

## ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 **Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Place:** Meeting held virtually via Zoom  
**Present:** Cllr Alan Cox (Chairman) Cllr Andrew Bays  
Cllr Angela Harris Cllr Kieron Black  
**In Attendance:** Sadie Owen (Clerk) 4 parishioners  
**Apologies:** Cllr Sally Burch Cllr Graham Falconer

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Sally Burch and Cllr Graham Falconer.

#### 2. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Cox agreed to sign them and hand back to the Clerk.

**Cllr  
Cox**

#### 3. Planning applications

##### a) Application update

T/00353120/TCA 2 Barn Close. No objections. Clerk had communicated this to Basingstoke planning.

##### b) New applications

T/00417/20/TCA Knights Cottage. No objections.

Cross Lane Cottage. The application had not yet been published on the BDBC website however the applicant was present and provided an overview of the plans. The application concerned a change of use request from agricultural land to garden. The council viewed supporting evidence and had no objections.

**Clerk**

#### 4. Council business

##### a) Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that work had begun on a new Hugo Fox website. Assurances had been received that the provider was compliant with accessibility requirements, however it was noted that an accessibility statement would have to be posted on the site.

It was reported that the site was free, but that an email provider would need to be sought. Cllr Cox suggested EUKhost.

**Clerk/  
Cllr  
Cox**

It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Cox would continue building the site, arrange a new email provider and alert the remainder of the council when the site was due to go live.

b) Lengthsman tasks

It was reported that the lengthsman had repaired the stiles on footpaths 2 and 3.

Clerk to request that bridleways 21 and then 20 be cleared.

**Clerk**

c) Outstanding actions from past minutes

Cllr Cox reported that in conjunction with Tadley Parish Council a letter had been written to the Chief Executive of West Berkshire Council proposing that residents be allowed to use Newtown Road Recycling Centre for a fee of £5 per visit. This had provisionally been agreed, but was yet to be actioned.

Cllr Cox confirmed that he had updated the website with the history behind the individuals to be commemorated with blue plaques

Cllr Cox reported that he had attended a BDAPTC meeting via zoom. Topics included planning, housing availability and a proposed new hospital possibly near Junction 7 of the M3 which was being proposed for 2024/25.

Cllr Cox reported that Overton Parish Council had taken the lead in relation to raising awareness and investigating ways to tackle the climate change emergency. Cllr Cox commented that he had forwarded his document to Overton to assist.

Cllr Black reported that he had cleared the surplus waste bin and further rubbish from the recreation ground. He was thanked for this by the council.

5. **Local Roads**

Potholes/Road Repairs

It was considered that the state of the roads in relation to potholes was acceptable at present.

The Drove, Crux Easton: Cllr Harris reported that the upper half of the road had been repaired but the remainder left untouched. Cllr Cox had chased for an update but was yet to receive a response.

Cross Lane (junction at Andover Road): Cllr Cox reported that the road had been resurfaced, but that the white markings had disappeared. Cllr Cox commented that he had reported the matter to HCC and requested that the markings be re-painted.

A parishioner suggested that the 'Slow' signs on the road should also be re-painted. Cllr Cox agreed to report to HCC.

**Cllr  
Cox**

Speeding Vehicles

Annabelle Blossie-Lynch (ABL) was not in attendance but had sent an update, with wording options.

Councillors agreed that the sign should read 'Ashmansworth, Please Slow Down, 20 is Plenty'.

It was suggested that a set of the white village gates should be installed near the entrance to Manor Farm Barns. ABL to discuss with the landowner and then liaise with the Estate Director of Faccombe to arrange for installation.

**Clerk/  
ABL**

A parishioner present requested that a set also be installed at the Cross Lane entrance to the village.

## **6. Footpaths**

It was reported that HCC had cleared the Wayfarer's Way.

Cllr Harris had received correspondence from horse riders in relation to the dangers at bridleway and road junctions. It was felt that there was little that could be done, however it was suggested that the riders may wish to contact HCC to request some warning signage.

***Cllr  
Harris***

Cllr Bays reported that a large tree limb had fallen near the footpath on the boundary of the churchyard. It was agreed that it would be reported to the PCC.

***Cllr  
Cox***

## **7. Village shop**

A parishioner had suggested the idea of a 'Village shop' to be situated at the Village Hall. The 'shop' would take the form of a large box/receptacle for residents to exchange produce, for example, eggs or vegetables, with the use of an honesty box.

***Cllr  
Black***

It was suggested that the parishioner discuss the idea with Cllr Black, as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

## **8. Coronavirus response and local needs**

It was agreed that the Clerk would upload the final Neighbourcare newsletter to the website.

***Clerk***

Cllr Cox reported that he had received complaints in relation to residents holding bonfires via the Ashy PC email group. Councillors encouraged residents to consider others when lighting bonfires, to be sensible and to ensure sufficient wind to dissipate the smoke away from the houses.

***Cllr  
Cox***

Cllr Cox also agreed to send a polite reminder to members of the Ashy PC email group to ensure that group was used appropriately, as a source of useful local information.

## **9. Financial Matters**

- a) Payments Approval – the Clerk presented the financial statement (Appendix A). The payments were unanimously approved, with the exception of the invoice to Vision ICT. Clerk to investigate the requirement to pay as it was an invoice for use of the domain name 2020-21, and there was a desire to move the website to an alternative provider.

***Clerk***

The Clerk commented that a review of all statutory documents would take place at the next meeting.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 pm.

## Appendix A

**Financial Statement:** Ashmansworth Parish Council

**Meeting date:** 02/09/2020

**Balances:**

Statement No: 02/09/20 Balance	Balance after reconciliation – 02/09/20
£5,337.65	£4,887.69

**Payments since last meeting date:**

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**New items for payment**

Date	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary August	115.48
	HMRC	Month 5 Tax/NIC	29.00
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Sept	115.68
	HMRC	Month 6 Tax/NIC	28.80
	Vision ICT	Domain renewal	66.00
	A D Clark	Invoice 294	95.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£449.96</b>

**Receipts since last meeting date:**

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**Payments not yet presented**

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>0.00</b>