

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE BOARD

28.04.2020

AREA WARDENS

To help us support vulnerable residents during the lock down and self-isolation, we have set up a network of Area Wardens covering the whole parish. The wardens for your area may contact you from time to time to check that you and your household are ok and help you to get the support, if any, that you need. They have been asked by the parish council to take on this role. The table below lists the wardens for each of the ten areas into which we have divided the parish.

	Area	Warden	Backup
1	Ashcroft and Middle Leaze	Paul Harding	
2	Back Street	Jack Parker	Gayle Defries
3	Burrough Street		
	Main Street to Middle Leaze	Richard Pither	
	Middle Leaze – Lavenoak Stables	Hugh Thomson	Sarah Veale
4	Durnfield	Keely Guy	Henry Guy
	Main Street		
5	Highway – Witcombe Lane	Kevin Robinson	Nick Bluck
6	Witcombe Lane – Rec Entrance	Kate Wood	Jonathan Mock
7	Rec Entrance - 303	Rosemary Gay and Nick Pulford	
8	Martock Lane and Wayside Row	Ian Corroyer	Mick Wooden
9	Milton	Jane Taylor	Roger Coombes
10	Witcombe	Hayley Cobden	John Russell

The contact numbers to access support remain unchanged:

Jack Parker 823924 or 07855 818588

Nick Bluck 822818 or 07545 786532

Roger Coombes 825536 or 07771 628051

Gayle Defries 829993 or 07795 411970

Antoinette Groves 825020

Jonathan Mock 07484 701140

Hugh Thomson 829360

Ian Corroyer (Volunteers Coordinator) 829109

Reminder to Dog Owners

Not unexpectedly we are seeing an increasing number of people walking their dogs locally during these difficult times. Unfortunately, a complaint has been received recently by the Parish Council of an incident involving a dog not on a lead. Can we please remind dog owners that dogs must be kept under control at all times and if there is any doubt about your dog's behaviour then please use a lead especially when close to other dogs.

STAY IN THE LOOP

Quick and easy ways to get news and information from

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

WEBSITE

visit www.ashpcsomerset.com

ASH ALERT EMAILS

sign up at ashalertemails@gmail.com

FACEBOOK

follow us on

<https://www.facebook.com/Ash-Alerts-104800641092793/>

Public Health and Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Samaritans - The Yeovil Branch of Samaritans. As ever offer free confidential emotional support on 116123 if anyone is feeling overwhelmed by aspects of the situation or life at the moment.

Mindline – has now gone 24/7. Mindline is being used as the front door to all mental health services whether Covid 19 related or not. It is very friendly and people can talk for up to 30 minutes.

Mindline Somerset
Emotional support helpline
Coronavirus



01823 276 892

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Ash Alert Emails

The Ash Alert Email system was set up by the parish council to keep residents informed in a more timely fashion about parish council matters and other activities and events going on in the village. Signing up now is even more important in these times of change to make sure you are kept informed.

If you haven't already done so, why not opt-in now to Ash Alert Emails. To do so, please send your Name, Email Address, Postal Address and phone number to the Parish Council at ashalertemails@gmail.com and ask to be added to the Ash Alert Emails list.

New Data protection regulations came into force a year ago which the parish council fully complies with. Your email address and other contact details will always be kept safe and will never be shared with any third party nor will they be visible to other recipients of Ash Alert Emails. You can unsubscribe at any time if you no longer wish to receive them.

GARDEN WASTE DISPOSAL

The temporary suspension of the green bin service from Somerset Waste Partnership and the closure of our recycling centres have caused a problem of waste disposal for some parishioners, particularly those with small gardens.

Provided that the task is of a manageable size and provided that it can be achieved without unduly increasing the risk to individual volunteers, it may be possible to arrange the periodic collection of garden waste from those parishioners that have no other option open to them.

If you, or someone you know, really need this service, please email ashalertemails@gmail.com with details so that we can assess the size of the problem.

Ash Covid-19 Community Support Group
On behalf of Ash Parish Council

ASH IN BLOOM

Not been able to buy your summer plants? Maybe we can help.

Ash in Bloom has just arranged with a nursery in Curry Rivel to place a bulk order with them and they will make one delivery to a central point in Ash sometime during the first week of May.

What you can buy - To keep things simple the nursery have agreed to make up trays of mixed plants such as fuchsias, geraniums, and trailing petunias. Each tray will contain a mixture of 20 of these plants which is enough to fill approximately 3 to 4 hanging baskets or containers 12 inches in diameter. Each tray will cost £25. You can order as many trays as you wish.

Payment Methods - The preferred method of payment is direct to the nursery by online bank transfer, details of which will be sent to you once you have placed your order. Alternatively you can pay by cash to Ash in Bloom. **Please note your order will not be included in the bulk delivery unless payment by cash or bank transfer is received by 2nd May.**

Delivery - The nursery will make one bulk delivery to a central point in the village, probably the Pavilion Car Park, from where you can collect your order. We will let you know when and where your order can be collected as soon as the nursery have confirmed the date. To comply with social distancing guidelines you will be given an individual collection time. If you are unable to collect your order because you are self-isolating we can arrange for village volunteers to deliver the plants to your door.

How to order - If you wish to take part please email your order to Ash in Bloom ashinbloom123@gmail.com as soon as possible by providing us with the following information:-

Name:

Address: \d#'

Phone Number:

Number of Trays Required:

Total Order Value:

Method of Payment: Bank Transfer OR Cash

Delivery: Self-collect from central point OR self-isolation volunteer delivery

As not everyone in the parish receives Ash Alert Emails can we please ask you to spread the word amongst your friends and neighbours so that as many as possible can take advantage of this offer of help. It would also help us if some people could consolidate their order with others. Only those that place orders quickly will be able to join this scheme as unfortunately the planned delivery of the first week of May will very soon be upon Us

Antoinette Groves

Ash in Bloom

Email: ashinbloom123@gmail.com

Telephone: 01935 825020

PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

You should always be picking up after your dog but at times like this when more people are using the Recreation Ground, Ash Millennium Wood and local footpaths for their daily walk it is even more important that you do. Please can we remind you to be a responsible dog owner and pick up and bin it.



SEND US PHOTOS TAKEN ON YOUR DAILY WALKS

Many of you are taking photos around the parish and local countryside when out on your daily walk. If you would like to share them with others especially those that cannot get out and about, please email your photos to ashvillagewebsite@gmail.com and we will publish them on the village website photo gallery page.

www.ashpcsomerset.com

A MESSAGE FROM SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

An update on bonfires during the coronavirus outbreak

It is understood that bonfires can be a quick and easy way of getting rid of garden rubbish. However, during the current Covid 19 while we are largely confined to our properties we are likely to suffer higher levels of nuisance from activities such as garden bonfires so it is important that we all take responsibility to ensure that such nuisances do not happen.

Please be aware that people suffering from respiratory conditions including Covid 19 will be adversely affected by smoke. It could make their symptoms far worse meaning that they need to be hospitalised putting further strain on the NHS.

Alternatives

- Most garden waste can be composted into a useful soil conditioner, saving you the cost of buying commercial products.
- Store the garden waste, turning it regularly. This will enable the waste to dry so that it can be transported to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre when restrictions are lifted.

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL– Monday 6th April 2020,
via video conference at 5pm**

Councillors Present:

Jack Parker (Chairman), Antoinette Groves, Nick Bluck, Hugh Thomson, Gayle Defries and Jonathan Mock

In attendance: The clerk.

5pm – Meeting opened

20/17. To receive any apologies for absence. Cllr Coombes.

20/18. To receive any declarations of interest. Cllr Parker declared an interest in minutes reference 20/21 – Planning, 20/00910/HOU, as a neighbour.

20/19. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2020.

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

20/20. Matters to report from previous meetings.

There were no matters to report.

20/21. Planning.

- a. To note decisions on earlier applications.
 - i. 20/00108/HOU, 5 Back Street, Ash, removal of existing single storey extensions and the construction of new two storey extension and new detached garage. **Approved.**
 - b. To consider new applications.
 - i. 20/00863/HOU, Lavers Court, Ash, The erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling and alterations to retaining wall. The parish council unanimously supported the application.
 - i. 20/00910/HOU, 23 Back Street, Ash, Erection of a new double garage.

Cllr Parker did not take part in the discussion. The parish council voted to object to the application for the following reasons:

- i) Overdevelopment of the site.
- ii) Concern over multiple applications that applicants are trying to achieve what has previously been refused.
- iii) No ecological consultation regarding the presence of great crested newts on the site.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to object to the planning application for the reasons as discussed.

ACTION: Clerk

20/22. Parish Council Administration.

a. To consider adopting the Business Continuity to Council.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Ash Parish Council Business Continuity to Council.

b. To review Ash Parish Council Register of Fixed Assets.

Cllr Parker had identified some further assets that needed to be included. The updated asset register would be presented at the next PC meeting for approval.

ACTION: Clerk

20/23. Parish Council Covid-19 Report

a. Report on actions to date.

It was agreed that Cllr Parker would provide a report on all actions carried out to date within the parish and that it would be appended to the minutes as a record.

b. Future planning.

It was agreed that the parish was well provisioned for at the current time, with many volunteers and systems in place to meet the current demand, therefore no further action was required at this time.

c. Financial provision.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to allocate a fund of £1000 into a new budget line for the parish response to Coronavirus.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to purchase Easter gifts for each child and elderly person in the parish.

20/24. Finance.

To approve the following payments:

J Ferguson - Clerks Salary and expenses	£429.50
HMRC - PAYE	£107.40
Water2business – Ash Churchyard water 2020-2021	£81.00
Pinnacle Accountancy Services (SW) Ltd- Maintaining wages	£24.00
SSDC Ash Ground Maintenance Contract – 2019-2020	£4643.98
Citizens Advice South Somerset - Grant	£50.00
J Parker – Reimburse for Zoom subscription	£14.39
G Defries – Reimburse Defib & cabinet	£1691.98

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed for the payments presented to be approved and paid via BACs, with the exception of the SSDC payment which needed to be amended to reflect the work carried out (unanimous).

ACTION: Clerk

20/25. The Village defibrillator general report.

Cllr Defries reported that a third defibrillator for Milton would need a further fundraising effort and this could not be considered at this time due to public restrictions. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the Plymouth Brethren to thank them for their generous donation and agree that an official handover could take place as soon as conditions allow.

ACTION: Clerk

20/26. Cemetery & Churchyard.

a) To report on the proposed closed churchyard wall repairs.

The current situation with the wall was discussed and it was agreed that further discussions needed to take place before work could commence.

ACTION: Cllr Thomson, Cllr Bluck, Cllr Parker, Cllr Defries

b) To report on the proposed new cemetery extension.

It was agreed that no further work would be happening with the current restrictions in place, therefore Cllr Bluck suggested that the farmer continue to use the land as previously for cropping this season.

20/27. Public open session.

There were no members of the public present.

20/28. Date of next meeting – 4th May 2020.

6pm – Meeting closed

COVID-19 ASH PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE

Register of Residents

The Parish Council has compiled a list of parish residents in an effort to identify those particularly at risk and, hopefully, prevent anyone “dropping through the cracks”. The list is not perfect, yet, and it will need to evolve if and when this virus hits Ash.

Area Wardens

To try to make the list respond as quickly as possible to events - hospitalisation, isolation and other reasons - we are setting up a network of “Area Wardens” who (preferably people with good local knowledge already) can keep a close eye on the residents of a small section of the parish and feed changes to a central point, which can then keep our volunteer army supporting the people who need it.

Volunteers

Over 70 residents have responded to a call for volunteers to undertake specific jobs in support of vulnerable parishioners. Their efforts are coordinated centrally by Ian Corroyer in response to requests for help made through councillors.

Funding and Business Continuity

The Parish Council has agreed a budget for support work within the parish and has also approved a resolution devolving a number of additional powers to the Parish Clerk, in order to ensure that the business of the council can continue during the current emergency.

The Bell

The Parish Council recognise the particular contribution to parish support of the staff of The Bell led by the licensee, Caz Halfhide, in providing a source of essential groceries and cooked meals.

DRAFT MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – Monday 20th April 2020, via video conference at 4pm

Councillors Present: Jack Parker (Chairman), Antoinette Groves, Nick Bluck, Hugh Thomson, Gayle Defries and Jonathan Mock

In attendance: The clerk & 2 members of the public. Cllr Bloomfield tried to join the meeting, but was unable due to technical difficulties therefore sent his apologies.

4pm – Meeting opened

20/29. County & District Councillors Report. There were no councillors present.

20/30. Establishment of the Ash Covid-19 Community Support Group as a Parish Council Committee. It was suggested to establish a committee consisting of all parish Cllrs present and group volunteers Caz Halfhide and Ian Corryer. Cllr Parker agreed to write the Terms of Reference (TORs). **RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to form the Ash Covid-19 Community Support Committee consisting of Cllrs Parker, Defries, Bluck, Mock, Groves, Thomson and Caz Halfhide, Ian Corryer & the clerk, Julie Ferguson, and for Cllr Parker to write the TORs.**

ACTION: Cllr Parker

20/31. Defibrillator update. Cllr Defries acknowledged receipt of £627.50 from the Yeovil Gospel Hall Trust as the final payment towards the defibrillator donated by the Plymouth Brethren. She reported that the defibrillator fund currently totalled £508.16 which could be used for a 3rd unit at Milton.

The clerk reported that the PC had received a CIL payment of £1952.40 for the development on Martock Lane and it was agreed that this could also be used to fund the 3rd Defib unit. **RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to purchase and install a defibrillator, childrens pads and cabinet, in a location to be agreed.**

ACTION: Cllr Defries

20/32. AOB The clerk reported that SSDC had provided a credit refund figure for work not carried out over the last year contract. There was discussion over whether the figure was correct. **RESOLVED: It was voted on and agreed (3 for, 2 against) for the payment to be made for the invoiced amount less the credit note provided by SSDC and for the clerk to ask for a statement of the work credited back to the PC.**

ACTION: Clerk

There followed a meeting of the newly formed Ash Covid-19 Community Support Committee.

4.50pm – Meeting closed

ASH COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP TORs

This support group has been formally constituted as a committee of the Ash parish Council
Aim The aim of the group is to exploit all resources at their disposal to:

- Protect and support the vulnerable residents of Ash parish
- Identify parishioners in need of support as the Covid -19 situation develops
- Recruit and co-ordinate the work of local parish volunteers and provide them with protocols and personal protective equipment where appropriate.
- Provide services to the community in general that help to reduce the exposure of individuals to infection
- Maintain the morale of parishioners

Members Councillor: Jack Parker, Antoinette Groves, Nick Bluck, Jonathan Mock, Gayle Defries, Hugh Thomson

Non-Councillor: Caz Halfhide, Ian Corryer, Julie Ferguson, Clerk to the Council

Funding: The group is funded by a combination budgeted council expenditure, council grants and donations.

Authority: The group is authorised to commit council expenditure within the allocated budget.