

ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Date: 16th June 2021

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Ashmansworth Village Hall

Present: Cllr Alan Cox (Chairman)
Cllr Angela Harris
Cllr Andrew Bays

Cllr Kieron Black
Cllr Graham Falconer

In Attendance: Sadie Owen (Clerk)

Applicant presenting on planning application

Apologies: Cllr Sally Burch

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Sally Burch and Graham Falconer and from PCSO Bethany Ireland.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 14th April and 19th May 2021 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Cox agreed to sign them and hand back to the Clerk.

**Cllr
Cox**

3. Declarations of Acceptance for 2021-22

All councillors present signed declarations of acceptance for their role as parish councillors.

4. Planning applications

- a) Applications received since last meeting
21/01416/HSE Rose Cottage, Ashmansworth. No objections.

Clerk

5. Council business

- a) Clerk's report
The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been a success, with minimal findings.

The Clerk informed the council of a donation request that had been received from Hampshire Victim Support. The council refused the request.

The Clerk agreed to chase BDBC for regular electoral roll updates and also agreed to contact the email provider to query the availability of an archive folder.

Clerk

Cllr Cox reported that the emergency plan was now accessible on the council website.

b) Lengthsman tasks

Cllr Cox reported that the lengthsman was due to attend in the next few days in order to cut back the recreation ground hedge. Cllr Cox agreed to request that he also clean the signposts of the village.

**Cllr
Cox**

c) Borough councillor's report

Cllr Falconer had sent an update in his absence reporting that HCC had refused to renew access to Newtown Road Recycling Centre for any Hampshire residents. Ashmansworth residents had not had access for a number of years, but neighbouring parishes would be affected by the news.

Cllr Falconer further reported that the number of planning applications currently being decided by BDBC was vast with a couple of large development proposals which would ultimately impact the time taken to decide smaller applications.

d) Policing update

PCSO Bethany Ireland had been due to attend the meeting but was unfortunately called to an incident. It was noted that PCSO Ireland could be contacted at bethany.ireland@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.

6. Local Roads

Potholes/Road Repairs

It was noted that the Drove had still not been re-surfaced.

Speeding Vehicles

It was agreed that the item would be removed from the agenda.

7. Footpaths

There were no updates.

Cllr Cox agreed to send a general note to residents requesting details of any overgrown footpaths.

**Cllr
Cox**

8. Covid response and local needs

No recent update.

9. Policing update

See item 5 above.

10. Financial Matters

a) Payments Approval – the Clerk presented the financial statement (Appendix A). The payments were unanimously approved.

Clerk

b) To review and sign the Certificate of Exemption- Cllr Cox and the Clerk duly signed the Certificate of Exemption confirming that during the year 2020/21 neither the council's total gross income nor total gross expenditure exceeded £25,000.00.

Clerk

c) To approve and sign the annual governance statement 2020-21- the Clerk presented that annual governance statement to the council. The Council approved the annual governance statement and Cllr Cox and the Clerk duly signed the relevant sections.

Clerk

- d) To approve and sign the annual accounting statement 2020-21- the council approved the annual accounting statements as an accurate representation of the council's financial position and its receipts and payments. Cllr Cox and the Clerk duly signed the relevant section. **Clerk**
- e) To review the internal audit findings – the Clerk reported that there had been only one finding which related to council grants to the PCC. The internal auditor had advised that there was conflicting advice as to the legality of taxpayer funds being used for church maintenance and that up to date advice should be sought prior to agreeing any future grants. **Clerk**

11. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm. Next meeting Monday 6th September at 7.30 pm.

Appendix A

Financial Statement: Ashmansworth Parish Council

Meeting date: 16/06/2021

Balances:

Statement No: 16/06/21 Balance	Balance after reconciliation – 16/06/21
£6,610.28	£5,443.18

Payments since last meeting date:

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
	Came & Company	Insurance	£330.00
	Gleam	Membership fee	£15.00
TOTAL			£354.00

New items for payment

Date	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
16.06.21	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary June	£144.48
16.06.21	Audit fee	Invoice 12/1103	£150.00
16.06.21	A D Clark & Son	Invoice 502	£190.00
16.06.21	HALC affiliation fee	Invoice 4343	£145.02
16.06.21	NALC levy	Invoice 4343	£13.00
16.06.21	HALC membership	Invoice 4598	£192.00
16.06.21	Mrs S Owen	lonos fees	£21.60
TOTAL			£856.10

Receipts since last meeting date:

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
	HMRC	VAT reclaim	£43.00
TOTAL			£43.00

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			0.00