

Ashill Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7 August 2017 in Ashill Village Hall at 7.30 pm

This meeting was rescheduled from the meeting which had been scheduled to be held on Monday 3 July 2017.

Present : Cllrs H Hewson (Chairman), C Criddle K Lyons (*co-opted as of this meeting*), A Knight, P Lang, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk), County/District Cllr L Vjeh and 1 member of the public.

25/17 Apologies

None.

26/17 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests

None.

27/17 Casual Vacancies

- a) Mrs Kazia Lyons who had registered an interest in the Casual Vacancy since the last meeting was welcomed. It was unanimously resolved that Mrs Lyons should be co-opted to be a member of the Council with effect from today. Mrs Lyons was provided with a copy of the Declaration of Interests form, to be completed, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form which was also signed by the Clerk.
- b) It was noted that another registration of interest in becoming a member of the Council has also been received. It was resolved this person would be invited to be co-opted to become a member of the Council in the event of there being another Casual Vacancy during this Council four year term.- 2015/19.

28/17 Minutes

It was resolved for the following minutes to be signed as a true record :

- Annual Meeting held on 8 May 2017; and
- Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2017.

29/17 Public Participation

The May, June and July 2017 Reports from District/County Councillor Linda Vjeh were received and noted. In addition Cllr Vjeh advised that Compass Disability Services have sub-contracted out the mental health aspect of their newly acquired County Council contract to Somerset MIND. There is also to be an investigation into the likely causes of the flooding which was experienced in Ilminster during July when a number of premises were affected.

30/17 Playing Field

A request for the use of the Ashill Playing Field for an 8th birthday football party to be held on 5 August.2017 between 11am and 1pm was noted. The Clerk, after consulting with all members of the Parish Council and the Ashill Playing Field Trust, had confirmed no objections had been raised to the playing field being used for this event. However, as the playing field is a public amenity, it had not been closed to other members of the public during this time.

31/17 Planning

- i) The response made by the Parish Clerk, using delegated authority on behalf of all members' observations, regarding the following planning application submitted to SSDC since the last meeting was received and noted.

Application No.	17/01988/FUL
Applicant	Mr & Mrs G & J Payne & Dawson
Proposal	Demolish existing dwelling, erection of detached dwellinghouse, detached garage and alterations to vehicular access.
Location	Forest Farm, Wood Road, Ashill.

It had been conveyed that this proposal was felt to be a positive one which would not impact on the amenity of the area.

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

Application No.	16/05090/FUL
Applicant	Mr Christopher Slow
Proposal	The erection of 1 No. 4 detached dwellinghouse and detached double garage (Revised Application)
Location	Paddock Adjoining Square & Compass Public House, Windmill Hill, Ashill.

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Applicant	Mr & Mrs G & J Payne & Dawson
Proposal	Demolish existing dwelling, erection of detached dwellinghouse, detached garage and alterations to vehicular access.
Location	Forest Farm, Wood Road, Ashill.

- iii) It was noted that an appeal has been lodged in respect of the following planning application :

Application No.	16/04454/OUT
Applicant	Mr & Mrs P Underhill
Proposal	The erection of 5 No. dwellings with associated access.
Location	The Builders Yard, Wood Road, Ashill.

- iv) It was noted that planning training for Parish/Town Councillors is to be held by SSDC on either 5 October 2017 or 12 October 2017.
- v) It was noted a planning consultant had hosted a public drop in session at Ashill Village Hall on 27 June 2017 for members of the public to view and discuss a development proposal for 'Admirals Field', Windmill Hill Lane, Ashill.
- vi) Correspondence :
 Mr S Aspinall – 'Admirals Field';
 Ms J Hitchcott – possible future development in Ashill;
 Mr & Mrs Blackmore-Wynn – possible future development in Ashill.

32/17 Highways / Rights of Way

- a) The response made on behalf of the Parish Council to the A358 Consultation was received and noted.
- b) **Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53 Application to add a restricted byway to Copse Lane (510M) and upgrade CH 1/23 from a footpath to a restricted byway (511M)** – the SSDC communication regarding the refusal to make an Order to modify the Definitive Map in response to this application was received and noted,
- c) Communication from Mr C Harper regarding one of the sign posts for Kenny being flattened by the contractor who cut the grass verges during July was received and noted. Mr Harper had reported this matter to Somerset County Highways who had advised that this matter should have been reported to the Parish Council due to the sign being owned by the Parish Council. However the responsibility for the contractor and therefore for reinstating the sign has been taken by County Highways but it does not now appear to be very secure.
- d) The bridleway which leads from the back of the Playing Field to Thickthorn Land was reported as becoming very overgrown.

33/17 Environment

It was reported that Mr P Underhill has carried out the repairs which were needed to the bus shelter at no cost to the Parish. Appreciation was conveyed to Mr Underhill for carrying out this task on behalf of the Parish.

34/17 Village Hall

Cllr Lang reported the Village Hall AGM is to be held on 11 September 2017 when the Annual Accounts will be presented. It is proposed that further painting and decorating work will be carried out after October.

35/17 Website / Communication

- a) The Clerk made the request for members of the Parish Council to provide any feedback regarding the Parish Council Website.
- b) Estimates for the supply and installation of wooden notice boards to replace the following old ones were received and considered :
 - Notice Board at Thickthorn Lane
 - Notice Board at Windmill Hill Lane
 - Notice Board at Wood Lane
 - Information Board at Ashill Village Hall

It was agreed to proceed with the replacement of the notice board at Windmill Hill Lane and the Information Board at Ashill Village Hall and to explore whether the notice board at Thickthorn Lane could be refurbished.

36/17 Finance

- i) It was noted the internal audit has been concluded and the Annual Return with supporting documents have now been sent to the external auditor.
- ii) It was noted the pension automatic enrolment duties have now commenced and the declaration of compliance was completed on 23 June 2017.
- iii) It was resolved for the following payments to be approved :

Mr J Brunt – Internal Audit	£ 75.00
WestCountry Payroll – Payroll & Pension Service	£120.00
Clerks’ Salary (April-June) + Printer	£769.57

37/17 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Parish Council Governance

38/17 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting will be held on 4 September 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed : (Chairman
4 September 2017