

Ashill Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 3 July 2017 in Ashill Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

Present : Cllrs H Hewson (Chairman), A Knight, P Lang, R Perryman,
Mrs J Davidson (Clerk), County/District Cllr L Vijeh, 4 members of the A358 Project Team
and 86 members of the public.

19/17 Chairmans' Opening Remarks

Councillor Hewson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the four members of the A358 Project Team. She advised it had been decided that the majority of the agenda for this meeting of the Parish Council would be deferred to another date, yet to be determined, in order to focus on the A358 presentation and to give everyone present the opportunity to speak and ask questions.

20/17 Apologies

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

21/17 A358 Public Consultation

There was a presentation from Mr Richard Bowen – Mott McDonald – supported by members of the Highways England Project Team regarding the proposed A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme. Public consultation regarding the proposed scheme had been paused by Highways England due to the snap general election announcement for 8 June 2017 and, in keeping with pre-election guidance, the consultation period had been extended from 20 May 2017 to 16 July 2017. Members of the public were encouraged to respond to the consultation and, once feedback had been received, the preferred route would be announced and a more detailed design would be drawn up. An application for a development consent order would then be made after a further period of consultation.

22/17 Public Participation

Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak and ask questions with regard to the A358 Public Consultation. A number of clarification of points within the presentation and observations were raised and summarised as :

- Southfields Roundabout congestion and safety;
- Proposed number and location of junctions;
- Proposed location of 'Junction C';
- Impact on the narrow local road networks and communities;
- Impact regarding the safety of pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists;
- Impact on the environment;
- Mitigation of the level of congestion at the M5 Junction 25;
- Disturbance caused by construction.

23/17 A358 Parish Council Response

The Clerk and Cllr Lang would work in partnership to formulate a response to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council taking into account points which had been raised by members of the public.

24/17 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the remainder of this meeting would be rescheduled for 7 August 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed : (Chairman)
7 August 2017