

# Ashill Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 January 2016 in Ashill Village Hall at 7.30 pm

**Present :** Cllrs H Hewson (Chairman), R Abel, S Knight, P Lang, P Underhill, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk) and 1 member of the public (*who left the meeting after the Public Participation Item*).

## 1/1/16 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr Brunt and Cllr Perryman.

## 2/1/16 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests

None.

## 3/1/16 Minutes

It was resolved for the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2015 to be signed as a true record.

## 4/1/16 Public Participation

- Mr C Russ attended the meeting to ask about the progress regarding obtaining the information about registering the telephone box which is within the curtilage of the car parking area of the Ashill Inn. The Clerk advised she was waiting for a response to an e-mail enquiry which had been sent to BT Payphones and would contact Mr Russ when the information has been received.
- County/District Cllr L Vijeh had conveyed her apologies due to being unable to attend this meeting.

## 5/1/16 Play Area

Mrs Pyle is currently in the process of preparing an SSDC Community Grants application for funding to be used towards the purchase of adult play equipment. There is a requirement for a copy of the Parish Council's Equality and Diversity Policy to be submitted with the application. Therefore a draft Equal Opportunities Policy was received,/considered and it was resolved for this policy to be adopted.

## 6/1/16 Planning

- i) The following planning applications which have been submitted to SSDC since the last meeting were received and considered .

Application No.	15/05078/FUL
Applicant	Mr & Mrs A Witt
Proposal	Alterations, extension and conversion of barn for use as ancillary accommodation
Location	Deacons Farm, Rapps Road, Ashill.

There were no observations.

Application No.	15/05223/FUL
Applicant	Mr & Mrs J Symes
Proposal	Erection of implement store
Location	Hastings, Thickthorn Lane, Ashill

There were no observations.

Application No.	15/05375/FUL
Applicant	Mrs Yvonne Stunt
Proposal	The erection of extension to front elevation
Location	4 Ashton Close, Ashill

There were no observations.

ii) It was noted that the following application has now been withdrawn :

Application No.	15/04895/FUL
Applicant	Mr J Symes
Proposal	Demolish existing bungalow and erection of two storey dwelling house and garage
Location	Pretty Hayes, Thickthorn Lane, Ashill

iii) It was noted the appeal has been allowed by the Planning Inspector and planning permission has been granted for the following planning application :

	15/04848/FUL
Applicant	Mssrs And Mrs Brazil, Tucker, Ayres and Tucker
Proposal	Change of use of land to private gypsy caravan site consisting of 6 No. pitches, associated developments and creation of new access (Revised Application).
Location	Land Os 1074, Crosskeys, Ashill.

### 7/1/16 Highways / Footpaths

- a) The latest speed indicator device, (SID), reports for Ashill, (Old A358 near Harvey Way), taken between 10 November 2015 and 24 November 2015 were received and noted.
- b) The proposed speed indicator device (SID) installation dates for Ashill for 2016 were received and noted as follows :  
Ashill (Old A358 near Harvey Way) - weeks commencing 16 May and 3 October  
Ashill (Old A358 near Harvey Way – opposite direction) – week commencing 18 April  
The installation in the opposite direction is a 'one-off' and additional installation at the request of a Councillor. The SIDs will remain in place for two weeks from their date of installation on each occasion.
- c) It was reported there have been incidents of the road flooding adjacent to ???Ashill House???. Cllr Underhill was given an action to explore this with the landowner of the ditch which is adjacent to the road.
- d) Attention was brought to the 'Windmill Hill Lane' road name sign which has been placed on the boundary wall of the new property too far away from the corner for it so be seen from the Ashill main road.
- e) ???Attention was brought to the poor condition of the footpath which runs adjacent to the carriageway adjacent to the A358.???
- f) It was reported the bottom of the scissor gates on the footpath adjacent to ???Ashill House require repairing???

### 8/1/16 Environment

Consideration was given as to whether a request should be made for a volunteer to come forward to act as a Parish Environment Warden. It was agreed to give further consideration to this matter after giving more thought to what the role could involve.

### 9/1/16 Website

The Clerk reported she has purchased website hosting by UK2 and the domain name [www.ashillpc.org.uk](http://www.ashillpc.org.uk) and commenced work on designing and populating the Ashill Parish Council website. The website should be ready to be published on to the internet by before the next meeting of the Parish Council for members to be able to have a look at and comment on. An application for funding which is available for small Parish Councils to become web enabled and compliant with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities can then be completed.

### 10/1/16 Finance

- i) It was noted a Health and Wellbeing Grant payment of £580 has been received from SSDC.
- ii) A funding request from St. Mary's PCC was received and considered. It was resolved for a payment of £500 to be made.

- iii) An introduction letter and factsheet regarding the new process for audit commencing 2016/17 with regards to the Sector Led Body was received and considered. At this stage there is no need to do anything unless the Parish Council wishes to opt out of the audit procurement arrangements, set up an independent audit panel, and procure relevant services. The Parish Council resolved not to opt out which meant it would be automatically included in the arrangement for the next five years as stated in the regulations passed at the start of the year.
- iv) A payments/receipts report, draft budget for 2016/17 and information regarding the future reduction of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant was received and considered. It was resolved that the precept for 2016/17 should be £4,500.
- v) It was resolved for the following payments to be approved :
 

St. Mary's PCC – Churchyard Maintenance	£500.00
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**11/1/16 Correspondence**

- Any other correspondence, circulars and publications which had been received and not included as an item on this agenda were noted.

**12/1/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Parish Environment Warden
- Millennium Pond
- Communication

**13/1/16 Dates of 2016 Meetings**

It was confirmed the scheduled meeting dates for the remainder of 2016 would be 7 March, 9 May, 4 July, 5 September and 7 November. Meetings usually commence at 7.30pm and are held in the Ashill Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9 : 00 pm*

Signed : ..... (Chairman  
7 March 2016