

# Ashill Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1 July 2019 in Ashill Village Hall at 7.30 pm

**Present :** Cllrs P Lang (Chairman), R Abel, L Clay, A Crouch, A Knight,  
Mrs J Davidson (Clerk), County/District Cllr L Vjeh and two members of the public.

### 20/19 Apologies

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

### 21/19 Councillors

- a) Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Cllr Crouch had completed a Registration of Interest form since the last meeting and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form at this meeting which was witnessed by the Clerk.
- b) Casual Vacancy - it was noted the Parish Council still has one Casual Vacancy which needs to be filled by co-option.

### 22/19 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests

None.

### 23/19 Minutes

It was resolved for the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2019 to be agreed and signed as a true record.

### 24/19 Public Participation

- The Deputy CEO of The Redstart Learning Partnership (TRLP) – Mr Dale Burr – was introduced and welcomed to the meeting. In 2018 Ashill Primary School became a part of TRLP which is a Multi-Academy Trust of Primary Schools in Somerset. Mr Burr was pleased to report the first year had been a positive one which had included the appointment of Ms L Gabriel as the Executive Head of School in February 2019. Mr Burr advised there had been challenges with the playing field grass cutting contract this year but it was hoped these had now been resolved and gave his commitment that TRLP would continue to take the responsibility for the grass cutting and sports day preparations. Cllr Lang conveyed the Parish Council were pleased to work in partnership with TRLP and thanked Mr Burr for attending the meeting.
- No public representation.
- County/District Cllr Linda Vjeh had submitted her monthly report which had been displayed on the Website by the Clerk.

### 25/19 Planning

- i) Amendments which had been made by the applicants to the following planning application since the last meeting of the Parish Council were noted :

Application No.	18/01450/OUT
Proposal	Outline application for the erection of up to 3 dwelling houses with access thereto
Location	The Builders Yard, Wood Road, Ashill.

There were no objections or observations.

- ii) It was noted the following planning application had been considered and recommended for refusal at the meeting of the SSDC Area West Committee held on 19 June 2019 :

Application No.	17/04328/OUT
Proposal	Erection of 10 dwellings and associated works including the formation of 2 No. accesses (outline)
Location	Land West of School Lane, Ashill.

### 26/19 Playing Field

- a) The July 2019 playing field report – prepared by Cllr Crouch & Cllr Lang - was received for consideration. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy to Mr S Hewson requesting a quotation for the tasks to be carried out which had been identified.
- b) It was noted an order has been placed with the Playing Field Inspection Company for the Annual Playground Inspection and this will be carried out during July.
- c) No other matters relevant to the playing field were tabled.

### 27/19 Highways / Footpaths

- a) Missing handrail on the footpath behind Ashton Close - the Chairman reported he had been unable to make contact with the relevant officer at SSDC in order to progress this matter.
- b) Any other relevant matters - it was reported the grass verges need cutting but it is understood this will not be done until after August and the drains being washed out had also been noticed recently.

### 28/19 Emergency Planning

Cllr Lang reported a number of fire engines plus a Water Carrier from Bridgwater and a welfare unit from Burnham on Sea were sent to the scene of a fire at a bungalow on School Lane on Sunday 16 June 2019. This incident has raised a question regarding the water pressure in Ashill and Cllr Lang had approached Wessex Water in order to explore this. The response from Wessex Water had been that a representative would be happy to come out and check water pressure at the request of any householder by appointment.

### 29/19 Environment

- a) Further consideration was given to the provision of a dog waste bin in the Parish and it was agreed to explore the feasibility with SSDC as to whether one could be sited in the churchyard – just inside the gate - on the left hand side past the end of the wall.
- b) Cllr Lang reported he had collected the new three seater bench from Yarcombe Woodland Products since the last meeting. Mr Steve Hewson had helped him to deliver the bench to the pond and had supplied and fitted it with new ground anchors.
- c) No other relevant Parish Environment matters were tabled.

### 30/19 Village Hall

Cllr Lang reported an excellent year of the Village Hall being used including a number of regular bookings. The next task to be carried out is for an extractor fan to be fitted in the kitchen.

### 31/19 Church

Cllr Knight reported there had been a reasonable attendance at the recent flower festival. Future dates for the diary were noted as being :

1 August 2019 Coffee Morning

7 September 2019 Concert

14 September Ride & Stride

### 32/19 Finance

- i) It was noted the notification of exempt status with regard to the 2018/19 annual accounts had been received and logged by the external auditor and no further action was required for 2018/19.
- ii) It was noted the Clerk had submitted a claim for a VAT refund up to 31 March 2019 and a sum of £512.39 had been credited by HMRC to the Parish Council Current Account on 22 May 2019.
- iii) The 2019/20 national salary award agreed by the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services was noted. It was resolved that the Clerks' salary should be adjusted to take account of the NJC recommendations.
- iv) It was resolved for the following payments to be approved :

Mr S Hewson – Playing Field Repair Materials ( <i>Paid</i> )	£145.00
Clerks' Salary (April-June)	£ 606.84

**33/19 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Xmas Tree (September)
- Winter Gritting (November)

**34/19 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 9 September 2019.

*The meeting closed at 9.25 pm*

Signed : ..... (Chairman)  
9 September 2019