

# ASHMORE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashmore Village Hall on Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.20pm

### *Present:-*

*Chairman* – Philip Hamilton (PH)

*Councillors* –Gilly Forge (GF), Andrew Featherstone (AF) , Annette Ruff (AR)

*District Councillor* – Catherine Langham,

*County Councillor* – Graham Carr-Jones

*Clerk* – Vivian Hitchmough

3 members of the public

### 2018.22 *Apologies*

Cllrs Richard Evans (RE)and Philippa Kelway-Bamber

2018.23 Minutes of the meeting of Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 and the extraordinary meeting of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were agreed as true records and duly signed.

### 2018.24 *Matters Arising*

General Data Protection Regulations 2018

The Chairman explained the new regulations coming into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May and the need to carry out an annual data audit to ensure the Council is compliant. He had previously circulated a Data Audit and asked if any additions should be made to it. None were suggested. He said he had asked ICL Web Design to provide a facility to enable those who had registered to de-register. This they had done. The Chairman had previously circulated a draft Data Privacy Notice and this was approved. Councillors present agreed that the data they provided to become a Councillor did not need further consent for publication. The Data Audit and Data Privacy Notice should be reviewed each year.

### 2018.25 *Declarations of Interest*

None – Councillors were reminded of this requirement.

### 2018.26 *Updates from Officers*

*Planning report*

PH reported that since the January meeting there were no new planning applications.

*DAPTC Officer* - none

*Tree Officer* - none

*Pond Officer*

Paul Whetham advised that there was a balance of £ 8507 in the account. GF asked if there were goldfish in the pond and PW advised that 12 grass carp had been introduced to the pond to help to clear an excess weed

situation and they were doing really well and growing. They were not eating the tadpoles in the pond.

*Playground Officer*

Paul Whetham advised that the playground would be inspected this month and a report would be forwarded to the Clerk.

*Airfield Representative*

It was noted that there had been some flying over Ashmore but this had been a Vintage Day with visitors.

2018.27

*District Councillor Catherine Langham*

Local Government reorganisation is continuing with the proposed ward boundaries currently under discussion. The aim is for each ward to have approx. 3000 constituents with boundaries based on transport links, shared interests and identifiable boundaries such as roads and rivers. Catherine advised that it was her last year as Councillor in the Beacon Ward and prospective Councillors will be chosen for the Unitary Authority in the Autumn. She said that although Nordon in Blandford was closed there was still the opportunity to have a face to face meeting with Officers at the new Nordon Hub.

*County Councillor Graham Carr-Jones*

County Councillor Graham Carr-Jones advised there was now 10 months until vesting day and everyone was working hard to create a safe and legal council for April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and beginning the radical transformation that is required to deliver sustainable services across Dorset.

The Shadow Authority will meet within 14 days of the structural change order coming into force. They will elect a Chairman, create a cabinet, adopt a constitution, code of conduct and agree an implementation plan.

District Councils – as the nine councils dissolve and two new ones are created there is a very tight timescale schedule to deliver a safe and legal council.

He said they wanted to finish well, with no drop in performance of key services, but being realistic about aspirations. He said there were scant resources to devote to new projects.

2018.28

*Finance*

Payments

<u>Hiscock Insurance</u>	<u>£ 324.44</u>
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Receipts

<u>50% precept</u>	<u>£ 820.00</u>
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2018.29 *Audit Exemption*

Under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) regulations 2015 there is no requirement to have limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor provided that the authority has certified itself as exempt at a meeting of the authority after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted notifying the external auditor. The

Chairman signed the formed and this will be forwarded to Auditors for consideration with the annual audit papers.

*Questions from the public - none*

2018.30      *Correspondence - none*

2018.31      *Any other business*

DAPTC had forwarded a data survey for completion. The Chairman had circulated copies to Councillors and it was recommended that they complete them individually and return them to the Chairman for collation and return to DAPTC

2018.32      *Items for the next Agenda*

*Date of next meeting*

Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm