



ASHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ashley Parish Council held on Monday 12th June 2021 at the Pavilion

Present: Cllr Sarah Howell Cllr Simon Hull
(Chairman)
Cllr Twink MacLachlan Kevin Dadds (Clerk)
Attended – D Cllr Alan Sharp

1. Welcome and Introduction

Cllr Howell welcomed everybody to the first face to face meeting since March 2020. No members of the Public attended, although a resident contacted the Clerk beforehand re grass cutting at the entrance to Silverley Way. This is being cut infrequently, presumably by Sanctuary Housing Association. As it fronts the High Street, it was agreed to include on the village grass cutting contract in future. **Action – Clerk**

D Cllr Sharp advised that he had been elected as Chairman of ECDC and had also been elected to Cambridge County Council. The Bus Review has been paused as a result of recent elections, and will recommence shortly.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Allen who was unable to attend.

3. To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th May 2021

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr Hull, seconded by Cllr MacLachlan and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Item 05 – Asset Survey – Clerk advised that he had received a quote from AWC Services to sand down and treat the 5 village benches, the Pond posts/rails, replace 8 posts in the Play Area/Car Park and treat the bus shelter. Total cost will be £1,850 against 2 further quotes of £1,500 for the Pond rails only. As the quote represents extremely good value, and will be carried out by a villager who already undertakes good quality work for the PC, it was agreed that we should accept the quote. **Action – Clerk**

A resident advised the Clerk that the bench at the Pond is being badly soiled by birds perching on overhanging branches. Whilst he has cleaned the bench on a number of occasions, he felt that this is now a persistent issue and consideration should be given to moving the bench. Cllr's were grateful for the efforts in cleaning the bench and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes to move the bench. **Action – Clerk**

Cllr MacLachlan advised that she had met a contractor in the Churchyard to discuss the repairing of the flint wall and was advised that we would need to arrange separately for removal of the tree and roots that have infested it. A written quote for the dismantling and rebuilding of the wall will follow. Clerk agreed to contact a firm who have been carrying out work in Cheveley for an alternative quote. **Action – Clerk**

Item 11 – ROSPA Report – Clerk advised that he had met a contractor on site and a quote was being prepared for repairs and in some cases replacement of play equipment. It had been noted that wooden posts on a number of pieces of equipment were showing signs of rotting and may prove uneconomical to repair.

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Planning Matters

- a) Ref 21/00720/VARM Vary Conditions (approved plans) ref 18/01704/FUL 10 detached dwellings at 28 High Street. Cllr's discussed the application which involves changes relating to eco-friendly construction including solar panels and removal of chimney flues. Cllr's welcome the principal of this type of building and are happy to rely on the Planning/Conservation Officers to ensure the outward appearance is sympathetic to the surrounding area. D Cllr Sharp has been in contact with the Planning Officer in respect of a proposal to use Silverley Way as an alternative access for construction, and advised that Highways were strongly opposed to this.
- b) Ref 20/00462/FUL Amendment to application under consideration to construct 5 detached dwellings at 28 High Street. A similar amendment has been submitted to a) above, in respect of eco-friendly construction. Cllr's welcome the principal of this type of building and are happy to rely on the Planning/Conservation Officers to ensure the outward appearance is sympathetic to the surrounding area, whilst reiterating the objection to the build itself. The secondary access issue is as above.
- c) 21/00578/FUL Removal of original wooden windows and doors and replace with new PC foil type at 15 Church Street.
- d) 21/00295/TRE T1-T5 trees – fell at Moonacre, 33 Church Street - **APPROVED**

7. Finance Matters

- a) Receipts for approval

	£
None	

- b) Invoices received and authorised for payment

	£
McGregor Services – Village grass cutting May	516.00
The Community Heartbeat Trust – Annual defibrillator support package	162.00

8. Pavilion Trust

Cllr Howell advised that following a meeting with the Landlords Agent, confirmation had been received that the sublease to Anglia Pavilion Trust could be renewed. This needs to be subject to remaining with the unexpired term of the Head Lease and preserving the Landlords rights of foreclosure in the event of non-compliance of the Parish Council to the terms of its lease. Clerk advised that he had been in contact with CAPALC and they had recommended a firm of Solicitors who specialise in Parish Council work. Clerk agreed to speak to them and ascertain whether they are able to act for the PC in respect of renewal of the lease, and also be in a position to advise and act for the broader issues of future ownership of the site should it be required. Butchers Farm is now in the hands of selling agents. **Action – Clerk**

9. Annual Governance Statement

Clerk presented the statement to the Parish Council. Acceptance was agreed by all 3 Cllr's present, and will be signed by Cllr Howell as Chairman. The statement will be displayed for 30 working days to include the first 10 working days of July.

10. Accounting Statements 2020/21

Clerk presented the statements which included the completed Annual Internal Audit Report signed by Sue Prigg. Acceptance was agreed by all 3 Cllr's present, and was signed by Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer and Cllr Howell as Chairman. The statement will be displayed for 30 working days to include the first 10 working days of July.

11. Certificate of Exemption

Clerk presented the Certificate of Exemption as the PC is exempt from a Limited Assurance Review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) regulations 2015 as both gross income and gross expenditure do not exceed £25,000. Acceptance was agreed by all 3 Cllr's present, and was signed by Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer and Cllr Howell as Chairman. The certificate will be displayed for 30 working days to include the first 10 working days of July.

12. Footpaths

Cllr Hull advised that following discussions with the landowners the footpath on the Dalham Road had been re-instated to the original route through the copse, and holes had been filled on the Newmarket Road/Moulton Road footpath. Cllr's thanked him for his efforts.

13. Website

Cllr Allen was unable to attend the meeting and will report in July

14. Urgent Matters/Items for Next Meeting

Mobile Vehicle activated Speed Camera – Cllr's Howell/Allen to update

15. Correspondence

The Clerk advised that he had received an email from the Mid Anglia centre of the Caravan and Motorhome club looking for suitable sites to hold rallies for twenty or so caravans. Cllr's discussed and felt that the Pavilion Car Park was not suitable for gatherings of this size whilst still providing for regular users of the site.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th July at 7pm at the Pavilion. Any members of the public who would like to comment at the Public Meeting should contact Kevin Dadds (Clerk) on 01638 731043.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.