

# Ashill Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on Monday 11 May 2020 at 7.30 pm

**Present :** Cllrs P Lang (Chairman), L Clay, C Criddle, A Crouch, A Knight, S Freudenberg, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk), County/District Cllr L Vijeh, and 2 members of the public.

### 1/20 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr Abel.

### 2/20 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests

Cllr Criddle declared a personal interest (neighbour) in Paragraph 6/20 i) Planning Application 20/01066/HOU.

### .3/20 Covid 19 & Continuing Parish Council Business

The Chairman – Cllr Peter Lang – welcomed everyone to the first remote meeting of Ashill Parish Council. The meeting was being held in accordance with the Government's 'Local Authorities... (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority...) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020'. The legislation came into force from 4 April 2020 and allows for Local Councils to hold remote meetings up to and including 7 May 2021. It is also not a requirement for an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held during the 2020/21 Council year which means the roles/responsibilities as agreed during the 2019/20 Council year are not required to be formally reviewed and would be carried over to the 2020/21 Council year as follows :

Chairman	Cllr P Lang	
Vice-Chairman	Cllr R Abel	
Playing Field	Cllr P Lang	Role to be shared & a report to be presented at every meeting of the Parish Council
	Cllr A Crouch	
Environment	Cllr S	
Champion	Freudenberg	
Village Hall	Cllr P Lang	A report to be presented at every meeting of the Parish Council
Church	Cllr A Knight	A report to be presented at every meeting of the Parish Council

### 4/20 Public Participation

- A member of the public voiced concerns regarding the size & scale, access & design of the Revised Planning Application 20/00943/S73A.
- A member of the public advised she was attending this meeting in support of the Parish Council and said she felt it would be nice if the Community could hold a 'get together after the Covid 19 situation has passed.
- It was confirmed regular the monthly reports submitted by County/District Cllr Linda Vijeh had been received and noted. Cllr Vijeh advised she had nothing further to add.

### 5/20 Minutes

It was **resolved** for the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2020 to be agreed and signed as a true record.

### 6/20 Planning

- i) The following planning application which had been submitted to SSDC since the last meeting of the Parish Council was received for consideration :

Application No.	20/00943/S73A
Proposal	S73A application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of approval 17/03294/FUL to allow changes to layout, windows and doors.
Location	Paddock Adjoining Square & Compass Public House, Windmill Hill, Ashill.

The Parish Council noted a decision notice for planning permission to be granted for the development of a single dwelling on this site had been issued by SSDC on 3 July 2017 (Ref : 16/05090/FUL). The S73 Supporting Document submitted by the applicant for this revised proposal states that the proposed internal rearrangements of the approved accommodation to both the ground and first floor results in revised fenestrational and roof pitch amendments. Although the Council noted that the proposed revised internal arrangements could be achieved without the need to increase the footprint of the original proposal there were concerns raised that the proposed revised roof pitch amendments - increasing the height of the building - would mean that the size and scale of the proposed new dwelling placed on a site which is already elevated would appear overbearing and out of keeping in the context of its location. It was noted that planning permission granted for the original proposal had been on the basis that the new dwelling would '*not be harmful to any existing residential or visual amenity*' and the Council was of the opinion that the conditions as outlined in the original decision notice should continue to be adhered to. Other conditions of planning permission being granted for the original proposal were noted as being a) '*provision shall be made within the site for the disposal of surface water so as to prevent its discharge onto the highway details of which should have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority*'; and b) '*prior to the first occupation of the dwelling or during the first planting season following occupation - whichever is the sooner - a hard and soft landscaping scheme shall be carried out and completed in accordance with details that shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority*'. The Council wished for reassurance to be sought from the Planning Authority that these conditions had been met and in addition for the Planning Authority to confirm that the way in which the foul water was to be managed had been approved by Wessex Water.

Application No.	20/01066/HOU
Proposal	Removal of existing rear extension and erection of a new replacement two storey extension to rear of dwelling
Location	Holmleigh, Windmill Hill, Ashill.

Cllr Criddle did not take part in this discussion due to declaring a personal interest in this planning application. No observations or objections were raised by any of the other Members.

- ii) The response made by the Chairman using delegated authority based on Members' observations to the following planning application which had been submitted to SSDC since the last meeting of the Parish Council was noted.:

Application No.	20/00405/REM
Proposal	Application for reserved matters following approval of 17/04328/OUT, seeking consent for the appearance and scale of 10 dwellings and associate garages/parking along with landscaping.
Location	Land West Of School Lane, Ashill.

The key points were summarised as being :

- Site Layout/Highways Response.
- Sewerage Management/Pumping Station.
- Surface Water Management/Attenuation Pond.
- Reptile/wildlife protection in the undeveloped other half of the orchard
- Working conditions during construction
- Bell ringing evenings and other local events being held around the Church.
- Site maintenance following development

## 7/20 **Playing Field**

- a) **Closure of Playing Field** - it was noted the playing field had been closed from 24 March 2020 following the Government's orders for outdoor leisure facilities & communal places such as playgrounds, sports courts & outdoor gyms to be closed until further notice due to Covid-19.

- b) **Grass Cutting** - it was noted the grass cutting is continuing to be done and the contractor has been provided with a key to the field.
- c) **UK Government's Covid-19 Recovery Strategy** – the paper issued earlier today by the Government was received and noted especially with regard to Public Spaces. The paper states '*...People may exercise as many times a day as they wish. For example, this would include angling and tennis. You will still not be able to use outdoor gyms, playgrounds...*'. The Parish Council – as the body responsible for the playing field – felt appropriate measures could not be put in place to be able to follow the new Covid-19 Secure guidelines. It was therefore **resolved** that the playing field would remain closed until further notice and continuing advice would be monitored and reviewed as it unfolds.
- d) **Annual Playground Inspection** – the Clerk was instructed to contact the Playground Inspection Company to determine whether the annual playground inspection scheduled for July would still be taking place.
- e) **Any other matters** – none.

#### **-8/20 Highways/Footpaths**

- a) **Excess water in Windmill Hill Lane** – Cllr Lang reported he had not yet been able to take any further action with this matter as there had been very little rainfall since this matter had been brought to attention at the last meeting of the Parish Council.
- b) **Any other matters** – none.

#### **-9/20 Health / Environment**

- a) **Defibrillator** – Cllr Lang reported he had not yet been able to progress the installation of the defibrillator due to Covid 19.
- b) **Parish Tree Warden** – it was **resolved** to appoint Mr S Hewson as the Parish Tree warden who had registered an interest in carrying out this role.
- c) **Parish Environment Champion** – Cllr Freudenberg reported the 50 trees provided by SSDC which had been planted around the Parish are all thriving. The purchase of trees using the SCC Better Lives Grant Funding had been deferred to Autumn 2020 due to Covid 19. The litter pick which had been scheduled for 2 May 2020 had also been deferred due to Covid 19.
- d) **Covid-19 Parish Community Support** – Cllr Clay advised that she and a number of Ashill residents had joined the initiative - organised by the Broadway Surgery - for the delivery of prescription medicines which was very much appreciated by Parish residents.
- e) **Dog Waste Bins** – Cllr Clay reported that two dog waste bins had been ordered and confirmation had been received from SSDC that they would be emptied regularly.
- f) **Any other matters** – none.

#### **10/20 Village Hall**

Cllr Lang reported the Village Hall had been closed since the week commencing 23 March 2020 when the Covid-19 lockdown had been introduced. The Hall would be closed until further notice and it was expected that it would probably not be re-opened until 2021. The Village Hall had received Government grant funding of £10,000 from the Covid-19 range of measures which had been introduced to help small businesses including the Small Business Grant Fund and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant.

#### **11/20 Church**

Cllr Knight reported the Church had been closed since the week commencing 23 March 2020 when the Covid-19 lockdown had been introduced.

#### **12/20 Finance**

- i) The insurance renewal documents were received and it was resolved for the policy with Zurich to be renewed.
- ii) It was noted the deadline for the submission of the 2019/20 accounts to the external auditor had been extended from 30 June 2020 to 31 July 2020 due to Covid 19.
- iii) The draft 2019/20 accounts were received for information.
- iv) A discussion was introduced regarding the problems which had been encountered with being able to get cheques signed during this pandemic. It was agreed that Cllr Lang and Cllr Knight would work together on this issue in order to be able to progress the payment

of outstanding invoices. Moving forwards it was agreed that the Council should introduce electronic banking after the Covid 19 situation has passed.

v) It was resolved for the following payments to be approved:

Dr S Freundenberg - Printing	£ 24.00
Bargain Masters (Bolton) Ltd.	£ 44.85
Klingfisher Direct – Dog Waste Bins	£ 327.36
St.Marys Church – Donation 2020/21	£ 500.00
West Country Payroll – Payroll Service 2020/21	£ 60.00
Zurich - Insurance 2020/21	£ 464.20
Mr P Lang – Zoom Registration	£ 14.39
<b>Correspondence</b>	
St. Marys Church - Donation	

**13/20 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- **2019/2020 Accounts - July**
- **Emergency Plan – to be deferred to after the Covid-19 crisis has passed**
- **Excess water in Windmill Hill Lane – Cllr Lang to contact Highways regarding this when appropriate**

**14/20 Dates of 2020/21 Meetings**

It was confirmed the dates of the ordinary meetings of the Parish Council for 2020/21 would be 13 July, 7 September, 2 November, 18 January, 1 March and 10 May (Annual Meeting). All meetings will commence at 7,30pm and at the moment it is likely they will be held remotely.

*The meeting closed at 9.25 pm*

Signed : ..... (Chairman)  
13 July 2020