



Ashley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Ashley Parish Council held on Friday 5th May 2023 at the Pavilion

Present: Cllr Sarah Howell (Chairman) Cllr Simon Hull
Cllr Twink MacLachlan Cllr Sarah Summers
Cllr Georgia Winson-Pearce Kevin Dadds (Clerk)

01. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The meeting commenced at 7.45 pm following closure of the Annual Parish Meeting, one member of the public was present.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

03. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2023-24

Cllr Howell indicated a willingness to stand again as Chairman. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Howell should serve another year in the role, which she duly accepted. Cllr Hull offered to continue in the role of Deputy Chairman. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Hull should serve another year. Cllr Hull duly accepted the position of Deputy Chairman.

04. TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th APRIL 2023

The Minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr MacLachlan and seconded by Cllr Summers and signed by the Chairman

05. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

04 – Appearance of site at 28 High Street – Clerk advised that he had not received any further information from PR Build and would chase. **Action - Clerk**

04 – Parish Elections – Cllrs Register of Interest, Declaration of Acceptance and Expenses returns were all handed to Clerk having been completed and signed. Clerk agreed to forward all the documents to ECDC. **Action - Clerk**

06. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

07. ALLOCATION OF COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Financial Control – Cllr Howell was re-appointed
Risk Assessment – Cllr Hull was re-appointed

Pavilion Trust Nominee – Cllr Howell was re-appointed

Footpaths/Trees – Cllr Hull was re-appointed

Website – Keith Allen did not stand for election but has agreed to continue managing the website until other arrangements have been made. Cllr Howell advised that she would speak to an individual who may be prepared to take on the role. **Action - Cllr Howell.**

Church Representative – Cllr MacLachlan was re-appointed.

Cllr Howell asked whether there may be other roles that could be undertaken by Cllrs and both Cllr Summers and Cllr Winson-Pearce indicated a willingness to take on responsibilities. An information flyer for new people to the village has been previously discussed and Cllr Winson-Pearce agreed to research and report back to the PC.

All appointments were unanimously agreed by all Cllr's present.

08. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Ref 23/00459/TRE(a) 5 x Yew trees - Minor crown spread reduction (up to 2m) and pruned to 2.5m. Pruning to clear the cables by creating a tunnel for the wires to run through. Ongoing consent for the clearance to be maintained on an ongoing basis. Horse Chestnut - Minor crown spread reduction (up to 2.5m), prune to increase the clearance from ground level over the road to 5.5m, pruned to clear the cables. Apple tree - Minor pruning (up to 20% of volume) avoiding heavy pruning. Sycamore - Remove deadwood. Crown spread reduction of 2.5m maximum. Location - Butchers Farm 8 Mill Road Ashley. Cllrs discussed and are happy to leave with Tree Officer.
- b) 19/00179/FUM Modification of planning obligation clauses 1 and 4 dated 20/04/2020 for the erection of 16 dwellings – Land adjacent to Potters Cottage, Church Street, Ashley. Cllrs discussed and are happy to leave the drainage issues with the Planning Officer. Concerns were raised as signage at the site suggests 10 properties are to be built, which may well exclude the affordable homes. Clerk agreed to contact the Planning Officer to confirm that all 16 properties must be built together and that the 10 commercial sales cannot take place without the 6 affordable properties being built. Additionally, the Clerk agreed to enquire about payment of the CIL which is now long overdue. **Action - Clerk**
- c) Ref 23/00479/FUL Alterations and extension forming a four-bedroom dwelling with one en suite, shower room and a bathroom - Flint Cottage 21 The Green, Ashley. Cllrs discussed and feel that the scale of the extension is not in keeping with both the property itself and surrounding properties. Clerk agreed to pass comments to the Planning Officer. **Action - Clerk**

09. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To note following receipts in April/May

East Cambs District Council - precept (first instalment)	9,550.00
Donation – Ramblers, for use of car park	12.00

b) To authorise the following payments

	£
McGregor Services - village grass cutting April	498.00
ROSPA – annual Play Area inspection – invoice receive after posting of Agenda	115.20

10. PAVILION TRUST

Cllr Howell advised that the Pavilion was only just breaking even and an increase in the number of bookings would help. Unnecessary expenditure in relation to repairs will be avoided due to the future of the building. Documents for conversion to a CIO have been approved and this will allow

greater protection for the Trustees, particularly given the scale of building works that may be carried out. A Pre-app has been submitted to the Planning Department in respect of proposed new Pavilion building. If ECDC is broadly supportive of the plans, they would be sent to Fairhaven Estates (in collaboration with the Parish Council) in the hope that some concrete plans would persuade the Estate to engage in dialogue about the possibility of a new hall.

11. COUNCILLOR NUMBERS

With only 5 Cllrs and a maximum of 7 permitted, both Cllr Summers and Cllr Winson-Pearce agreed to speak to individuals that may be interested. **Action - Cllrs Summers and Winson-Pearce**

12. URGENT MATTERS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday June 12th at the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

KEVIN DADDS