerk to forward information from Royal Mail, members suggested asking 6 th Form students from the school as they had been used previously	A: Clerk
19.08.19	PURCHASE OF PRINTER Agreed to purchase new Brother printer	A: Clerk
20.08.19	REVIEW OF CLERKS HOURS Clerk had tabled review of actual hours Members agreed her hours to be increased to 12 hours p/week - this has been budgeted for Clerk will email details of her salary to members DG will look at pension implication	A: Clerk A: DG
21.08.19	COBALT - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING It was agreed to donate £250 and to review in a year, Clerk to ask them to reapply	A: Clerk

	re-apply	
22.08.19	FINANCIAL REPORTS Financial Report - Balances and Reconciliation Reports were approved Clerk has spoken to Unity Bank and told members to contact them directly for log in details	
23.08.19	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Cheques to the value of £1719.20 were agreed	
24.08.19	UPDATE - DEFIBRILLATOR IN ASTON ON CARRANT, AND CPR FIRST AID TRAINING Report received last month Members considered a solar panel on phone box; JH will look at cost of moving box to layby and cost of solar panel	A: JH
25.08.19	PLANNING – NEW APPLICATIONS & DECISIONS ASHCHURCH CONCEPT MASTERPLAN DG noted he had attended a Business meeting at Borough offices, and is waiting for an update 19/00388/FUL Use of land at established residential gypsy and traveller site for 5 additional mobile home pitches AND associated parking MG is calling it in TD will chase Chris Mead from Highways on traffic issues and cc in Bob Rustic APP/G1630/W/19/3228877: Newton Farm, GL207BE Noted 19/00477/FUL - Erection of a two-storey side and rear and a single storey side extension. Claydon Farm Noted 19/00511/FUL - Buildings 19 And 20 Ashchurch Camp Previously considered	A: TD
26.08.19	HIGHWAY ISSUES Temporary footpath closure - AAS/41 and AAS/43	

