



Ashley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Ashley Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 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. PUBLIC MEETING

No members of the public were present.

D/C Cllr Sharp reported as follows

20 mph scheme - It has been agreed that a separate scheme will be set up for the 20 mph initiative and PC's will be invited to bid for funding from a pot of initially £150k although there may be additional funding from "windfall receipts". The scheme is likely to open in February and close for applications in April.

Congestion Charging - The consultation closed on 23rd December and any decision will need to go before a full County Council meeting. There is considerable opposition to the scheme.

Recycling – The decision to stop taking sofa's and beds at the recycling centres and by way of small van collection has been reversed.

The Public Meeting Closed at 7.15 pm

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Allen offered apologies.

03. TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 2022

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

04. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 04 – Appearance of site at 28 High Street – Clerk advised that he had not received a reply from PR Build Ltd, following a request for a plan detailing the extent of the site purchased. Cllr Howell suggested that we contact the vendors to establish the boundaries of what was sold.

Action – Clerk

Item 10 – Highway Issues

- Clerk advised that the new sign for Church Street had now been installed.
- Clerk advised that after a number of communications, he was now in contact with the small project team in respect of proposals for improving road safety between the Pond

and the High Street. It was agreed that the proposal would be discussed at Highways and they would be in contact with a way forward.

- c) Clerk advised that he had sent the requested details to Balfour Beatty in respect of proposed street lighting at the top of Church Street, and awaits their response.

Item 04 – Repairs/Improvements to Play Area - Clerk advised that the contractors have confirmed their intention to be on site from 16th January.

Item 04 – Lime Trees in Churchyard - Clerk advised that as requested, he had sent photos of the avenue of trees to allow a third quote to be provided. **Action - Clerk**

05. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

06. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Ref 22/01415/FUL Addition of 1.7m Timber fence behind boundary with new hedge in front -1B Gazeley Road. Previously circulated to Cllrs and response sent commenting on the requirement for native hedging on this prominent corner site in accordance with Planning officers comments.
- b) Ref 22/01346/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey rear extension – Keswick 27 Mill road, Ashley. Cllrs discussed and have no comment **APPROVED**

07. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To note following receipts in December/January

	£
Ashley Pavilion Trust – Annual ground rent for Pavilion	10.00

b) To authorise the following payments

	£
Kevin Dadds – Clerks salary Oct – Dec includes back pay from 1 st April 2022 following national pay award	1,338.50
HMRC – PAYE on Clerks salary Oct - Dec	334.60
Kevin Dadds – Clerks expenses, including working from home allowance.	96.00
Ashley Pavilion Trust – Q4 rent for PC meetings at the Pavilion	51.00

08. PAVILION TRUST

Cllr Howell advised that the Trust met last week and for family reasons, Debbie Garrity has resigned as both Chairman and Trustee. Mark Winson-Pearce was elected new Chairman and roles and responsibilities of the committee are under discussion.

A structural engineer has been instructed to advise whether the existing structure was suitable for the significant works that would be required if a decision was made to extend and upgrade the Pavilion.

Clerk advised that he had spoken to the Landlord's agent to establish in what circumstances they would be prepared to extend the lease to the Recreation Ground, and if so, the nature of any payment required. He agreed to speak to his clients and revert back.

09. WEBSITE

Cllr Allen was unable to attend the meeting and will provide an update in February.

10. 20 MPH ZONES

Cllrs discussed following D/C Cllr Sharps update in the Public Meeting. It was agreed that residents should be invited to February's meeting and given the chance to offer their views in the Public Meeting. Cllrs feel that the entire village should be included in the scheme thereby reducing the speed of all vehicles entering the village, via either High Street, Church Street or Mill Road. Cllr Allen has previously agreed to produce a poster to display on notice boards and the shop, and Cllr Howell will post a note on Facebook. **Action - Cllrs Howell/Allen**

11. URGENT MATTERS/ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr MacLachlan advised that the route of Footpath 7 (to Dalham) had not been sprayed and crops had taken over the path. Clerk agreed to contact Dalham Hall Estates and ask for them to clear the footpath.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th February at the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

KEVIN DADDS