

Ashill Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 March 2016 in Ashill Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present : Cllrs H Hewson (Chairman), R Abel, M Brunt, S Knight, P Lang, R Perryman, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1/3/16 Apologies

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

2/3/16 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests

None.

3/3/16 Minutes

It was resolved for the minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2016 to be signed as a true record.

4/3/16 Public Participation

- PCSO John Martin attended the meeting and presented a brief report. There had been a couple of incidents during the past few weeks of 'taking from motor vehicles' in Horton and Broadway and a vehicle theft from Horton. The road closure of the Ilminster B1368 appears to have resulted in a few incidents including a car and bicycle theft and vandalism of property.
- County/District Cllr L Vijeh had conveyed her apologies due to being unable to attend this meeting but had submitted a written report which was received and noted.
- A member of the public made the request to speak regarding item 6/3/2016 – Planning - Paddock adjoining Square & Compass Public House, Windmill Hill, Ashill. Concerns were raised regarding layout/design, access, and planning history.

5/3/16 Play Area

- a) Communication from SSDC was received and noted regarding the first draft of the Parish Council application, which had been prepared/submitted by Mrs B Pyle, for funding to be used towards the purchase of adult play equipment. If the application was to be formally assessed by SSDC at this stage it would not reach the minimum score required for it to be taken to the SSDC Committee for a decision. There were a few sections of the application which would require further work/information but it was hoped that this situation would not be irretrievable. It is also an SSDC policy to not give more than 50% of the total cost of a project and, as the current application is for 78%, there would be a need to find some additional funding. A suggestion would be to consider an 'Awards for All' application and it was agreed the Clerk would liaise with Mrs Pyle in order to explore/progress this.
- b) Cllr Perryman presented a brief summary of the Playing Field Inspection which he had carried out on 9 March 2016. Cllr Perryman had discussed the free standing netball posts with the School who would wish for them to be retained and therefore, for health and safety reasons, fixing them to each end of the area would need to be explored.
- c) The SSDC Annual Playground Inspection dated 22 January 2016 was received and noted.
- d) The SSDC Annual Playground Inspection Offer & Playground Risk Assessment Service was received and considered. It was agreed to defer consideration regarding this matter until the Clerk had explored the Risk Assessment requirements with the Insurance Company.

6/3/16 Planning

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

A

Application No.	16/03256/FUL
Applicant	Mr Christopher Slow
Proposal	The erection of 1 No. detached dwelling house and detached double garage
Location	Paddock adjoining Square & Compass Public House, Windmill Hill, Ashill.

It was resolved to **object** to this proposal for the following reasons :

Layout and design – it was felt a large, tall, timber clad, dwelling arbitrarily sited within this field would appear to be overbearing and out of character in the context of its location.

Access – the proposed access is at the narrowest point on a bend of Windmill Hill Road which, already narrow, is reduced to a single track carriageway caused by cars which regularly park in front of the row of housing on the other side. It was felt that Windmill Hill Road is not adequate, and has not been designed, to service any housing development on the proposed site on this side of the road. The road network which provides access to/from Windmill Hill Road, via Wood Lane, has poor visibility at the junction and is already considered to be hazardous.

Planning Application/History – the planning application refers to the replacement of 'the original dwelling on the site which was demolished'. This statement was felt to be misleading as it is understood there is no recent history of there being any substantial building being on this site. It is also understood that a previous application for the development of four houses on the site was refused by SSDC in the early 1980s.

B

Application No.	16/00487/FUL
Applicant	Mr Mike Hallett
Proposal	The erection of a double garage/workshop with garden room
Location	The Old Dairy, Rapps, Ashill.

There were no observations.

- ii) The Approval of Reserved Matters which has been submitted to SSDC for the following planning application was received and considered :

Application No.	16/00899/REM
Applicant	Mr Robert Doak
Proposal	Demolition of petrol station and the erection of 2 No. detached dwellings with double garages and alterations to access (Reserved Matters).
Location	Stewley Cross Filling Station, Ashill.

There were no observations.

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

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.

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

- iv) It was noted the following planning application has been refused by SSDC since the last meeting :

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

7/3/16 Highways / Footpaths

- a) Correspondence from Somerset County Council (SCC), regarding a complaint the County Council has received about the ditches in the area around Rapps, was received and noted. Once the landowner has been established then SCC is proposing to write to the landowner with a request to get the ditches cleared.
- b) An e-mail trail from Ilton Parish Council regarding traffic on the road from the A358 along Cad Road was received and noted. It was agreed that no action would be taken by Ashill Parish Council regarding this matter at the present time.

8/3/16 Environment

- a) It was noted that information has been received regarding the SSDC garden waste collection service which will be displayed on the main Parish Council notice board.
- b) Highways had brought attention to a complaint it had received regarding litter in the hedgerows in the area of Rapps. Highways had advised the complainant to contact SSDC as it deals with litter. It was agreed that no action would be taken by Ashill Parish Council regarding this matter at the present time.
- c) It was noted there could be some trees available from SSDC to be used for community planting schemes. It was agreed that no action would be taken regarding this matter at the present time.

9/3/16 Website

It was noted that Ashill Parish Council now has a website which has been published on to the internet - www.ashillpc.org.uk – it was agreed the website would be monitored and the Clerk would be advised of any required additions/amendments.

10/3/16 Finance

- i) It was resolved for the following payments to be approved :

SSDC – Annual Playground Inspection	£ 57.60
Clerks' Salary (December-March)	£751.30
- ii) It was resolved to appoint Mr J Brunt to carry out the Internal Audit for the 2015/16 Accounts.

11/3/16 Correspondence

- Royal Navy – Cancellation of 2016 Merryfield Open Evening;
- Somerset Life Magazine - events taking place in South Somerset villages in May and June;
- Any other correspondence, circulars and publications which had been received and not included as an item on this agenda were received and noted.

12/3/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Annual Playground Inspection / Risk Assessment
- Notice Board Review

13/3/16 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will be held on 9 May 2016.

The meeting closed at 9 : 00 pm

Signed : (Chairman)
9 May 2016