

## **ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 **Time:** 7.45 pm

**Place:** Ashmansworth Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Alan Cox (Chairman) Cllr Kieron Black  
Cllr Angela Harris Cllr Sally Burch  
Cllr Andrew Bays

**In Attendance:** Sadie Owen (Clerk) 5 parishioners

**Apologies:** Cllr Graham Falconer

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Graham Falconer.

#### **2. Minutes of last meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>th</sup> November 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. Planning applications**

- a) Applications received since last meeting  
21/02939/FUL Steeles Farm. No update from BDBC.

**Clerk**

21/03616/ROC & 21/03630/FUL – Concerning the demolition and replacement of a brick potting shed at Manor Farm

**Clerk**

Cllr Black declared a personal interest, having recently undertaken work at Manor Barns.

There were three applications related to the property.

Councillors reviewed an application relating to the re-building of a potting shed. A neighbouring parishioner commented that according to planning officers the new building was not required to be on the same footing of the old property, and that the new building would be very close to his boundary and visible from the upstairs of his property. The applicant commented that he would be planting hedges to screen the building from the neighbour. It was suggested that the applicant move the building further away from the boundary.

Cllr Burch objected to the application.

Remaining councillors noted the comments made by Cllr Burch and the neighbouring parishioner but overall had no objections to the application.

21/03749/ROC Land at Manor Farm. Councillors reviewed a further application to install a swimming pool and summer house in the grounds of the property. No objections.

Councillors reviewed a further application to modify existing plans to the main property which entailed an extension to one wing, a reduction in the other and an increase in height to the chimney. It was noted that the chimney was significantly higher than the original plan and had been increased for aesthetic reasons. The neighbouring parishioner objected to the application on the basis of the proposed chimney height. The applicant agreed to reduce the size of the chimney to the original planned height.

On the basis of the amended chimney height, there were no objections.

21/03639/ROC Rose Cottage. No objections.

#### **4. Council business**

a) Clerk's report

The Clerk had circulated a consultation in relation to councillor allowances, but it was felt that it didn't apply directly as none of the councillors had ever claimed an allowance.

**Clerk**

The Clerk had circulated an AONB annual report.

b) Lengthsman tasks

Cllr Cox agreed to email AshyPC to request feedback on the state of local stiles and whether any required repair.

**Cllr  
Cox**

**Clerk**

Clerk to investigate whether the lengthsman grant could be rolled over to next year to be used in the summer to clear footpaths.

c) Outstanding actions from past minutes

Cllr Cox reported that the recreation ground hedge had now been cut.

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.

It was reported that following queries relating to the proposed AONB tax, BDBC had now withdrawn their plans.

All councillors agreed to activate their email archive.

**Cllr  
Burch  
Clerk**

**All**

#### **5. Local Roads**

Potholes/Road Repairs

There were no outstanding potholes requiring repair.

The remainder of the Drove was still to be re-surfaced and it was agreed that councillors would chase for an update in the spring.

#### **6. Footpaths**

There were no updates.

#### **7. Climate Change Update/Infra-red cameras**

Cllr Cox provided a Climate Change update (as detailed at Appendix A).

Cllr Cox and Cllr Black reported that they had both used the FLIR infra-red cameras and that they had worked well. Cllr Black agreed to pass the camera to Cllr Bays.

Cllr Cox agreed to keep a log as to who had borrowed each of the FLIR cameras.

Clerk agreed to add the cameras to the insurance policy.

**Cllr  
Cox**

**Clerk**

**8. Policing**

Clerk to invite PCSO to attend next meeting.

**Clerk**

**9. Financial Matters**

a) To review and agree the interim budget – the budget was discussed and approved (Appendix B).

**Clerk**

b) To review and agree the annual precept for 2022-23- a precept request of £4,250.00 was agreed and approved.

**Clerk**

To acknowledge payments and note receipts - the Clerk presented the financial statement (Appendix C). The payments were unanimously approved.

**Clerk**

**10. AOB**

The Clerk reported that she had received a donation request from the PCC for £500. Cllr Cox declared a personal interest as a member of the PCC.

**Cllr  
Cox**

It was agreed that Cllr Cox would email AshyPC to ascertain if there were any other local causes that would be interested in a small grant.

**11. Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

## Appendix A

### Climate Update 2022

What has happened recently?

- Cop conference
- Gas prices rocketed

Impact on us?

- Not clear why green electricity should cost more, though it has increased ~75%.
- Most in Ashmansworth still on oil heating which has not risen much.
- Probably best to keep present heating systems if working efficiently for now, only upgrading when necessary.
- Still worth improving house insulation – use FLIR cameras to check.
- Hopefully prices of heat pumps, solar PV and batteries will fall over the coming years.

What can we expect?

- Government likely to increase tax on oil and gas for heating in the longer term and hopefully reduce that on electricity. No idea how long international gas prices will remain high – could also depend on tension over Ukraine.
- They already plan not to allow oil or gas boilers for new builds from 2025 and up to 2035 for existing properties.
- Hopefully electric cars will fall in price and increase in range
- All houses in our parish have off road parking so should be able to charge from home – no need for communal charging points here.
- Concern that if we all use electricity for heating and car fast charging, the electricity supply may not cope. Hopefully we are better off than other villages since our farms are using less electricity than previously.
- Would like to see less use of plastic and better recycling.
- Long term expect use of hydrogen for eg lorries and trains

Other initiatives

- Basingstoke's Residents' Climate Change [Toolkit](#)
- [Sustainable Overton](#) – going green, reducing plastic, repair and recycling...
- [Neutral Home](#) – working on green projects. Consultants and project managers.

Alan Cox

## Appendix B

### Ashmansworth Parish Council 2022-23 Budget

2020/21 Actual (31/03/21)	2021/22 Budgeted	2021/22 Actual (28/12/21)	2021/22 Predicted year end		2022/23 Budgeted	
£	£	£	£	Income	£	
68.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	Balance from HSBC	0.00	One off from current year
4,123.00	4,123.00	4,123.00	4,123.00	Precept	4,123.00	
285.00	285.00	288.00	288.00	Grant from BDBC - Grass Cutting	288.00	Based on figures received from BDBC
95.60	43.00	43.00	43.00	VAT recovery	120.00	Based on current year VAT spend
<b>4,572.20</b>	<b>4,451.00</b>	<b>4,454.00</b>	<b>4,454.00</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,531.00</b>	
				Expenditure		
160.00	160.00	150.00	150.00	Auditors	150.00	Internal audit fee.
1,387.16	1,534.80	1,155.84	1,733.76	Clerk's Salary	1,733.76	Based on this year
346.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	HMRC	0.00	Based on this year
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Clerk's Expenses	0.00	Based on this year
0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	Defibrillator batteries	0.00	Not an annual item
0.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	Hire of meeting room	100.00	Based on previous years.
0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	Training	50.00	Variable
0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	Stationery	50.00	Variable
330.00	330.00	330.00	330.00	Insurance	330.00	Based on last year.
146.72	146.72	145.02	145.02	Subscriptions HALC	148.00	Based on this year
160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	HALC HR fees	160.00	Set cost
55.00	55.00	81.60	130.00	Website fees	140.00	Based on current year
1,520.00	1,330.00	1,235.00	1,600.00	Grass Cutting etc	1,600.00	Based on current year.
0.00	36.00	0.00	36.00	Subscriptions CPRE	36.00	Set cost
15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	Subscription GLEAM	15.00	Set cost
900.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	Other Section 137 donations	500.00	Based on previous years.
0.00	500.00	387.99	387.99	FLIR Infrared cameras	0.00	One off payment
43.00	60.00	116.27	120.00	VAT spend	100.00	Variable
39.97	40.00	33.30	39.97	Poppy wreath	40.00	Based on current year.
0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	Miscellaneous buffer	500.00	Miscellaneous buffer
12.82	12.82	13.00	13.00	NALC fee	13.00	Set cost
0.00	0.00	43.20	43.20	Lengthman	50.00	Variable
<b>5,116.27</b>	<b>5,539.34</b>	<b>3,866.22</b>	<b>6,123.94</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,715.76</b>	
<b>-£544.07</b>	<b>-£1,079.34</b>	<b>£587.78</b>	<b>-£1,669.94</b>	<b>Net result</b>	<b>-£1,184.76</b>	

Actual bank balance at 31/03/2021 £4,783.00  
Actual bank balance at 28/12/2021 £5,338.92

## Appendix C

**Financial Statement:** Ashmansworth Parish Council

**Meeting date:** 12/01/2022

**Balances:**

<b>Statement No: 12/01/22 Balance</b>	<b>Balance after reconciliation – 12/01/22</b>
<b>£5,335.92</b>	<b>£4,550.48</b>

**Payments since last meeting date:**

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>
05/11/21	1 & 1 internet	Email usage	£3.00
19/11/21	1 & 1 internet	Email usage	£10.80
08/12/21	1 & 1 internet	Email usage	£3.00
21/12/21	1 & 1 internet	Email usage	£28.80
06/01/22	1 & 1 internet	Email usage	£3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>48.60</b>

**New items for payment**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Nov	£144.48
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Dec	£144.48
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Jan	£144.48
	NJ & JD Cattermoule	Hedge Trimming	£162.00
	A D Clark	Grass Cutting	£190.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**Receipts since last meeting date:**

<b>Receipt Date</b>	<b>Payer</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>0.00</b>

**Payments not yet presented**

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