

ASHMORE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council
held at Ashmore Village Hall
on Thursday May16th 2024 at 7pm

*Chairman – Philip Hamilton (PH) Councillors – Philippa Kelway-Bamber (PKB)
James Grazebrook (JG), Richard Coplan (RC)*

Clerk Vivian Hitchmough

There were 8 members of the public

- 2024.15 Apologies Cllr Gilly Forge and Dorset Councillor Jane Somper
- 2024.16 The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 18th May 2023 were agreed and duly signed.

The Chairman Philip Hamilton then stood down from the Council and Cllr Richard Coplan thanked Philip for his time in office and his hard work representing and supporting Councillors and the village.

RC then introduced two new Councillors to office Cllr Angie Newnham (AN) and Councillor John Ball (JB) and a third Councillor Colin Elford (CF)who was unable to attend.

2024.17 ***Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman***

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Richard Coplan	PKB	AN
Vice-Chair	Philippa Kelway-Bamber	RC	JG

2023.24 ***Election of Officers***

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Planning Officer	Angie Newnham	RC	JG
Tree Officer	Gilly Forge	PKB	RC

<i>Airfield Officer</i>	<i>James Grazebrook</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>PKB</i>
<i>Defibrillator and telephone box</i>			
	<i>Richard Coplan</i>	<i>AN</i>	<i>JG</i>
<i>Pond</i>	<i>John Ball</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>AN</i>
<i>Playground</i>	<i>John Ball</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>AN</i>
<i>DAPTC</i>	<i>All Councillors and Clerk</i>		

Election of Representatives

<i>Playground</i>	<i>Paul Whetham</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>AN</i>
<i>Pond</i>	<i>Constantine Lyndsey</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>AN</i>

2024.17

Declarations of interest were duly signed and witnessed by the Clerk

2024.18

Former Chairman's report (Philip Hamilton) 2023/24

Finance

We told Dorset Council that our precept for 2024/25 should be £4,000. The increase was necessary to cover repairs, election costs and costs that might arise in objecting to the mobile phone mast.

Planning

In 2023/2024 there were four planning applications that we were consulted on. All were approved.

We were notified of three applications to carry out works to trees. We raised no objections and they were approved.

Filly Loo

The Filly Loo was held in 2022 on 23rd June and was a great success.

Pond

Constantine Lyndsey continued working on the pond keeping the weed under control and

adding Aquaplancton that helps clear the water and stimulates beneficial bacteria consuming rotting matter and reducing the silt.

Playground

Paul Whetham has continued to look after the playground. We agreed with the Village Hall Committee to replace the litter bin. This has been bought but has yet to be installed.

Thanks

As in previous years I am grateful for the help and support I have received during the year from parish councillors and our Dorset Councillor, Jane Somper. I am grateful also for the work councillors and representatives do for their responsibilities.

Again, our Clerk, Vivian Hitchmough, has been a great help to me and I am very grateful to her for all she does.

2024.19 *Annual Return and draft accounts for the year to 31.3.2024*

The draft accounts had been prepared and circulated and the internal audit had been completed successfully.

The Annual return and Governance Statement was agreed and duly signed and approved to be published on the web site. The certificate of exemption AGAR 2023/24 Part 2 was duly signed and will be returned to auditors. The Chairman asked if there were any questions in this regard. There were none.

Proposed RC

Seconded JG

2024.20 *Asset Risk Assessment*

The Chairman reported no new assets had been acquired with no greater risk.

2024.21 Date of next meeting Thursday May 15th 2025

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20 pm