

Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Councillors are hereby summoned, and members of the public are invited, to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the **Ashill Village Hall** on **Monday 23 January 2023** at **7.30pm** for the purposes detailed in the following

1. Apologies

- a) To receive & note any other apologies with reasons for absence.
- 2. Casual Vacancy to note the Parish Council has one remaining Casual Vacancy to be filled by co-option.
- 3. Chairmans' Opening Statement

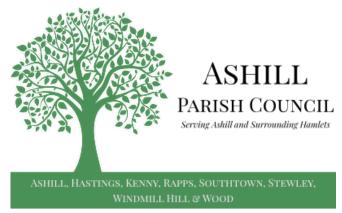
4. Public Participation

- To welcome members of the public who are invited to make representations & ask
 questions either in respect of any matter on this agenda or any matter affecting the
 Parish;
 - a. Clerk was contacted by a member of the public wishing to understand the relevance of the stone structures visible in the field from the A358. Clerk to revert with any information councillors may have.
 - b. Cllr Crocker contacted by a member of the public with regard to near misses with fast moving traffic on the narrow lane around Ashill. (See attached letter).
- To welcome & receive reports from County Cllr Sue Osborne & District Cllr Ray Buckler subject to their availability.
- 5. Declarations of Interests / Dispensation Requests to receive any declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda; & to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- **6. Minutes** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 November 2022 (attached).

7. Planning

i) To note the following planning applications have been submitted to SSDC since the last meeting:

| Application No. | 22/02806/FUL |
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| Proposal | Change of use of stables and barn to ancillary use in |
| | connection with existing dwelling and the erection of a car port |
| Location | Southtown Farm Thickthorn Lane Ashill Ilminster Somerset |
| | TA19 9LS |
| Status: | No comments received from APC councillors. |
| | Awaiting Decision |



| Application No. | 22/03098/HOU |
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| Proposal | Erection of single storey extensions to front and side of dwelling |
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| Location | Hatchers Pond Radigan Lane Ashill Ilminster Somerset TA19 |
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| Status: | No comments received from APC councillors. |
| | Awaiting Decision |

| Application No. | 22/03136/FUL |
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| Proposal | Erection of Replacement Dwelling |
| Location | The Lilacs Stewley Lane Ashill Ilminster Somerset TA19 9NJ |
| Status: | No comments received from APC councillors. Awaiting Decision |

8. Playing Field

- a) Cllr Fry to present an inspection report for January 2023;
- b) Cllr Fry to report on any actions taken since the last meeting of the Parish Council & further proposed objectives;
- c) Clerk to report with regard to installation of smart meter (25th January 2023);
- d) To receive for consideration any other matters regarding the Playing Field.

9. Highways / Footpaths

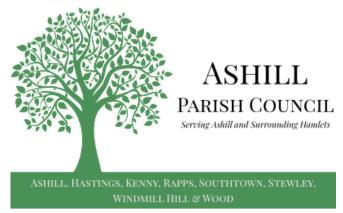
- a) To note the outcome of the National Highways Community Forum Event held on 19 October 2022 for the A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme (*circulated*);
- b) Cllr Fry to update on meeting with Sam Jackson (Footpath Warden for Ashill) held on 30th November 2022.
 - To receive consideration for a handrail installation on the footpath behind Ashton
 - To receive consideration for tarmac on the pathway behind Ashton Close
- a) To receive for consideration any other matters regarding Highways / Footpaths.

10. Health / Environment / Parish Assets

- a) Cllr Fry to report on Parish Defibrillator Training session held on 20th January 2023;
- b) Cllr Varney and Clerk to give feedback on warm hubs.
- c) To receive consideration for the proposal from Char.gy for no-cost installation of EV charging points on lamp posts in Ashill Village (see attachment).
- d) To receive for consideration any matters regarding the Millennium Pond;
- e) Cllr Fry to update on book exchange in bus shelter(s);
- f) To receive for consideration any other matters regarding Health / Environment / Parish Assets.

11. Village Hall

- a) Cllr Varney to provide feedback on discussion with Mr P Lang with regard to Village Hall roof replacement funding.
- b) To receive for consideration any other matters regarding the Village Hall.



12. Church

- a) Cllr Pyle to report any matters regarding the Church
- b) To give consideration to the quote from Arb resolutions regards church yard maintenance for the yew trees and hedges (attached).
- c) To receive for consideration any other matters regarding the Church.

13. Communication

- a) Cllr Harvey to update with regard to the notice board upgrade;
- b) Clerk to update on migration of the current Parish Council website to a new provider (TEEC);
- c) Clerk has received some 'Do not knock' door stickers that are available to the community. Council to consider how to distribute stickers
- d) Cllr Varney to give update on projector and screen for use at parish council meetings.
- e) Clerk to give update on Local Community Network (LCN)
- f) To introduce a discussion with regard to arranging a Parish Social Meeting;
- g) To receive for consideration any other matters regarding communication.

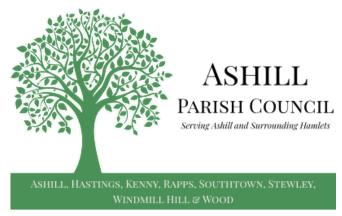
14. Finance

- i) To receive for consideration December 2022 Payments / Receipts Report (attached);
- ii) To receive consideration for the 2023 / 24 Precept form and budget.
- iii) To receive consideration for use of the APC business account (0.8% AER) and moving lottery grant (£6600) to this account until required.
- iv) To approve the following payments:

| Clerk Salary (C Ball) – November to December 2022 | £367.49 |
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| Playing Field Electricity Standing Order (paid) | £ 21.00 |
| Mr P Lang – Christmas Light Batteries (attached) | £ 20.00 |
| Mr P Lang – Christmas Lights (attached) | £ 19.49 |
| Minchinhampton Christmas Trees (attached) | £ 42.00 |

15. Staffing / Training

- a) Clerk to confirm attendance for the following training sessions:
 - The Code of Conduct Explained for Officers 1st March 2023 (£25.00)
 - The Essential Clerk Part 1: Powers & Duties 16th January 2023 (£30.00)
 - The Essential Clerk Part 3: Finance & Audit 30th January 2023 (£30.00)
 - VAT for unregistered councils (VAT126) 30th March 2023 (£30.00)
 - Preparing for Audit 8th March 2023 (£25.00)



b) Councillor training sessions booked:

| Councillor: | Event Name / Date: |
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| Phil Varney | Roles & Responsibilities - Councillor Essentials Training Part 1 – 30 th January 2023 |
| Phil Varney | Finance & Governance - Councillor Essentials Training Part 2 – 6 th February 2023 |
| Neil Harvey | Roles & Responsibilities - Councillor Essentials Training Part 1 – 20 th January 2023 |
| Neil Harvey | Finance & Governance - Councillor Essentials Training Part 2 – 27 th January 2023 |
| Rosanne Fry | Roles & Responsibilities - Councillor Essentials Training Part 1 – 20 th January 2023 |
| Jason Crocker | Roles & Responsibilities - Councillor Essentials Training Part 1 – 30 th January 2023 |

16. Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Meeting schedule for June 2023 to May 2024
- Defibrillator replacement funding strategy
- Future of Ashill Playing Field Bank Account
- Acceptance of Local Government Authority (LGA) code of conduct.
- 17. Next Meeting to confirm the next meeting is to be held on 6th March 2023.

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Attachments to be shared electronically:

- Letter from Parish member regarding traffic issues on Windmill Hill Lane
- APC meeting minutes from 7th November 2022
- Arb resolutions quote for church yard maintenance
- Char.gy information for EV charger installation
- Finance report to December 2022
- Precept form 2023/24
- Budget 2023/24
- Expenses receipts (Mr P Lang and Minchinhampton Christmas Trees)