

Ashill Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on Monday 7 September 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present : Cllrs P Lang (Chairman), A Crouch, L Clay, A Knight, S Freudenberg, County/District Cllr L Vijeh Mrs J Davidson (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

29/20 Apologies

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

30/20 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests

None.

31/20 Public Participation

- Members of the public spoke with regard to Planning Application 20/01623/REM - Land West of School Lane, Ashill and the key points raised were summarised as being with regard to the boundary treatment proposals; foul and surface water drainage; and the changes which have now been made to the granted outline planning application.
- Cllr Lang thanked County/District Cllr Linda Vijeh for her regular monthly reports.

32/20 Minutes

It was **resolved** for the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2020 to be agreed and signed as a true record.

33/20 Planning

- i) Amendments to the following planning application which has been submitted to SSDC since the last meeting were received for consideration :

Application No.	20/01623/REM
Proposal	Application for reserved matters following outline approval for the appearance, scale & landscaping for 10 new dwellings and associated carports/parking.
Location	Land West Of School Lane, Ashill.

The amendments were noted as being as follows :

- Lowered ridge level for Unit 10;
- Light repositioning (moved back into plots) of Units 8 and 9;
- Revised porch design for Units 9 and 10;
- Additional plan to show proposed boundary treatment;
- Addition of garden sheds for each plot to provide secure storage for bicycles; and
- Revised Design & Access Statement and House Types to reflect these changes.

The Parish Council referred back to its response dated 8 July 2020 with regard to the first consultation for this reserved matters application and confirmed that it wished for those comments to be continued to be taken into account by SSDC and also wished to add observations to be summarized under the following headings .:

- Foul & Surface Water Drainage
- Landscaping & Environment
- Appearance & Scale
- Amendments

In conclusion Ashill Parish Council continued to **object** to the proposal. It was considered the current reserved matters application failed to address a number of concerns raised by the Council and members of the community. It was also considered it failed to address the SSDC conditions of granting approval and therefore it was felt that further applications/documents were needed to be submitted before any permission was granted.

The Parish Council also wished to explore the possibility of arranging a site meeting between the SSDC Planning Officer and members of the Council in order to discuss these issues. The Clerk was given the delegated authority to formulate a response to be agreed with the Chairman and then circulated to the other members of the Parish Council to be approved before sending it to SSDC.

- ii) It was noted the following planning application had been withdrawn since the last meeting:

Application No.	20/01419/FUL
Proposal	The erection of three detached dwelling houses & associated parking
Location	Paddock adjoining the Flying Fish, Windmill Hill, Ashill.

- iii) Cllr Lang reported he had confirmed the landowner has a license for the soil movement works which are being carried out on the current development on the paddock adjacent to the Flying Fish.

34/20 Playing Field

- a) The Play Inspection Company Annual Inspection Report was received and noted. It was agreed to defer consideration of this document to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- b) It was reported an amount of rubbish had been left in the playground and appreciation was conveyed to Cllr Crouch who offered to deal with the removal of this.
- c) Cllr Lang reported the Covid-19 notices would probably need to be redone at a future date.

35/20 Highways/Footpaths

No matters regarding Highways/Footpaths were tabled.

36/20 Health/Environment

- a) Cllr Freudenberg had no matters to report with regard to the Ashill Green Group.
- b) Cllr Lang reported the defibrillator had been installed at the Village Hall on 15 July 2020. The location had received positive feedback from Anna Smith/Assistant Community Responder Somerset. Appreciation was conveyed to Mr S Hewson who had provided paving adjacent to the unit.
- c) No other matters regarding Health/Environment were tabled.

37/20 Emergency Planning

A further discussion was introduced with regard to the preparation of an Emergency Plan for the Parish. It was agreed that a Working Group comprising of all members of the Parish Council would be set up to progress this on a date to be determined.

38/20 Village Hall

Cllr Lang advised the Village Hall Committee felt it would not be feasible for the Village Hall to be reopened within the Covid-19 guidelines for the foreseeable future.

39/20 Christmas 2020

Similarly it was felt it would not be feasible to hold a Christmas 2020 lights/event within the Covid-19 guidelines. However Councillors agreed it would be nice for the Parish to still have a Christmas tree and this would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

40/20 Church

Cllr Knight reported the Church is now holding two services/month and it is hoped there will be a Harvest Service. A booking system is in place and the Church can accommodate a maximum congregation of 24 people under the Covid-19 guidelines.

41/20 Website

The Clerk presented a verbal report with regard to the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 which came into force on 23 September 2020 for public sector websites published before 23 September 2018. However

the legislation does allow for some organisations to not need to fully meet the accessibility standards if it has limited resources to be able to do so. The Parish Council confirmed it was committed to accessibility for all members of the community in the context of its resources and the Clerk would publish a statement on the website.

42/20 Finance

- i) It was noted confirmation had been received from the External Auditor that the notification of exempt status for 2019/20 had been received and logged.
 - ii) The 20/21 national salary award agreed by the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services was received for consideration and it was **resolved** to approve the salary adjustments for staff on the basis of the NJC recommendations.
 - iii) It was **resolved** for the following payments to be approved
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| Mr P Lang – Zoom Registration (September): | £ 14.39 |
| Playground Inspection Co. Ltd – Annual Inspection 2020 | £114.00 |
| Clerks' Salary & Administration Costs (July-September) | £636.84 |

43/20 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Christmas Arrangements
- Emergency Plan - *TBD*
- NIneSprings Radio Grant Request
- Playing Field Annual Inspection
- Playing Field Picnic Bench - *to be deferred to after the Covid-19 crisis has passed*

44/20 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 2 November 2020. It is more than likely that meetings would continue to be held remotely until further notice.

The meeting closed at 9 : 15 pm

Signed : (Chairman)
2 November 2020