

2019.20.9.01	<p>Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr. N. Bluck, Cllr. G. Defries, Cllr. J. Parker [CHAIRMAN], Cllr. R. Coombes, Cllr. J. Mock Cllr. A. Groves [6] - SSDC Cllr. Louise Clarke - SSDC & SCC Neil Bloomfield - Seventeen members of the public 	Action by:
2019.20.9.02	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>none</p>	
2019.20.9.03	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>Cllr. R. Coombes re Planning [Milton]</p>	
2019.20.9.04	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the parish council meeting of 1st July 2019, as circulated, were RESOLVED [6/0] to be an accurate record and were signed as such by the Chairman</p>	
2019.20.9.05	<p>Matters to REPORT from the previous meetings</p> <p>none</p>	
2019.20.9.06	<p>District and County Councillor reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Louise Clarke, Cllr Bloomfield reported that the Barretts Homes were appealing against the recent planning decision and further applications for the same site are being submitted. Following a question from Cllr. Groves Ash Parish Council were advised that at present there is no further action that they can take regarding the Barrets planning situation. 2. Cllr. Bloomfield wished it noted that his county council email address may not be currently operational. 3. It was reported that small health and well being grants may be available 4. It was noted that Martock will be planting a copse of 59 semi mature trees 5. It was noted that the Community Infrastructure Levee [CIL] due is paid to the parish that a development is in. 6. Following a question – it was confirmed that Parishioners can submit evidence for or against planning applications and were encouraged to do so – and to attend the District council area planning meetings 	
2019.20.9.07	<p>Councillor Co-option</p> <p>The Chairman stated that there was only one applicant and that no private ballot was required. It was RESOLVED [6/0] that Hugh Thomson was co-opted as councillor to Ash Parish Council. Hugh Thomson signed the declaration of acceptance of office and attended the remainder of the meeting as a councillor. Cllr. Thomson was provided with a declaration of registerable interests form and advised that it needed to be completed and returned within 28 days.</p>	Cllr. Thomson
2019.20.9.08	<p>Clerk Vacancy</p> <p>It was noted that the advert had been placed and circulated. It was suggested that the vacancy be advertised to local part time clerks.</p>	Cllr. Groves & Chairman
2019.20.9.09	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Somerset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – noted 2. Barrel House Vipers – tea Dances – Cllr. DeFries to consider for VE day 3. Route 60+ presentations – to be placed onto the website and in the newsletter asking for expressions of interest. 4. Parish Online Mapping Training - It was AGREED that Cllr. Groves attend 5. Resident re over growing greenery – It was noted that the Lengthsman had cut the greenery back from the sign and the Chairman agreed to deliver a further copy of the letter requesting that the home owner / occupier cut back the 	<p>Cllr. DeFries Cllr. Groves Cllr. Groves Chairman</p>

	<p>hedge from the pavement. It was noted that the issue of high hedges was not the responsibility of the parish council. The Chairman agreed to approach the resident regarding this issue.</p> <p>6. SSDC Area North Annual Town and Parish Meeting on 24th October [6pm North Sub Hamdon village Hall] Councillors Bluck & Groves agreed to attend as representatives of the parish council</p> <p>7. Cllr. Bloomfield advised that there could be an application in the near future to build a school on open countryside in or close to the parish of Ash. It was requested that the Clerk write to the County Council requesting clarification and information</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Cllr. Bluck & Cllr. Groves</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>2019.20.9.10</p>	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>1. DECISIONS REPORTED: 19/00353/LBC manor farm witcombe lane -approved 19/00101471/HOU 22 Main Street – permitted with conditions 19/00940/HOU 41 Main Street – permitted with conditions 19/0941/LBC 41 Main Street – permitted with conditions 19/01374/HOU Dryfe Hse 35 Back Street - permitted with conditions 19/01367/HOU Dryfe Hse Back Stree - permitted with conditions 18/03982/FUL Land north of barton court farm Martock Lane - permitted with conditions [3] 19/00018/OUT Land adjoining barton court farm Martock lane - permitted with conditions [1] 19/01285/HOU 43 Main street - permitted with conditions</p> <p>2. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION</p> <p><u>** Cllr. R. Coombes left the meeting [and the room] at this point**</u></p> <p>i. 19/01934/COL – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use – OS8866 & to rear of Manor Farm cottage – Milton Lane Ash It was RESOLVED [7/0] that Council made no objection to this application</p> <p>ii. 19/01933/FUL – Erection of stables – part retrospective -Lane rear of Peaches Cottage Milton Lane Ash It was RESOLVED [7/0] that Council made no objection to this application</p> <p>iii. 19/01936/COL – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use – Land south west of Falconers Barn Milton Lane Ash It was RESOLVED [7/0] that Council made no objection to this application</p> <p>iv. 19/0193/FUL – Erection of stables – Land south west of Falconers Barn Milton Lane Ash It was RESOLVED [7/0] that Council made no objection to this application</p> <p><u>** Cllr. R. Coombes re joined the meeting at this point**</u></p> <p><u>Cllr. J. Parker declared a personal interest in the following application</u></p> <p>v. 19/01970/HOU – alterations & the erection of a 2 storey side extension & alterations to parking / turning -23 Back Street Ash It was RESOLVED [7/0] that Ash Parish Council raise the following OBJECTIONS to this application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed application is considered to be a rebuild rather than an extension - It more than doubles the size of the existing property with the majority of the existing infrastructure being lost • The application is creating a property that will be too large for the plot it sits within. • The application will completely re orientate the property within the plot • Back Street is a classic part of the village and this development will be overbearing to, and not in keeping with, the existing street scene 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to an existing water course creating potential drainage issues • This location is a site of archaeological interest with recorded digs achieving important finds therefore works need to be closely monitored as was requested for other applications at this location. • Concerns regarding neighbouring properties being overlooked – thereby causing a loss of privacy <p>3. PARISH BOUNDARY CHANGES COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW It was RESOLVED [7/0] that Ash Parish Council approve the application for the community governance review required to move the parish boundary so as to include the row of houses in Highway within the parish of Ash. The parish council RESOLVED [7/0] that the chairman liaise with County and Martock as required and report back to following parish council meetings</p> <p>4. COMMUNITY ASSET LISTING It was RESOLVED [7/0] to request that the Bell Inn be added back onto the list [current listing expired]</p>	Chairman
2019.20.7.11	<p>Environment</p> <p>A. Millennium Wood additional grant – it was RESOLVED [7/0] that the budgeted maintenance grant of £450 be paid. It was RESOLVED [3/1 with 3 abstentions] that a grant of £100 be made toward the cost of grass cutting.</p> <p>B. Re imagining the levels conference – It was reported that there are woodland creation grants and woodland maintenance grants available. Tree coverage in Somerset was very low compared to the national average and tree planting was being encouraged.</p> <p>C. A progress report regarding the progress of the environmental audit was provided with the parish council giving its general support for the project. With regard to nature conservation and biodiversity, Cllr Hugh Thompson and District Councillor Louise Clarke agreed to meet with Mick Wooden and report back to the October parish council meeting. The Chairman agreed to send a letter to local farmers and landowners in order to gain support for the project and get feedback from parishioners.</p> <p>D. Millennium Wood general update. It was reported that the Millennium Wood was the recipient of A Green Flag Award® [one of only 3 community awards in Somerset] which would be displayed in the pavilion. Tree planting would be happening this Autumn A grant for the creation of small animal habitats had been received.</p> <p>E. Burrough Street Trees. It was noted that some work had been carried out earlier this year and the trees had been inspected by the district arborist. It was noted that Wires remain the responsibility of the utility firms and that the wires located close to the trees at Burrough Street had been recently inspected.</p> <p>F. Parish Lengthsman [ranger] works Cllr. Groves reported that the Lengthsman does a good job and is being proactive. It was requested that if something needed work then it should be reported to Cllr. Groves who would place it on the list for the lengthsman.</p>	Cllr. Thompson & District Cllr. Clarke Chairman
2019.20.9.12	<p>The Recreation Ground & Play Area Cllr. DeFries reported that everything was fine although new up to date signage was required. Quotes to be obtained.</p>	Cllr. DeFries

	<p>Cllr. DeFries to liaise with Philip re bmx track surface. The Clerk provided Cllrs. Defries and Bluck with information regarding annual independent play area inspections.</p>	<p>Cllr. DeFries</p>
2019.20.9.13	<p>Highways Auto Speedwatch Cllr. Groves reported that it had been confirmed that the system did not breach data protection and advised that if police do not agree to support the system then all monies will be refunded. It was stated that it was a reliable and Ltd. Company. It was reported that 6 parishes had units on order. The proposal was to place units at Martock Lane, Witcombe Lane and on Main Street. It was RESOLVED [7/0] that subject to the refund arrangement being confirmed in writing by the company, Cllr. Groves is authorised to place the order for the units. It was RESOLVED [7/0] that the parish council take over the responsibility for running the Community Speed watch with Cllr. Groves taking over the responsibility for co-ordination and volunteer training. Cllr. Groves agreed to collect the speed watch equipment which was currently in the possession of Cllr. DeFries.</p>	<p>Cllr. Groves Cllr. Groves Cllr. Groves</p>
2019.20.9.14	<p>The Pavilion</p> <p>A. Approach Road One quote for the required works had been obtained with Cllr. Mock obtaining two further quotes for consideration. Council to formally agree to a quote prior to any communications requesting contributions.</p> <p>B. Vacancy and upkeep / maintenance report Cllr. Mock reported that no one has expressed an interest in the cleaner post. It was AGREED that the Chairman and Cllr. Mock liaise further regarding finding someone to take over the duties of a cleaner.</p> <p>C. Lettings and Hires Cllr. Mock reported that these were fairly constant, but that Council still needs to be proactive in trying to obtain more. It was noted that a hire agreement was still required Cllr. Mock reported that he had carried out an informal consultation regarding an increase of the hire rate from £4 to £5 per hour and there appeared to be no objections. It was RESOLVED [7/0] that Cllrs. Mock and DeFries liaise regarding possible implementation of the increase in hire rate and when it should occur. No formal resolution was made to increase the hire rate at this time. Mr. Tom Philips had agreed to become a gate keyholder and gave his formal permission for his telephone number to be given out as a keyholder.</p>	<p>Cllr. Mock Cllr. Mock & Chairman Cllr. DeFries Cllr. Mock & Cllr. DeFries Cllr. Mock</p>
2019.20.7.15	<p>Village Defibrillator Cllr Defries reported that there had been a recent generous donation from the WI and that Battens had been thanked for their donation. There is a collection jar in the Bell Inn and online donations were still being received. It was reported that the total was growing slowly but that the total was well on the way to that required to purchase one machine. Training will be available once Council is closer to purchase and installation. Following input from a resident it was also noted that training in CPR is important not just specific training on the Defibrillator units. Cllrs. DeFries and Groves agreed to liaise re grant applications</p>	<p>Cllrs. DeFries and Groves</p>
2019.20.9.16	<p>Cemetery & Churchyard</p>	

	<p>A. It was RESOLVED [7/0] to take no further action regarding the unmetered water supply at this time.</p> <p>B. Cllr. Groves reported that the Lengthsman had cleared the wall of greenery at her request and cones had been placed around the area needing repair.</p> <p>C. It was noted that the repair will cost a substantial sum of money. The Chairman had obtained one quote however 2 others were required. Cllr. Bluck agreed to obtain the further quotes required.</p> <p>D. It was noted that the Council would be unable to enter into a party wall agreement [should one be required] as they are not the land owner.</p> <p>E. It was RESOLVED [7/0] that once the three quotes had been obtained they would be sent to the Church for decision and agreement of action.</p> <p>F. Potential Expansion – future planning The current burial area is filling up and it was noted that an expansion would need to be planned. The Clerk advised that there was legislation that would need to be complied with and an official process. The Chairman agreed to investigate what was required</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Cllr. Bluck</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p>																																																				
2019.20.9.17	<p>Accounts</p> <p>A. Financial report - It was noted that the required signatures had been obtained by the Chairman to request the transfer of funds from the old bank deposit account to the old bank current account. The account closure was awaiting this transfer.</p> <p>B. It was RESOLVED [7/0] to change the bank mandate for the Lloyds Bank accounts to Remove Mr. Peter Ludbroke and Add Cllr. Hugh Thomson</p> <p>C. It was RESOLVED [7/0] that the following payments were authorised</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1115 1345 1854"> <thead> <tr> <th>CQ No.</th> <th>payee</th> <th>re</th> <th>amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21</td> <td>H Moore</td> <td>clerks wages AUGUST 2019</td> <td>£ 226.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE & month 5</td> <td>£ 59.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23</td> <td>HAGS</td> <td>PLAY AREA REPAIRS</td> <td>£ 788.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24</td> <td>Pinnacle</td> <td>WAGE RECORDS</td> <td>£ 24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>SSDC</td> <td>ASH RANGER FEES TO 21ST June 2019</td> <td>£ 173.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26</td> <td>PG Fire and security</td> <td>intruder alarm maintenance with smart phone monitoring for 12 months from 24th september 2019</td> <td>£ 199.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£ 1,470.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27</td> <td>Millennium Wood -</td> <td>Maintenance - agreed and raised during the meeting</td> <td>£550.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>cheques raised between meetings as no August PCM:</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>H Moore</td> <td>july wages</td> <td>£ 226.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>re month 4</td> <td>£ 59.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>SWALEC</td> <td>unmetered supply</td> <td>£ 47.73</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>D. Budget and precept setting. Councillors were reminded of the agreed timescale for this with copies being circulated as a reminder as to what was required for the October, November December and January meetings.</p>	CQ No.	payee	re	amount	21	H Moore	clerks wages AUGUST 2019	£ 226.10	22	HMRC	PAYE & month 5	£ 59.60	23	HAGS	PLAY AREA REPAIRS	£ 788.04	24	Pinnacle	WAGE RECORDS	£ 24.00	25	SSDC	ASH RANGER FEES TO 21ST June 2019	£ 173.16	26	PG Fire and security	intruder alarm maintenance with smart phone monitoring for 12 months from 24th september 2019	£ 199.99				£ 1,470.89	27	Millennium Wood -	Maintenance - agreed and raised during the meeting	£550.00		cheques raised between meetings as no August PCM:			18	H Moore	july wages	£ 226.10	19	HMRC	re month 4	£ 59.60	20	SWALEC	unmetered supply	£ 47.73	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All Councillors</p>
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2019.20.9.18	<p>Public Open Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Main Street – listed building has had windows changed however Council has received no consultation. Clerk to enquire with listing 	<p style="text-align: right;">clerk</p>																																																				

	<p>officer at SSDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VE day Celebrations – meeting in the pavilion on the 4th September at 7.30pm • Di commemorative Noticeboard – should be installed by the end of September • It was reported that residents should keep their eyes open for a white Berlingo van that had been reported in the area when thefts had occurred. • Cemetery bins were now being emptied regularly • Shrubs were still growing out over the pavements – the Chairman agreed to do another letter drop. • It was reported that the footpath into the recreation ground needs trimming back. Chairman and Cllr. Groves to liaise re responsibility [owner/Lengthsman] • Resident spoke about how essential CPR training – above defibrillator training. • It was enquired as to whether an environmental permit had been obtained for the three house planning plot – Clerk to check with the environment agency. • It had been reported that an electric fence was blocking the footpath between Back Street and Ash Drove. Cllr. Bluck agreed to look into this. 	<p>Cllr. DeFries</p> <p>Cllr. Bluck</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman & Cllr. Groves</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Bluck</p>
2019.20.9.19	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 7 th October 2019 – 7.30pm at the pavilion	
	<u>The Meeting then closed</u>	
	DATE MINUTES APPROVED:	SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN: