

# ASHMORE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at Ashmore Village Hall  
on Monday September 4th 2017 at 7pm**

*Present:-*

*Chairman* – Philip Hamilton (PH)

*Councillors* –Gilly Forge (GF), Philippa Kelway-Bamber (PKB) Richard Evans (RE)

*Clerk* – Vivian Hitchmough

7 members of the public

Roger Bell – Community Highways Officer for Dorset County Council

Phyllis Watt – Wayfinder – Dorset POPP

- 2017.33      *Apologies*      District Councillor – Catherine Langham,  
County Councillor – Graham Carr-Jones  
Councillors Andrew Featherstone and Annette Ruff
- 2017.34      Minutes of the meeting of Monday May 8th 2017 were agreed as a true record and duly signed.
- 2017.35      The Chairman introduced Roger Bell Community Highways Officer who explained his role as a “go-to” person through the DorsetForYou web site. He is the inspector of roads, enforcement officer, community liaison officer and he manages small traffic issues, generally around school areas. Potholes, gulleys and other issues are dealt with on a reactive, not automatic process requiring input into the DorsetForYou web site. He was asked about the condition of ZigZag hill and whilst he assured residents that it was tested annually for skid problems he agreed there ought to be a weight restriction. He said there was a problem of sat nav directions and this was being dealt with. Part of the B3081 comes under the Wiltshire authority comes under the Wiltshire authority. Potholes over 100ml will be filled by blowing tarmac at high velocity into the hole. When asked about road markings he reported that the rural roads policy keeps country roads free of markings. Litter issues were the responsibility of Dorset Waste Partnership, but Roger could provide the equipment needed for a litter pick. Graham Stanley is the Ranger for the Ashmore area Andrew Brown is the Project Officer for the A350 scheme Roger’s email is [r.bell@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:r.bell@dorsetcc.gov.uk).
- 2017.36      *Matters Arising*  
PH reported that the Dorset Wiltshire boundary on the B3081 was about where the car park was above Zig Zag Hill.  
PH had yet to organise a litter pick but would do so on his return in October. In the absence of AF there was no report regarding the defibrillator.
- 2017.37      *Declarations of Interest*  
None – Councillors were reminded of this requirement.

2017.38

*Updates from Officers*

*Planning report*

PH reported that since the May meeting there has been three planning applications Woodland Cottage (2/2017/1021/HOUSE)

This was an application by Gordon Ingram to build a side extension to the house for use as a workshop. We objected on the grounds that the extension would be over agricultural land and no reason was given for the need to extend within two years of consent having been granted for a building that has an agricultural tie. The application has been withdrawn.

Manor Farm (2/2017/0910/LBC)

This was an application by Rupert Rucker for listed building consent to demolish the water tower that whilst not itself listed is within the grounds of a listed building and the conservation area. We made no comment. A decision is awaited.

South's Farm (2/2016/0949/FUL)

An application by John Milbourn to build an additional unit for B1 and B8 uses between existing units. We have made no comment. A decision is awaited.

*Tree Officer*

GF reported that there were no new tree applications since the May meeting. The tree surgeon has been given photographs of the work required to trees by the pond and this should be carried out in October but a second quote was required. The trees are looking a lot better and their previous poor condition might have been caused by too much or too little water.

*Pond Officer*

PH reported that there would be a weed clearing day later in the year, to be arranged.

*Playground Officer*

In the absence of Paul Whetham the Clerk reported that the ROSPA inspection had taken place and the present overall risk rating is low.

*Airfield Representative*

RE reported that the consultative meeting had been postponed until Friday this week and AF will attend. He said there had been more noise of aircraft of late and the matter of a no fly zone over Ashmore could be raised.

2017.39

*District Councillor Catherine Langham's report.*

None

*County Councillor Graham Carr-Jones*

The Chairman read out a report from Cllr Carr-Jones who assured residents that he was available by telephone, email [grahamcarrjones@gmail.com](mailto:grahamcarrjones@gmail.com) or through the Parish Clerk [ashmoreclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ashmoreclerk@gmail.com)

He had been closely on the A350/C13 user's consultation.  
 He had been appointed onto two committees at Dorset County Council.  
 People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Dorset  
 Health Scrutiny Committee. He supplied a variety of interesting statistics.  
 He also reported on school transport issues.

2017.40 *Finance*

Payments

<u>ROSPA</u>	<u>£ 79.80</u>
<u>DAPTC subs</u>	<u>£ 76.98</u>

Receipts

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The Clerk reported that the Audit had been carried out by Council Audit BDO and there were no issues or problems. This is the last year they will be the official auditors with Smaller Authorities and Audit Appointments taking over next year through PKF Littlejohn LLP. The documents were ready to be sent back to the Clerk and should be received within the next few days. The Chairman agreed to this minute as BDO had assured the Clerk of the positive conclusion verbally.

2017.41 *Questions from the public*

A member of the public asked whether the internet could be improved in her road (Green Lane). PH explained that BT provided "fibre to the cabinet", the new one in High Street, not "fibre to the property". The use of copper cable from the cabinet resulted in speeds dropping distance so that those properties further down Green Lane would have slower speeds. However he said he will investigate  
 Nor cat's new service was commended and well used.

2017.42 *Correspondence*

None

2017.43 *Any other business*

The Chairman introduced Phyllis Watt who is a Wayfinder for POPP which began 11 years ago as an information service for people over 50. Phyllis explained that she is able to signpost groups and individuals to help them in many areas such as forming community groups, accessing benefits, transport issues and sourcing equipment. The information is impartial and the services have now been extended to all adults over 18 years. She is able to advise on funding streams and recommendations for sustainability of new ventures.

Phyllis email is [Phyllis.Watt@helpandcare.org.uk](mailto:Phyllis.Watt@helpandcare.org.uk)

GF reported that since the Post Office at Sixpenny Handley had closed parcels that were unable to be delivered within Ashmore needed to be collected at Salisbury which was inconvenient. All agreed and GF will investigate whether such parcels could instead be left at Shaftesbury or even Ludwell.

2017.44 *Items for the next Agenda*

Defibrillator

*Date of next meeting*

Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

