

Ashill Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 March 2017 in Ashill Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present : Cllrs H Hewson (Chairman), R Abel, A Knight, P Lang, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk) and no members of the public.

77/16 Apologies

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

78/16 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests

Cllr Knight declared a personal, but non-pecuniary interest. in paragraph 88/16 (ii) Finance as he is the Ashill Church Warden.

79/16 Minutes

It was resolved for the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2017 to be signed as a true record.

80/16 Casual Vacancies

- a) It was noted the Parish Council still has a Casual Vacancy which needs to be filled by co-option.
- b) The notice of a second Casual Vacancy, due to the resignation of Cllr Brunt, has been displayed on the Parish Council notice boards with effect from 21 February 2017.

81/16 Public Participation

- County/District Councillor Vjeh had conveyed her apologies due to being unable to attend this meeting. The January and February written County/District Councillor reports were received and noted.

82/16 Playing Field

- a) It was reported there were no new matters to be brought to attention regarding the Playing Field. The maintenance tasks as identified at the meeting of the Parish Council held in January were ongoing.
- b) It was reported the Parish Council has received a VAT refund of £3,103.95 which includes a sum of £2,800 for the supply and installation of the outdoor gym equipment. A discussion was introduced as to whether any of this money should be refunded to the Ashill Playing Field Trust. It was resolved to return a sum of £1,500 to the Ashill Playing Field Trust which meant the final contribution made by the Trust towards the gym equipment had been £1,000.

83/16 Planning

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

Application No.	17/00541/FUL
Applicant	SE And RM Fry
Proposal	The erection of an apex steel framed building to cover existing cow yard
Location	Hatchers Pond , Radigan Lane, Ashill.

There were no objections/observations.

- iii) It was noted the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) has now been published on the South Somerset District Council web site :<https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/early-review-of-local-plan-2006-2028/project-management--monitoring/south-somerset-housing-and-employment-land-availability-assessment/>. This is an evidence base document to support the production of the Early Review of the Local Plan. The HELAA does not allocate sites for development nor does it imply that identified sites would be granted planning permission if an application were to be submitted

84/16 Highways / Footpath

- a) It was noted the Thickthorn Gate had been installed during February.
- b) Attention was brought to the surface of the Old A358 which is considered to be unusually smooth. It was agreed that this matter should be brought to the attention of Highways.
- c) It was reported there is excessive mud on the road at Ashton Close/Windmill Hill Lane which is being caused by tractor traffic.

85/16 Environment

There were no relevant matters brought to attention regarding the Environment.

86/16 Village Hall

- a) Cllr Lang advised that the Ashill Village Hall Lunch Club is registered as an activity which is considered to be a 'certain continuity of activities and certain degree of organisation' as found in EU food hygiene legislation for community and charity food provision which means that a food hygiene inspection is required. Cllr Lang was pleased to report that Ashill Village Hall has been awarded a 5* food hygiene inspection from the South Somerset District Council food.
- b) It was reported that the Christmas tree which is still standing outside the Village Hall is to be removed during the following week.

87/16 Website

Attention was brought to the two month delay in the publication of the minutes. It was agreed, subject to other priorities of the Clerk, that draft minutes should be circulated soon after meetings of the Parish Council for comments/amendments and then published on the Website.

88/16 Finance

- i) Consideration was given to the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the 2016/17 Accounts. It was resolved to appoint Mr J Brunt who had carried out the 2015/16 Audit.
- ii) Correspondence from Ashill PCC for a 2017/18 church donation was received and considered. It was resolved for a grant payment of £500 to be made for 2017/18.
- iii) It was resolved for the following payments to be approved :

Ashill PCC – Churchyard Maintenance	£ 500.00
Clerks' Salary & Administration Costs(Jan-March)	£ 593.36
Ashill Playing Field Trust – Grant Refund	£1,500.00

89/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- 2016/17 Accounts

90/16 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council, which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Monday 8 May 2017.

The meeting closed at 8 : 45pm pm

Signed : (Chairman
8 May 2017