

ASHMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashmore Village Hall on Monday January 15th 2018 at 7pm

Present:-

Chairman – Philip Hamilton (PH)

Councillors – Gilly Forge (GF), Andrew Featherstone (AF) Richard Evans (RE)

County Councillor – Graham Carr-Jones

Clerk – Vivian Hitchmough

6 members of the public

2018.01 *Apologies* District Councillor – Catherine Langham,
Cllrs Annette Ruff and Philippa Kelway-Bamber

2018.02 Minutes of the meeting of Monday September 4th 2017 were agreed as a true record with the insertion of the word involved (ref 2017.39) and duly signed.

2018.03 The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Graham Carr-Jones to the meeting. County Councillor Graham Carr-Jones who is also Leader of North Dorset District Council introduced himself to the members of the public and attending Councillors.

2018.04 *Matters Arising*
Defibrillator

AF gave a comprehensive update on the value and placement of a defibrillator in the village and had investigated the costs involved. He considered CHT (Community Heartbeat Trust) which is a non profit making charity and could be a good option as the defibrillator may be housed in the old telephone box. They have helped install over 3000 in the UK so far. BT donate to them to provide the electricity free of charge in their old phone boxes (as long as the supply is still connected) CHT would cover the insurances and indemnities required for operation although the village will have to carry out regular checks.

There were questions from residents regarding the training and use of the equipment and AF assured everyone that there was training available but in the event it is a simple piece of equipment to use with clear spoken instructions designed to be used by untrained people. The first action is to ring 999, determine the patient is not breathing and apply CPR to keep the blood flowing around the body. The defibrillator can then be applied to try to restart a heart which has stopped but which is displaying a shockable rhythm. The defibrillator only works on clinical need and it senses whether the patient is suitable to benefit from its shock through its electrodes.

AF reported costs involved with CHT were:- cost of equipment £1350 (no VAT) - £175 training/awareness session for the village - £200 installation. A total of £1725 with consumables at £130 annually.

GF asked if there were data figures available re use and success. AF will make enquiries. Cllr Graham Carr-Jones suggested contacting DAPTC who may have this information. He said a great many villages now had defibrillators sited .

Cllrs were minded to support the purchase of a defibrillator.

2018.05 *Declarations of Interest*

None – Councillors were reminded of this requirement.

2018.06 *Updates from Officers*

Planning report

PH reported that since the September meeting there had been two planning applications.

Thatched Bird Cottage, Green Lane.

This was an application to ‘erect a single storey side extension, convert an attached barn to provide additional living accommodation and create an offroad parking space’. We decided to make no comment and permission has been granted.

Mullins Cottage, Noade Street.

This was an application for ‘change of use of existing double garage/residential unit into an office/holiday let’. Looking at the documents the description of the proposals was misleading in that the proposal is to convert the garage into a home office and the bedrooms and bathrooms into a holiday let. We decided to make no comment. NDDC has yet to determine the application.

Tree Officer

GF reported one new tree application since the September meeting.

Ashmore House.

The work to the trees at the pond has been completed and an invoice for £500 has been presented. The Clerk prepared the cheque for signing.

Pond Officer

PH reported weed clearing had taken place since the last meeting and he was grateful to Paul Whetham and the Lindsay Children for their hard work.

Playground Officer

Paul Whetham was away but had left a message that there was nothing to report.

Airfield Representative

AF had attended the Compton Abbas Consultative Committee meeting in September and reported that there was now an agreement on the trees affecting the flight path and the runway would not need to be re-aligned.

Since the fatal accident there was now no flying on Mondays. While other parishes had not noticed an increase in noise Ashmore had but this might have been caused by high incidence of easterly winds and so planes taking off in an easterly direction.

There was to be an improvement to the junction of Boundary Road with the C13. The northern road to be made one way from the C13 and the southern access to/from the C13 to be improved.

2018.07

District Councillor Catherine Langham

No report

County Councillor Graham Carr-Jones

County Councillor Graham Carr-Jones had been closely involved on the A350/C13 user's consultation. It had been approved that the present road system would remain in place with the village most affected having extra Speed Indicator Devices in place.

The road works to the triangle splay at the Southern exit from the airfield had been approved and work would take place shortly.

With regard to the government reorganisation, the Secretary of State was minded to approve and was expected to do so before the recess in February. The District Council had already exited Nordon with a satellite office housed in the Lodge which will be an advice centre.

He said that due to financial restraints, some services in rural villages had been reduced and there could be a need for Parish Councils to buy in services or use volunteers, e.g. cut grass verges etc.

2018.08 *Finance*

Payments

<i>Internal audit</i>	<u>£ 25.00</u>
<i>Clerk salary annual</i>	<u>£825.00</u>
<i>Clerk expenses</i>	<u>£ 40.00</u>
<i>TreeCare</i>	<u>£ 500.00</u>

Receipts

<i>50% precept</i>	<u>£ 962.50</u>
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The bank reconciliation and draft budget had been circulated to Councillors for comment. The Chairman circulated revised papers amending the figures for a bill expected for work on the trees.

The Chairman reported that in April 2017 the current account had a balance of £ 5426, the General account £512 and the Playground account £180. Allowing for the expenditure in 2017 the balance in the Current account would be £5246 with, in addition, expected repayments of VAT and Website costs of £323. As the Parish had been criticised for holding large reserves he proposed that the precept be for 2018/19 be set at the expected level of expenditure of £1640 with the costs (purchase and first year's expenses) for the defibrillator taken out of the reserves leaving £4500 in reserve across all accounts.

RE questioned a need for possible funding for the playground and the ROSPA report in the Spring would bring any necessary repairs to the Council's attention. PH thought there would be sufficient funds in the reserves to cover such repairs. PH proposed applying for the sum of £ 1640 for the precept for 2018/19 and this was seconded by AF. The Clerk will now apply for the funding which needs to be filed before January 31st 2018.

2018.09 *Questions from the public*

A member of the public asked if there was an agricultural tie on South's Farm, Noade Street and the Council assured him there was not a tie.

A member of the public asked whether an application had been made for "Camp Ashmore", the site that had been used on a temporary basis last year. The Chairman thought an application had been made but it had yet to be validated so details were not available.

2018.10 *Correspondence*

None

2018.11 *Any other business*

AF advised that the Chairman was no longer on the Filly Loo Committee and he had taken his place.

A member of the public asked if the War Memorial could be cleaned. RE reported that DAPTC had information on this regarding their World War 1 Commemorations. He will investigate this.

2018.12 *Items for the next Agenda*

Data protection policy

Date of next meeting

Monday May14th 2018 at 7pm

Annual General Meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm