

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in Ashill Village Hall on Monday 1st July 2024 at 7.30 pm



ASHILL
PARISH COUNCIL
Serving Ashill and Surrounding Hamlets

ASHILL, HASTINGS, KENNY, RAPPS, SOUTHTOWN, STEWLEY,
WINDMILL HILL & WOOD

Present : Cllrs N Harvey (Chairman), R Fry, A Crouch and J Crocker

In attendance: Cllr Varney via Zoom, Mr Roy Batty and L Gowers (Clerk),

20/24 Apologies

Apologies were received by Cllr Pylle (personal)

21/24 Chairmans' Opening Statement

Cllr Harvey explained that he would take the Chair as Cllr Varney was unable to attend in person.

22/24 Public Participation

Nobody wished to speak

23/24 Declarations of Interests / Dispensation Requests

None

24/24 Co-option: To consider the application of Mr Roy Batty to the Parish Council and accept him if appropriate by a show of hands.

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Mr Roy Batty to the Parish Council. Mr Batty joined the meeting.

25/24 Minutes

Cllr Batty noted that the minutes were recorded as March rather than May. The Clerk would amend the minutes. On that basis, It was **RESOLVED for the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 to be agreed & signed as a true record.**

26/24 Planning

a) To note planning applications / notifications received since the last meeting.

Application No.	24/01058/FUL
Location	Land West of School Lane, Ashill, Somerset
Proposal	Proposal of detached carports to plots 2, 3, 4 and 6 & 7.

The Chair noted that the Parish Council had objected to the inclusion of the car ports previously although Cllr Fry reminded the meeting that this was a decision of the previous council. The original application had been rejected whilst it contained the car ports and they were removed to enable the planning application to be passed. Following discussion, it was agreed that as the Parish Council had commented previously there was nothing further to add.

Cllr Crouch noted that ground had been broken at this development and the Clerk was requested to chase any CIL monies due to the Parish Council.

b) To receive planning decision notices from Somerset Council.

The following applications were noted:

24/00663/PAMB The Builders Yard Wood Road Ashill Ilminster Somerset TA19 9NP
Prior Approval Notification for the conversion of barn to 5 (five) Smaller Dwelling houses, together with Parking and Garden area.
Application permitted with conditions.

19/02465/OUT Land Adjoining Ashill Village Hall Ashill Ilminster Somerset
Outline application with all matters reserved save for access for the erection of 7 No. dwellings
Refused

21/01690/REM Land Adjoining Ashill Village Hall Ashill Ilminster Somerset
Reserved Matters application for approval of the appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale of the development following Outline approval 17/04888/OUT for the erection of 3 No. dwellings.
Refused

20/03697/REM Land Os 3727 Part Windmill Hill Lane Ashill Somerset TA19 9PA
Application for approval of appearance, landscaping and scale (the reserved matters), landscaping (condition 4), ecological mitigation (condition 5), access details (condition 9), cycle and footpath links (condition 16) and foul and surface water drainage (condition 20) pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 17/03800/OUT for the erection of 25 dwellings and formation of access
Refused

27/24 Playing Field

- a) To receive the inspection report for the playing field
Cllr. Fry had updated the inspection report and the following was noted:
- The moles had gone and the area looked very tidy.
 - A volunteer day should be arranged to trim the hedges.
 - The brackets on the tyre swings had been replaced and the equipment was now back in use.
 - The handrail had not yet been re-installed.
 - The tennis court needed weed killing.
 - The outside gym needed oiling.
- b) To receive for consideration any other matters regarding the Playing Field.
None.

28/24 Highways / Footpaths

To receive for consideration any matters regarding Highways / Footpaths.
The pothole at Wood Lane had been reported. Cllr Crouch noted that there were many potholes along Wood Lane, along with subsidence.
Cllr Varney had raised the issues of potholes along Butts Lane again with Highways.
Cllr Harvey reported a large hole, covered by red barriers, along the footpath near Wyatts Way. It was believed that Highways had dug the hole to allow water pooling in a telecoms box to flow into a drain. This was two years ago; however, water was still seeping into a neighbouring property. The Clerk was requested to alert Highways to the problem.

29//24 Health / Environment/ Parish Assets

- Cllr. Harvey had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding the entrance of the new site at St Mary's Close. There was potentially a damaged waste pipe, however there was no sign of the problem now. The Parish Council noted the complaint.
- The Clerk had spoken with The Environment Agency regarding the previously reported issue with a septic tank. They required more information to log the incident. This should be passed back to the original complainant.

30/24 Village Hall

- To receive for consideration any matters regarding the Village Hall.
- Peter Lang had now retired as treasurer to the Village Hall and Claire Ball had taken on the role.
 - The Village Hall had been declined a grant from National Lottery to fund repainting

the hall following the new roof being installed. Decoration was now paused until further funding could be found.

31/24 Church

a) Report regarding Church matters

- The church had a successful Teddy drop and raised £282.
- There would be a flower festival on 25th – 28th July.

b) To receive for consideration any other matters regarding the Church.

None.

32/24 Communication

a) To receive any updates from the most recent LCN meeting or working groups

- A new projector screen had been purchased and it was resolved to spend a further £500 on a new projector as the borrowed projector was getting very hot and the picture was not very good. The funds should be taken from the remainder of the precept from 2023/24.
- The Local Community Network AGM had taken place but Cllr Crocker had not been able to attend.
- The Transport Working Group meeting had also taken place this week, but Cllrs Varney and Crocker had been unable to attend.

b) To receive for consideration any other matters regarding communication / processes.

The village gathering had been planned for 4th July, but had been postponed due to the General Election which would take place on the same date. Cllr Fry suggested the village commemorate VE Day 80, in May 2025 instead. This could include 40s type food and drink, possibly a band. It was also noted that beacons may be lit, but as Ashill did not have a beacon, a bonfire could be lit instead. It was agreed that this should be included in a future agenda. It was noted that a budget should be put together for the Parish Council to consider.

It was requested to include “matters to report” on future agendas. This would be for information only.

33/24 Finance

i) To receive the latest finance report.

Noted

ii) To receive 1st quarter bank reconciliations

The Clerk noted that the bank reconciliations had been completed but not yet checked by a member of the Parish Council.

iii) To note/approve the following payments:

The Clerk had received a late invoice from Astria Payroll for £63.00 for the annual charge to provide the service and requested that this be included in the authorisation. It was agreed to include this payment.

Cost description	Total Value	VAT	Date Paid	Invoice Reference
South West Ambulance Trust – Defibrillator	£2160.00	£360.00	24 06 24	1558
Laura Gowers – Clerks Salary 1Q	£502.24	-		
HMRC	£125.40			

34/24 Action Status Report

The report was circulated and noted. The following items were discussed:

- Cllr. Harvey would complete a mandate to become a signatory for the new Lloyds account, along with Cllrs. Varney and Fry.
- Cllr Fry would report blocked drains on the Ashill Straight and old A358 to Highways.

35/24 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting would be held on 2nd September 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20.49

Signed : (Chairman)
2nd September 2024