

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Ash Parish Council held on Monday 6 March 2023 at 19:00hrs

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) – Lesley Andrew, Steve Davey (Chair), Rebecca Gray, Antoinette Groves, Tim Groves, Caz Halfhide.

In attendance: J Ferguson (Parish Clerk), County Cllr John Bailey and 3 members of the public.

County & District Councillors Reports

Public Open Session

19:15 – Meeting opened

22/234 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Apologies had been received and accepted from Lily Humby (work commitments).

22/235 Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations. Cllr T Groves declared an interest in item 22/241 as he had a payment due.

22/236 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)).

RESOLVED: To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023.

22/237 Matters to report from a previous meeting

- The clerk had received notification that the £2000 grant monies had been received for the bus shelter and play area all abilities access gate projects.
- The was reported that CPR training had been taken up by 4/5 parishioners
- A Coronation Event planning meeting had been held
- Location of the disabled bays needed to be agreed

22/238 Planning decisions report

None.

22/239 Planning applications

None.

22/240 Finance – To approve a grant of £660 to the Millennium Wood Management Group.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £660 to the Millennium Wood Management Group.

22/241 Finance – To approve the payment schedule for March 2023.

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Ash Parish Council March 23 Payment Schedule			
Invoice	Payee	Particulars	Amount
1	STAFF	SALARIES	£1,010.20
2	NEST	PENSION	£TBA
2	PERRIE HALE NURSERY	HEDGING	£374.88
3	MILLENNIUM WOOD MG	GRANT	£660.00
4	A GROVES	REIMBURSEMENT (GRI BIN SPADE & PADLOCKS)	£25.95
5	T GROVES	REIMBURSEMENT (TREE GUARDS & PRINTING)	£105.98
6	DEFIBSHOP	CHILDS PEDI PADZ	£141.60
7	SSDC	RANGER (FEB23)	£207.80
TOTAL		Mar-23	£2,526.41

RESOLVED: To approve the March 2023 Payments totalling £2526.41.

ACTION: Cllrs Davey and A Groves

22/242 Finance – To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to 31st Jan 23.

RESOLVED: To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to 31st January 2023.

22/243 Finance – To approve an application for a parish council credit card.

RESOLVED: To approve an application for a parish council credit card.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

22/244 Finance – To agree a budget for the replacement or repair of the Main Street/Martock Lane noticeboard.

A budget of £1500 had already been agreed for the 2023-24 financial year.

22/245 Finance – To agree a budget for the Kings Coronation celebrations.

A budget of £1000 had already been agreed for the Coronation event.

22/246 Finance – To consider and report the status of any grants received

A grant of £1000 had been received towards the Bus Shelters

A grant of £1000 had been received toward accessibility gates for the play area

A grant of £1000 had been received to help support vulnerable parishioners. Cllr Halfhide suggested that the conditions attached to the grant should be checked and the grant monies returned if they could not be used as specified. It was agreed to report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Halfhide

22/247 To review and update Ash Parish Council Cemetery Charges

A Cemetery Review Working Group (CRWG) was appointed consisting of Cllr Gray, Cllr Andrew and the Clerk. It was agreed to report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllrs Gray, Andrew and Clerk

22/248 To agree a date and format of the Annual Parish Meeting (to be held between the 1st March and 1st June 2023 (inc.) and not before 6pm).

RESOLVED: To agree that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 3rd April at 6pm and village groups invited to provide reports.

ACTION: Cllr Halfhide and Clerk

22/249 To discuss what is required to be done to have the parish boundary moved to include properties in Highway.

Cllr Davey agreed to contact Cllr Bloomfield to understand the process and current situation.

ACTION: Cllr Davey

22/250 Reports – To receive reports from:

Chairman

Date

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a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Davey had received a complaint about excessive speeding of Milk Tankers coming up Witcombe Lane and the condition of the passing places along the lane. He suggested that, whilst the drivers are contractors and therefore difficult to challenge individually, the PC might consider contacting the farmer requesting he lay some gravel in the passing places, as a condition of planning permission granted in the past.

Cllr Davey had received a complaint about the Pavilion car park being at capacity when the football club was playing. It was agreed that the PC can't place restrictions on users of the car park.

Cllr Groves reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner keen to organise a free Dementia awareness event/course in the parish. He offered to request further details.

Cllr Andrew asked if the Newsletter could be made available in a larger font, as it was difficult to read, and a link put out as an Ash Alert. It was agreed to investigate.

b. Working Groups

ABWG – There was nothing reported at this time.

22/251 Clerks report and correspondence

The clerk reported that Code of Conduct Officer training had been completed and the Fireline annual fire extinguisher service had been postponed to September, as requested.

The following items of correspondence had been sent by email:

- SCC - Temporary Closure of part of Footpath Y 1/10 order 2020
- SCC New specialist Free School for Somerset children gets green light.
- SWP Briefings
- SSDC - Get SuSSed Newsletter
- SSDC – Members briefings
- South Somerset – Meet your broadband provider event
- TRO Emergency Road Closure notifications
- Somerset Council – Local Government Reorganisation briefs
- SALC – BBC Radio Make A Difference Awards
- SCC – Secondary school places announced for 2023-24
- SCC - Somerset's community stalwarts celebrated in this year's Chair's Awards
- Somerset Day leaflet
- South Somerset – Information for applications for Kings Coronation Celebrations
- Great British Spring Clean campaign
- SCC - Could you support a child in care in Somerset? Route1 Advocacy in need of new volunteers
- SCC – New Civic email notification

22/252 Items for the next agenda

- To agree to purchase a new Noticeboard (quotes to be provided)
- To review and update Ash Parish Council Cemetery Charges

22/253 Date of next meeting – 3rd April 2023 (APM)

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council thanked District Councillors Neil Bloomfield and Louise Clarke for their last 5 years of service to the parish and wished them well in the future.

22/254 Exempt Session – Exclusion of the Press & Public

The Council is recommended to resolve that under section 1, paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the

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following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

22/255 RESOLVED: The Cemetery Accessway Lease was signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair and witnessed by the Parish Clerk

ACTION: Clerk

20:50 - Meeting closed

Chairman

Date