

Ashill Parish Council

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

Present : Cllrs H Hewson (Chairman), R Abel, M Brunt, A Knight, P Lang, R Perryman, County/District Cllr L Vijeh, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk) and one member of the public (left after the public participation item).

19/16 Apologies

All members of the Parish Council were present at the meeting.

20/16 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests

None.

21/16 Minutes

It was resolved for the minutes of the annual meeting held on 9 May 2016 to be signed as a true record.

22/16 Casual Vacancy

The Notice of the Casual Vacancy had been displayed on the Parish Council notice boards from 20 May 2016. As there had been no requests for the vacancy to be filled by election, within the statutory 14 day period, the Clerk had received notification from SSDC that it could be filled by the Parish Council by co-option. The Clerk had then displayed an advertisement on the notice boards for anyone who is interested to contact any member of the Parish Council or the Clerk for further information.

23/16 Public Participation

- A written report submitted by County/District Councillor Vijeh was received and noted. Cllr Vijeh also reported that the 'Devils and Angels' Supper held on 2 July 2016, at Broadway Village Hall, had raised a total sum of £450.
- Mr Preater brought attention to the condition of the hedge adjacent to the churchyard which is starting to grow over at the bottom and obscure the footpath.

24/16 Playing Field

- a) A Playing Field Inspection Report - dated 4 July 2016 – carried out by Cllr Perryman - was received and noted. Work has commenced to secure the boards of the skate board ramp.
- b) Correspondence had been received from Ashill Community Primary School regarding the number of holes that had appeared on the surface of the playing field since the last meeting of the Parish Council. It was thought that the holes could have been caused by rabbits and were of concern, especially as they were the size of a child's foot, for the children using the field for sports activities and the Sports Evening scheduled to be held on 10 June 2016. The Clerk had brought this matter to the attention of Cllr Perryman who had filled in the holes and was continuing to monitor the situation.
- c) It was questioned as to whether the low height of the tennis court net could be adjusted as there does not appear to be a winding mechanism. Cllr Perryman advised that he has the winding handle and will adjust the net to be of the correct height.
- d) A discussion was introduced about whether power washing and moss removal work should be carried out on the tennis court and it was agreed that this should be carried out during the autumn.
- e) A discussion was introduced regarding the arrangements for tennis court membership and the replacement of the padlock. It was agreed that no changes should be made to the membership charges for 2016/17 and Cllr Hewson would collect the payments. The padlock and key system would remain as it is for the time being.
- f) Further consideration was given to the SSDC Annual Playground Inspection Offer & Playground Risk Assessment Service. It was resolved for a request to be made for SSDC to carry out the Annual Playground Inspection for 2016/17.
- g) Cllr Hewson reported that enough funding has been obtained to be able to provide five pieces of adult play equipment. It is hoped the equipment will be installed during September and consideration needs to be given to a launch ceremony.

25/16 Planning

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

Application No.	16/01790/FUL
Applicant	Dr Speke
Proposal	Change of use of land for the siting of two Shepherd Huts for tourist accommodation, together with alterations to the access onto the old A358 and use of the existing access. The erection of an agricultural building
Location	Shrubbery Farm. Old A358, Horton, Ilminster.

There were no observations.

Application No.	16/02855/FUL
Applicant	Mr Philip Grabham
Proposal	Use of site as B1 without personal condition. Alterations to existing building and the erection of an extension to form 2 No. additional B1 units. Erection of single storey extension to existing building and formation of new vehicular access and parking area (part retrospective)
Location	Forest Enterprise Park, Wood Road, Ashill.

There were no observations'.

- ii) The responses made by the Parish Clerk, using delegated authority to formulate a response on behalf of all members observations, regarding the following planning applications which had been submitted to SSDC since the last meeting were noted :

Application No.	16/01996/FUL
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Clift
Proposal	Alterations to include part demolition of the rear living room and the erection of a two storey rear extension and the erection of a porch to front elevation
Location	8 Windmill Hill Lane, Ashill.

There had been no observations.

- iii) It was noted the following planning applications have been granted by SSDC since the last meeting :

Application No.	16/01017/FUL
Applicant	Mr John Syms
Proposal	Demolition of existing bungalow and the erection of a two storey dwelling house and garage
Location	Pretty Hayes, Thickthorn Lane, Ashill

Application No.	16/01105/FUL
Applicant	Mrs J Salmons
Proposal	The erection of stables and formation of hardstanding
Location	Windmill Hill Farm, Windmill Hill Lane, Ashill

Application No.	16/01996/FUL
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Clift
Proposal	Alterations to include part demolition of the rear living room and the erection of a two storey rear extension and the erection of a porch front elevation
Location	8 Windmill Hill Lane, Ashill.

26/16 SSDC Consultation – the SSDC Rural Housing Action Plan Consultation was received and considered. It was agreed that no further action would be taken regarding this matter.

27/16 Highways / Footpaths

- i) The April/May and May/June Speed Indicator Device (SID) Reports for Ashill (Old A358 near Harvey Way) were received and considered. For April/May the location used was the same as that normally used but the SID itself was reversed to 'capture' traffic travelling in the opposite direction' from previous installations, at the request of the Parish Council. The median speed recorded between 19 April 2016 and 4 May 2016 was calculated at 35mph which is 5mph above the posted speed limit of 30mph. The 85%ile speed was calculated as 42mph which is 6mph above the intervention limit of 36mph. The median speed recorded between 17 May 2016 and 31 May 2016 was calculated at 28mph which is compliant with the posted speed limit of 30mph. The 85%ile speed was calculated as 39mph which is 3mph above the intervention limit of 36mph. For the one day recorded in June the median speed was calculated at 24mph which is also compliant with the posted speed limit and the 85%ile speed was calculated as 40mph which is 4mph above the intervention limit. *The 85%ile speed is the speed at which 85% of all vehicles are travelling either at or below (with the remaining 15% of all vehicles travelling at a higher speed).* The Parish Council was of the opinion that the levels of speeding are not acceptable and the Clerk was given an action to explore with Highways what speed reduction measures could be taken.
- ii) it was noted that, since the last meeting, School signs have been provided on each approach to this junction off the OLD A358 in response to a request which had been made by the Parish Council. A sign from the Windmill Hill direction had not been considered to be necessary by - Mr Gary Warren - the Highways Traffic Engineer and therefore had not been provided.
- iii) Correspondence had been received from Mr Chris Weeks – Highways – that the Thickthorn Gating Order delay is due to formal consent for the location having not been received from the Parish Council. It is not sure how this had been missed, and apologies had been conveyed by Mr Weeks for not chasing this up and the Clerk was given the action to provide Highways with the required formal consent.

28/16 Environment

Cllr Hewson reported that Mr Steve Hewson had carried out some strimming and tidying up work around the Millennium Pond during the last weekend. It had been noticed that the wooden picnic bench is starting to deteriorate and consideration was given as to whether it should be replaced with a recycled plastic seating bench. The Clerk was given the action to obtain some prices for a replacement bench. Appreciation was conveyed to Mr Hewson for carrying out this work.

29/16 Communication

Three quotations for the provision of a replacement Parish Council Notice Board at the end of Wood Road were received and considered. It was resolved for the lowest quotation to be approved and for an order to be placed.

30/16 Insurance

- a) A revised asset register was received, considered and it was resolved for it to be approved.
- b) A quotation and insurance proposal from Zurich, to reflect the revised asset register, was received, considered and it was resolved for it to be approved.

31/16 Finance

- i) It was noted that no matters had been raised by the Internal Auditor and the Notice of Audit has been displayed on the main Parish Council Notice Board near the School;
- ii) The new agreement for a pay deal for local council officers and workers for the period 2016/18 was noted.
- iii) It was noted the banking contact details and signatory arrangements for the Parish Council and Playing Field accounts have now been updated by NatWest,
- iv) It was resolved for the following payments to be approved:

Zurich – Insurance (<i>Paid</i>)	£375.54
Village Hall – Meeting Room Hire	£ 12.00
Clerks' Salary & Administration Costs	£612.51

32/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Adult Exercise Equipment & Launch Ceremony
- Ashill Christmas Tree

33/16 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting of the Parish will be 5 September 2016.

The meeting closed at 9 : 15 pm

Signed : (Chairman
5 September 2016