

ASHMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashmore Village Hall on Monday September 10th 2018 at 7pm

Present:-

Chairman – Philip Hamilton (PH)

Councillors – Annette Ruff (AR) Richard Evans (RE) and Philippa Kelway-Bamber (PKB)

District Councillor – Catherine Langham,

County Councillor – Graham Carr-Jones

Clerk – Vivian Hitchmough

5 members of the public

2018.33 *Apologies* Gilly Forge (GF), Andrew Featherstone (AF) ,

2018.34 Minutes of the meeting of Monday May 14th 2018 were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

2018.35 *Matters Arising*

The Chairman advised that the Data Privacy Notice which was approved at the last meeting had not been added to the website. The Chairman will ensure this is done.

The Chairman reported that the DAPTC survey had been completed by Councillors and the answers collated as Graham Carr-Jones had suggested. The results had been submitted.

AF was absent due to work commitments so there was no update on the defibrillator but there is a proposal to site it in the old telephone box. This will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

2018.36 *Declarations of Interest*

None – Councillors were reminded of this requirement.

2018.37 *Updates from Officers*

Planning report.

PH reported that there had been two applications

1. The Old Rectory - this was an application to demolish and rebuild walls in connection with cleaning walls damaged by a leaking oil tank. We made no comment.
2. Ashgarron – construction of a new house in place of existing barn. This application was withdrawn prior to consideration.

DAPTC Officer - Nothing to report

Tree Officer -

In GFs absence the Chairman advised that the Parish Council had not been consulted on any application although there had been two.

1. The Old Barn – approval has been given to fell an ash tree
2. The Old School House – approval has been given to fell a whitebeam.

GF is in the process of obtaining permission for the PC to fell the dead hawthorn on the west side of the pond.

Pond Officer

Paul Whetham advised that the water levels in the pond levels had been low and a top up of water had been added. He said fish numbers in the pond were excessive.

PH said instructions had been given to a company called Kingcombe Stonbury of Crewkerne to apply glyphosate weed killer round the edge of the pond to kill the weed called *Crassula Helmsii* otherwise known as New Zealand Pygmy Weed or Australian Swamp Stonecrop. The work will be carried out this month.

Playground Officer

Paul Whetham advised that the playground is in good order.

Airfield Representative

In AF's absence there was nothing to report. RE considered there had been more aircraft noise and low flying and the Chairman agreed. PH said that planes taking off into an easterly wind tended to turn south over the village as the area to the north was reserved for aerobatics. Cllr Catherine Langham who chairs the Compton Abbas Airfield Consultative Committee who are due to meet this Friday advised that the winds had been blowing from the East hence the increase in sound.

It was thought the increase in helicopters flying low was the military.

2018.38

Finance

The Chairman advised that there is a need to set the precept at the next meeting. He said there may be some reason to increase the present year's figures but that he was not aware of any unusual expenditure. He would be pleased to hear from Councillors, Officers and Representatives as well as residents of the Parish who may consider there is something the Parish should be doing or should need. He said he will circulate figures in advance of the next meeting.

Payments

<u>Dorset Ass Parish Town Councils subscription</u>	<u>£ 78.52</u>
<u>ROSPA report for Playground</u>	<u>£ 79.80</u>

Cllr Catherine Langham advised there are grants available for signposting which may be needed throughout the village.

Cllr Graham Carr-Jones recommended an increase in precept to ensure funds are available for any projects within the village. A resident suggested road repairs and Cllr Carr-Jones advised that any potholes reported will be filled and there is a serious programme regarding the infill of potholes throughout

the county. Cllr Catherine Langham advised the programme also included the side of road repairs. She said there was an immediate response for emergencies but not for routine maintenance.

2018.39

County Councillor Graham Carr-Jones

The submission to the Local Government Boundary Review has taken place regarding Unitary Authority Divisional boundaries. In the North the District Councillors will cease to exist. They and the County Councillors in the north will be replaced by 13 Unitary Councillors.

The new Chief Executive will be chosen shortly as will the senior leadership. Candidates have been shortlisted and an appointment will be made at the next meeting of the shadow cabinet on 27th September.

When asked if small Parishes will have a voice in future Graham Carr-Jones said that there will be Area Forums. Their make-up has yet to be determined but will include town and parish councillors, Unitary councillor for the area to discuss matters affecting people's lives.

2018.40

District Councillor Catherine Langham

Catherine Langham advised that plans for the new Dorset Council are progressing well and the Shaping Dorset Council programme has been widened and now consists of officers from the Leadership teams of each of the six councils who are meeting to monitor progress, risks and decisions. At April 1st 2019 all staff and members will have a new email address from the @dorsetcouncil.gov.uk domain.

South Walks House will be the registered address for the new council for legal, PAYE and VAT. There have been no decisions yet as to where services will be based.

The new logo will be in place but for legal reasons will be phased in gradually. The Boundary Commission has now completed their review into the Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

A report is going to the Shadow Executive Committee recommending that grants to the voluntary and community sector be rolled over for another year in order to give reassurance to the organisations currently funded.

2018.41

Questions from the public

A question was asked as to whether planning notices were still published and displayed. Cllr Catherine Langham said that small or replacement extensions sometimes did not need planning permission or it could be a development already granted.

The Chairman suggested that if anyone was concerned about a development going ahead without sight of permission that they contact him in the first instance.

2018.42

Correspondence

There was none

2018.43 *Any other business* There was none

2018.44 *Items for the next Agenda*

Defibrillator update

Precept

Date of next meeting

Monday January 14th 2019 7pm

Date of meetings for 2019

Monday January 21st 2019 7pm

Monday May 13th 2019 plus AGM and Parish Meeting 7pm

Monday September 9th 2019 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm