

# Ashill Parish Council

## Minutes of an *informal* meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on Monday 1 November 2021 at 6.00 pm

**Present** : Cllrs P Lang (Chairman), R Abel, A Crouch, A Knight, P Varney, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk), County/District Cllr Vijeh, & 2 members of the public (left after Paragraph 46/21 - A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme Preliminary Design Consultation October 2021).

### 45/21 Apologies / Casual Vacancies

- a) All members of the Parish Council were present at this meeting.
- b) It was noted the Parish Council still has two Casual Vacancies.

### 46/21 A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme Preliminary Design Consultation

The Chairman reported that National Highways are currently consulting on their proposal to upgrade the A358 Taunton to Southfields to a dual carriageway & this consultation would close at 23.59 on Monday 22 November 2021. The Chairman had also hosted three 'Drop In Sessions' in the Village Hall on Monday 25 October 2021 – 2pm to 6pm; Tuesday 26 October 2021 – 9am to 1pm; & Wednesday 27 October - 5pm to 8pm.

### 47/21 Public Participation

Appreciation was conveyed to County/District Cllr Linda Vijeh for her regular monthly reports which are circulated to the members of the Council & posted on the Website by the Clerk.

### 48/21 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests

Cllr Varney declared a personal interest in Paragraph 50/21 – Planning.

### 49/21 Minutes

It was agreed for the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 September 2021 to be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

### 50/21 Planning

It was noted the following application had been submitted to & approved by SSDC since the last meeting :

Application No.	21/02558/HOU & 21/02559/LBC
Proposal	Erection of a shed
Location	Rapps Cottage, Rapps Road, Ashill.

The Clerk - using delegated authority – had consulted with Members with the exception of Cllr Varney & there had been no objections / observations.

### Correspondence (*noted*)

CIL Payment to Ashill Parish 16/05090/FUL

### 51/21 Playing Field

- a) The October Playing Field Inspection report carried out by the Chairman was received & noted.
- b) The Chairman conveyed appreciation to Cllr Crouch who had removed the litter bin since the last meeting. He reported the removal of the bin & the notice asking people to take their rubbish home for recycling had appeared so far to have had a positive outcome.

### 52/21 Highways / Footpaths

- a) A written report from the Parish Path Liaison Officer (PPLO) with regard to the issues raised at the last meeting of the Parish Council was received & noted.
- b) A request made by a resident as to whether either a traffic mirror or a traffic camera could be placed at the end of Butts Lane & the response from Somerset County Council Traffic Management was received & noted.

- c) It was noted a resident had reported to the SCC Rights of Way Team the following faulty swing / livestock gates - i) at the end of the footpath that runs adjacent to the millennium pond (Ref : 64720); ii) from there continuing on that path the second is the exit from the field into the nature area in the corner of the long field (Ref : 64721); & iii) the swing gates at either end of the footbridge (Ref : 64722).

**Correspondence (noted)**

SCC Rights of Way Area Warden – issues with people leaving a gate open

**53/21 Health / Environment**

- a) Correspondence from SSDC regarding the request tabled at the last meeting for a dog waste bin on Windmill Hill was received & noted.
- b) Further to correspondence between RNAS Merryfield & the residents - who had raised concerns at the last meeting of the Parish Council with regard to helicopter activity - Cllr Varney reported that he, a number of residents & the Chairman of the Parish Council had attended a meeting at RNAS Merryfield on 6 October 2021;
- c) No other matters regarding Health / Environment were tabled.

**54/21 Village Hall**

The Chairman reported the Village Hall accounts – July 2020 / June 2021 - have now been audited & can be viewed on both the Hall's outside notice board & website. Bookings for the Hall have been gradually picking up after the Hall was reopened on 6 September 2021.

**55/21 Church**

Cllr Knight reported the following Services for November / December : 21/11/2021 – Festival of Heaven – 10am; 26/11/2021 – Carols around the Christmas Tree at the Village Hall – 6pm; 19/12/2021 – Carols – 4pm (School Service) & 6pm; & 25/12/2021 – Christmas Day Carols – 9.30am.

**56//21 Christmas 2021**

The Chairman reported the Christmas tree has been ordered & also the replacement lighting as had been agreed at the last meeting of the Parish Council. The tree with lights would be ready for the 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' to be held on 26 November 2021.

**57/21 HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022**

The Chairman asked Councillors to consider whether the Parish Council should facilitate any arrangements for Ashill to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Councillors agreed they would explore opinions / ideas with friends/neighbours.

**58/21 Finance**

- i) The October payments / receipts report & first draft of the 2022 / 23 budget was received & noted.
- ii) Correspondence from the 1st Ilton & Broadway Scouts - requesting help with funding towards the purchase of a number of badges for the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts - was received & considered. It was agreed for a grant payment of £100 to be awarded.
- iii) It was agreed for the following payments to be approved :
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| Clerks' Salary & Administration Costs (October - December)                  | £679.88 |
| UK2 – Website (2021 / 22 & 2022 / 23)                                       | £244.87 |
| 1st Ilton & Broadway Scouts - Donation                                      | £100.00 |
| Mr P Lang – Zoom Meeting (Nov)/'Drop In' Costs/Rubbish Bin Sign/Xmas Lights | £ 74.36 |

**Correspondence (noted)**

Ashill Village Hall – Replacement Roof

**59/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Budget 2022 / 23
- Christmas Review
- HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022

**60/21 Dates & Times of 2022 Meetings**

- a) The Chairman asked Councillors to consider moving usual start times of meetings forward from 7.30pm to 7.00pm. As no objections were raised it was agreed that future meetings should start at 7.00pm
- b) Dates of 2022 Meetings were confirmed as being 24 January, 7 March, 9 May (Annual Meeting), 5 September & 7 November.

*The meeting closed at 8 : 40 pm*

Signed : ..... (Chairman  
24 January 2022