

ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Date: 10th March 2022 **Time:** 7.30 pm
Place: Ashmansworth Village Hall
Present: Cllr Alan Cox (Chairman) Cllr Kieron Black
Cllr Andrew Bays Cllr Sally Burch
Cllr Graham Falconer

In Attendance: Sadie Owen (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Angela Harris

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Angela Harris.

2. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2022 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) Applications received since last meeting

T/000/26/22/TCA Ash Tree, The Flint House, Bartletts Down. No objections.

Clerk

The Clerk also reported a new planning application T/00115/22/TCA , Cross Lane Cottage to fell a dangerous cherry tree. No objections.

Clerk

4. Council business

a) Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that she would be attending an online meeting the following week to discuss the process for the forthcoming local elections. Ashmansworth PC councillors would be up for election and so would need to all complete election nomination papers.

Clerk

The Clerk commented that the invoices from Ionos appeared to be increasing and requested that Cllr Cox liaise with his contact to ascertain if this was a general rise or only specific to Ashmansworth.

b) Lengthsman tasks

Cllr Cox reported that the lengthsman had recently treated the wood on the seat opposite the Plough. It was noted that one of the slats had rotted and required replacing, an action which had been agreed by a local resident.

- c) Outstanding actions from past minutes
Cllr Burch to speak to neighbours in relation to floodlights.
Clerk to speak to Barclays Bank to try to remedy Cllr Cox's access issues.
- d) Update from Borough Councillor
Cllr Falconer reported that there had been a re-organisation in the administration at Basingstoke. Cllr Ken Rhatigan had stepped down as Leader and been replaced by Cllr Simon Bound, with Cllr John Izett as deputy leader. It was reported that Cabinet members Cllrs Tristan Robinson, Mark Ruffell and Hannah Golding were all standing down.

It was reported that there had been significant staff turnover and an increase in the volume of applications all of which had led to delays in the planning department. Further, the review of the Local Plan was also taking up significant resources.

Cllr Cox noted that a local resident had been assisted by Cllr Falconer to successfully apply for and install an air source heat pump.

5. Local Roads

Potholes/Road Repairs

It was noted that local roads had recently been re-surfaced.

6. Footpaths

There had been two reports of trees across footpaths. It was noted that the trees were the responsibility of Faccombe estates.

It was suggested that a footpath sign had fallen over or rotted opposite Cllr Bays property. Details to be reported online [here](#).

7. Police update report

PCSO Joshua Revett was in attendance and provided a brief update. It was reported that the majority of rural crime related to theft of equipment from outbuildings.

It was noted that should people wish to physically report a crime then either Newbury or Andover were the best places to go.

PCSK Revett reported that the police were working in conjunction with Countrywatch to effectively reduce aspects of rural crime, for example hare coursing.

PCSO Revett (joshua.revett@hampshire.police.uk), encouraged residents to report any suspicious people or vehicles to 101 or Hampshire Constabulary [website](#). He reported that there was also a QR code that could be accessed via mobile phones.



8. Infra-red cameras

It was noted that Cllr Bays and Cllr Black had both used the cameras and found them to be very useful. Cllr Cox reported that he was maintaining a log to monitor who had the cameras.

9. To agree a date for the APM and AGM

A provisional date of 12th May was agreed.

10. Financial Matters

a) To acknowledge payments and note receipts – the Clerk presented the financial statement (Appendix B). The payments were unanimously approved.

Clerk

b) To discuss any grant requests- a grant request of £500.00 to the PCC was discussed and approved. It was noted that an email had been circulated to the residents of the parish but that no further donation requests had been forthcoming.

Clerk

11. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm. Next meeting Thursday 12th May at 7:30 pm.

Appendix A

Financial Statement: Ashmansworth Parish Council

Meeting date: 10/03/2022

Balances:

Statement No: 10/03/22 Balance	Balance after reconciliation – 10/03/22
£4,622.36	£4,333.40

Payments since last meeting date:

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
21/02/22	1 & 1 internet	Email usage	£28.80
07/02/22	1 & 1 internet	Email usage	£3.00
19/01/22	1 & 1 internet	Email usage	£40.80
TOTAL			72.60

New items for payment

Date	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Feb	£144.48
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Mar	£144.48
TOTAL			288.96

Receipts since last meeting date:

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			0.00

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			0.00

Note

Corrected balance as at 12/01/22 £4,694.96

November Clerk salary payment of £144.48 was noted to be a duplication and consequently wasn't paid.