

Ashill Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 9 September 2019 in Ashill Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present : Cllrs P Lang (Chairman), R Abel, L Clay, A Crouch, A Knight, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk), County/District Cllr L Vijeh, Mr P Dance (Chartered Town Planner), Ms C Duff (Boon Brown Architects) and four members of the public.

35/19 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr Abel & Cllr Criddle.

36/19 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests

None.

37/19 Public Participation

- **Land adjoining Ashill Village Hall** – this land had been granted outline planning approval – reference : 7/04888/OUT on 12 April 2018 in respect of 3 dwellings. Mr Paul Dance – Chartered Town Planner – had attended this meeting to present a report with regard to a revised outline application with all matters reserved - apart from access – which had been submitted to SSDC for 9 dwellings. The Chairman thanked Mr Dance for attending this meeting but the Parish Council would not be able to comment until formal notification of the application had been received from SSDC when a public meeting would be held and the Parish Council would formulate a response.
- Mrs S Freudenberg introduced herself to the meeting and registered an interest in becoming a member of the Parish Council. Mrs Freudenberg also advised she would like to explore the feasibility of establishing a 'Green Ashill Group' to bring together like minded people who would be interested in projects such as tree planting and recycling.
- It was confirmed that County/District Cllr Linda Vijeh had submitted a monthly report which had been published on the Website by the Clerk.

38/19 Planning

- i) Ms Charlotte Duff – Boon Brown Architects – had attended this meeting to advise and answer questions with regard to the following planning application and was invited by the Chairman to speak during this agenda item before the Parish Council gave consideration to this proposal.

Application No.	19/02020/PIP
Proposal	Permission in principle for the change of use of former office building previously used in association with fuel storage and distribution business to 1 No. dwelling
Location	Total Butler, Ashill.

The Parish Council noted that – for a Permission in Principal planning application - all to be considered at this stage was the location, land use and amount and resolved to **object** to the principal of the proposal for the following reasons :

Location – the Council was of the opinion that this proposal could not be considered to be rounding off or infill in the context of the development line along the road. The Council also had concerns with regard to the sustainability of locating a property on this site due to the distance it is away from the centre of Ashill Village.

Land Use – The Council was very concerned about the proposed loss of employment land in the Parish and wished to ensure that - for the future sustainability of the Parish - there is a balance of employment opportunities along with residential development. Planning permission for a significant number of additional housing has recently been granted in the Parish and the Council is concerned that balance is preserved.

Amount – the Council agreed not to comment with regard to the proposed amount of development of this site.

- ii) The response made by the Clerk using delegated authority based on Members' observations was noted with regard to the following planning application which had been submitted to SSDC since the last meeting :

Application No.	19/01706/FUL
Proposal	The change of use to equestrian & the creation of an all-weather riding arena
Location	Land OS 1553 (Windmill Hill Farm House), Forwards Lane, Ashill.

No objections had been raised with regard to this proposal as long as permission was granted on condition there would be no external lighting and it would be for private use only.

- iii) It was noted the following planning application had been considered and recommended for approval at the meeting of the SSDC Regulation Committee held on 16 July 2019 :

Application No.	17/04328/OUT
Proposal	Erection of 10 dwellings and associated works including the formation of 2 No. accesses (outline)
Location	Land West of School Lane, Ashill.

39/19 Minutes

It was resolved for the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 July 2019 to be agreed and signed as a true record.

40/19 Casual Vacancy

It was noted the Parish Council still has one Casual Vacancy which needs to be filled by co-option. It was unanimously resolved to invite Mrs Freudenberg to become a member of the Council to be co-opted at the next meeting. Mrs Freudenberg accepted the invitation and the Clerk would provide her with copies of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Good Councillor Guide before the next meeting.

41/19 Playing Field

- a) The September 2019 playing field report – prepared by Cllr Crouch & Cllr Lang - was received for consideration along with correspondence from Mr S Hewson with quotations for some tasks which have been identified. The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr Hewson to proceed with the following tasks :
- To spray the weeds by the steps-no charge;
 - To reuse the existing cast iron ends of the tennis court bench-clean them up and repaint them-make a new seat and back rail in the same style as before-£160;
 - To sand and double coat re-stain with preservative the bench by the top gate-£120;
 - To repair the bench by the swings including a double coat re-stain with preservative and replace the wooden plugs over the screws so the potential finger traps over the rusty screw heads are addressed-total cost £170;
 - To have a look at the little parrot and report back as his bolts are becoming loose and he could do with being painted but there was some thought that he should be removed.
- b) The Annual Playground Inspection carried out for the first time by the Playing Field Inspection Company on 24 July 2019 was received and noted.
- c) Cllr Couch reported that the Donyatt Football Club had registered an interest in using the playing field on a Wednesday night and no objections were raised. A discussion was introduced with regard to the condition of the baseball/netball posts and it was agreed that Cllr Crouch should arrange for these items to be removed. Cllr Lang reported that – since the last meeting - a member of the public had brought attention to a wasps nest under the slide which he had arranged to be removed by a specialist company.

42/19 Highways / Footpaths

- a) **Highways England preferred route for the dualling of the A358 between Southfields Roundabout and the M5** - Cllr Lang reported he had attended a meeting held on 20 August 2019 with representatives from the Parishes of Broadway, Ilton, Hatch Beauchamp and Horton and would be attending a meeting of the A358 Community Liaison Forum on 24 September 2019. The Chairman of Broadway Parish Council had prepared a summary of the meeting which had been circulated with the papers for this meeting.
- b) Any other relevant matters – no other relevant matters were tabled at this meeting.

43/19 Emergency Planning

The Clerk reported she is progressing two applications for defibrillator funding and hopes the outcome should be known for the November meeting.

44/19 Environment

No relevant matters were tabled at this meeting.

45/19 Village Hall

Cllr Lang reported the 2018/19 accounts - which reflected a positive year for the Village Hall - had now been prepared for audit in readiness to be presented at the AGM to be held on 22 October 2019.

46/19 Church

Cllr Knight reported the concert which had been held on 7 September 2019 had been very enjoyable. Future dates for the diary were noted as being :

- 13 October 2019 – Harvest Festival
- 27 October 2019 - Lunch

47/19 Christmas Arrangements

Cllr Lang reported the Ashill Christmas Event would be held on 6 December 2019 at the Village Hall commencing from 6pm. It was agreed that Cllr Lang & Cllr Crouch would source a tree from a local supplier. Cllr Lang would purchase at least two new sets of lights to replace those that had been water damaged last year. Cllr Lang advised - In terms of lessons learned from last year - the event needed to be better advertised and also the School should be formally notified.

48/19 Finance

It was resolved for the following payments to be approved:

Mr S Hewson – Parish Repairs	£200.00
Playground Inspection Company – Annual Inspection	£114.00
Able Pest Control - Wasp Nest Removal	£121.20
Clerks’ Salary (July – September)	£606.84

49/19 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Christmas Arrangements
- Ashill Green Group
- Defibrillator
- Draft Budget

50/19 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 4 November 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed : (Chairman)
4 November 2019