

ASHMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held at Ashmore Village Hall

on Thursday May18th 2023 at 7.20pm

Chairman – Philip Hamilton (PH) Councillors – Gilly Forge (GF), Annette Ruff (AR), James Grazebrook (JG), Richard Coplan (RC)

There were 6 members of the public

2023.28 Apologies Cllr Philippa Kelway-Bamber and Dorset Councillor Jane Somper

2023.29 The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 9th May 2022 were agreed and duly signed.

2023.30 *Questions* None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

Chairman's Report (2022-2023)

Councillors

During the year Andrew Featherstone and Sara Milton stepped down as councillors. I am grateful for the work they both did while members, particularly Andrew because of all the roles he had taken on.

Two new councillors joined us, Richard Coplan and James Grazebrook. I welcome them to the council and am grateful to them for the roles they have taken on.

Finance

We told Dorset Council that our precept for 2023/2024 should be £2,200.

Planning

In the last year of the council there were four planning applications that we were consulted on. All were approved.

We were notified of three applications to carryout works to trees. We raised no objections and two were approved. One is outstanding.

A proposal to put up ANPR cameras was discussed during the September meeting with residents joining in. The proposal lacked sufficient support to go forward.

Sinclair Dalby, on behalf of Vodaphone, 'consulted' us on a proposal for a base station and 30m mast for mobile phones. An email was sent to Sinclair Dalby with our objections which has been acknowledged. Later, an emergency council meeting was held at which it was agreed that a draft letter of objection should be prepared to be well prepared should a planning application be made.

Filly Loo

The Filly Loo was held in 2022 on 24th 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

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.

2023.26 *Annual Return and draft accounts for the year to 31.3.2023*

The draft accounts had been prepared and circulated and the internal audit had been completed successfully. The sum of current and deposit bank accounts at year end is £ agreed with the audit statement.

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 2022/23 Part 2 was duly signed and will be returned to auditors. The Chairman asked if there were any questions in this regard.

Proposed PH

Seconded JG

2023.27

Asset Risk Assessment

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15 pm