

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Ash Parish Council held on Monday 6 June 2022 at 19:30hrs

Present – Councillors (Cllrs)

Steve Davey (Chair), Lesley Andrew, Antoinette Groves, Tim Groves, Henry Guy, Caz Halfhide

In attendance:

J Ferguson – Clerk, District Cllr Bloomfield, County Cllr Bailey, County Cllr Pearlstone and 7 members of the public.

County & District Councillors Reports.

County Cllr's Bailey and Pearlstone had provided a report which had been circulated via email. District Cllr Bloomfield gave an update on the SIS & answered Cllrs questions relating to the Ash rotation of the SID.

Public Open Session

Thanks were given to members of the PC for the successful Jubilee event.

19:45 – Meeting opened

22/42 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from District Cllr Clarke

22/43 Declarations of interests

No declarations of interest received.

22/44 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

22/45 Co-option of members to the Parish Council

RESOLVED: Lily Humby was proposed, seconded & co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

22/46 Planning decisions report – 21/02312/LBC – Lower Witcombe Farm, Witcombe Lane TA12 6AJ. Alterations to roof and openings of existing garage. Approved.

22/47 Planning applications – 22/01432/FUL. Land OS 7000 Main Street Ash. Full planning application for the erection of a new SEND school, the creation of a MUGA, sports fields, associated car parking, drop off facility, new vehicular and pedestrian access, hard and soft landscaping and associated ancillary works.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:

- Concern with access arrangements to and from the site
- Gates too close to the Highway to facilitate safe entry & exit from the site
- Concern over 60 MPH speed limit on highway
- Insecure off-road waiting space for vehicles entering & exiting the school
- Signage on the building not in keeping with the rural area
- Concern with visibility from Ham Hill, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Concern with the creation of a 'dead zone' between the village and the school.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

22/48 Finance – To approve the following payments:

Clerk's gross salary and expenses	£975.98
SSDC – Ranger (Apr 22)	£192.07
Em-Ben Bouncy Castle Hire	£390.00

Chairman

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Pinnacle Accountancy Services – audit fee	£156.00
SALC – Cllr Training	£55.00
Mr S Davey – Reimburse Jubilee costs (Jubilee budget)	£131.50
Mr S Davey – Stationary	£27.43
Niamh Fletcher – Singer (Jubilee budget)	£100.00
Ninth Life – Band (Jubilee budget)	£200.00

RESOLVED: To approve all payments.

ACTION: Cllrs Davey and A Groves

22/49 Finance – To approve the cashbook, budget summary & bank reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the cashbook, budget summary and bank reconciliation to 31st May 2022.

22/50 Finance - To receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report

Noted.

22/51 Parish Council Matters – To adopt the Standing Orders

RESOLVED: To adopt the Standing Orders with amendment.

22/52 Parish Council Matters – To agree future PC meeting dates

The following dates were noted for planned future PC meetings:

04/07/22, 05/09/22, 03/10/22, 07/11/22, 05/12/22, 09/01/23, 06/02/23, 06/03/23, 03/04/23, APM 03/04/23.

22/53 Parish Matters - To agree additional ranger days

RESOLVED: To agree 1 additional ranger day for removal of the shed from the Churchyard and ivy from the wall.

ACTION: Cllr A Groves

22/54 Parish Matters – To consider Snowball, Community Disability App correspondence

Cllr Andrew gave an overview of the app and agreed to investigate further and report back at a future meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Andrew

22/55 Parish Matters – Request for use of Cemetery water source

It was reported that the use of the water source was no longer required.

22/56 Cemetery report

It was reported that most of the shelter had been removed from the Churchyard by Cllr Davey and requested that the ranger remove the rest. Cllr Halfhide agreed to look into what was required for consecration of the extension to the cemetery and Cllr Davey reported that the 1st draft of the accessway lease had been sent back to the solicitor and was currently waiting on further points of clarification.

ACTION: Cllrs A Groves, Halfhide and Davey

22/57 Pavilion, Recreation Area and Playground – Progress report

Cllr Guy reported that the new play equipment would be installed the following week and that installation would take around 1 week.

22/58 Request for wheelchair friendly access to play area

It was discussed and agreed that Phase 2 of the improvements to the play area would include disability access improvements to the gates leading to the play area and also wheelchair friendly pathways.

22/59 Clerks report & correspondence

The following items of correspondence were reported:

- Somerset GP Community Pharmacy Consultation Service

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- Evis Ground Maintenance email offering to tender for ground maintenance contract. The clerk was asked to respond asking the company to get back in touch when the contract comes up for renewal in March 2023

It was agreed that the clerk should respond to emails from local businesses and individuals in the first instance, then forward to the PC for discussion and agreed response at the next meeting, copying all Cllrs in on the response.

Agenda items agreed for the next meeting:

- Addressing parish biodiversity
- Allocation of Roles & responsibilities to include the creation of new roles
- Pavilion insurance claim

22/60 Date of next meeting – 4th July 2022

21:40 - Meeting closed

DRAFT

Chairman

Date