

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Ash Parish Council held on Monday 13 February 2023 at 19:00hrs

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) – Lesley Andrew, Steve Davey (Chair), Rebecca Gray, Antoinette Groves, Lily Humby

In attendance: J Ferguson (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Emily Pearlstone and 4 members of the public.

County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Pearlstone reported on continuing activities towards Unitary authority, efforts to balance the County Budget, planning committees and LCN progress. She agreed to forward to Cllrs any feedback from the LCN pilots.

Public Open Session

A member of the public presented some suggestions and a draft 'agenda' and suggestions for the Parish celebrations Coronation weekend. Cllrs thanked them for their efforts and agreed to discuss in more detail later in the meeting as it was on the agenda.

It was reported that a footpath sign on Back Street needed some repair, Cllr Davey agreed to take a look.

19:20 – Meeting opened

22/214 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))

Apologies had been received and accepted from Caz Halfhide and Tim Groves.

22/215 Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations. None.

22/216 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

RESOLVED: To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023.

22/217 Matters to report from a previous meeting

- The clerk had hand delivered to the solicitors the legal paperwork for the Glebe Access Track Easement.
- There had been a good community response to CPR training that was being co-ordinated by Cllr Humby and a session would be arranged before the end of the month.
- Cllr Andrew gave an update on the submission for The Bell Inn as an Asset of Community Value, which was being progressed by SSDC. The PC should receive a decision by 23rd March 2023.
- Cllr Groves reported an increased quote for the bus shelters had been provided from the chosen supplier due to restrictions identified after a site visit. The supplier of Quote 2 had

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also provided a revised quote of £7,695 which was similar to the previously agreed figure and was acceptable to the PC. Cllr Groves agreed to proceed with Quote 2.

22/218 Planning decisions report

None.

22/219 Planning applications

None.

22/220 Finance – To approve the payment schedule for February 2023

Ash Parish Council February 23 Payment Schedule				
Invoice	Payee	Particulars	Amount	
1	STAFF	SALARIES	£1,010.65	REPORT
2	J FERGUSON	REIMBURSEMENT (BENCH)	£1,024.00	REPORT
3	SSDC	RANGER - JAN23	£234.07	
4	SLCC	MEMBERSHIP FEE	£59.00	
5	A GROVES	REIMBURSEMENT (POSTAGE)	£4.05	
6	PLAY INSPECTION COMPANY	ANNUAL FEE	£96.00	
7	PINNACLE ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES	PAYROLL FEE	£42.00	
8	CALLUM LEACH	WALL REPAIRS	£350.00	
	TOTAL		Feb-23	£2,819.77

RESOLVED: To approve the February 2023 Payments totalling £2819.77

ACTION: Cllrs Davey and A Groves

22/221 Finance – To agree budget line amendments with any planned overspend coming from reserves

RESOLVED: To remove £1400 from Parish Utilities budget line, £3750 from Village Car Park, £1000 from Bus Shelter and £1000 from Play Area Equipment, these amounts coming from grants and leaving an annual budget total of £54,865.

22/222 Finance – To agree creation of new reserves and the release of ring fenced reserves and policy, to balance the annual budget

RESOLVED: To create new Warm Hub Reserve for any grant funds and to release the Pavilion income from the current year to general reserves to help with any planned overspend and to balance the annual budget.

22/223 Finance – To approve the purchase of recreation ground gates (S Davey)

- Quote 1 - 1 gate £958+ VAT
- Quote 2 - 2 gates £1721 + VAT
- Quote 3 - 1 gate £1001.80 + VAT
- Quote 4 - 2 gates £1928.60 = VAT

RESOLVED: To approve Quote 2 - 2 gates costing £1721 + VAT

ACTION: Cllr Davey

22/224 Finance – To consider a quote for the painting of disabled bays in both village car parks (S Davey)

- Quote 1 - £550 + VAT
- Quote 2 - £950 +VAT

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RESOLVED: To approve Quote 1 - £550 + VAT for the painting of disabled bays in both village car parks.

ACTION: Cllr Davey

22/225 Finance – To consider a quote for signage in both village car parks (S Davey)

RESOLVED: To approve a quote of £260 + VAT for both village car parks and to purchase an additional 'Max Headroom' sign for the Pavilion car park.

ACTION: Cllr Davey

22/226 Finance - To consider quotes for maintenance works in both village car parks (S Davey) Cllr Davey reported that he was waiting on further quotes so this would be deferred to a future meeting.

22/227 Finance - To approve a budget of upto £175 for electrical socket installations at the Pavilion

It was agreed that additional safety electrical work (inc. PAT testing) for the Pavilion should be carried out, so a budget of upto £300 was suggested. Cllr Davey agreed to ask the electrician for a report of works carried out.

RESOLVED: To approve a budget of upto £300 for Pavilion electrical safety inspections and electrical socket installations.

ACTION: Cllr Davey

22/228 Ash consider any proposals for the Kings Coronation (A Groves)

It was agreed to set up a working group to consider suggestions provided and approach members of the public to help with ideas and arrangements.

RESOLVED: To set up a Coronation Working Group consisting of Cllrs Davey and Humby initially.

ACTION: Cllr Davey and Humby

22/229 Reports – To receive reports from:

a. Parish Councillors

Councillors congratulated Mick Wooden for receiving the SCC Chairs Award for Service to the Community.

b. Working Groups

ABWG - Cllr A Groves had distributed the draft minutes of a recent meeting and distributed an Action Plan and Parish Habitat Map, which was approved by the PC for publication and distribution.

Points of Note:

- Rewilding of verges underway
- Bare root hedging had been obtained at no cost, with cemetery planting planned in March

22/230 Clerks report and correspondence

The following items of correspondence had been sent by email:

- Annual Play Inspection Report
- SSDC Improvements in SEND Services
- Temporary road closure notices
- SALC Newsletters
- SWP briefings
- SSDC Member briefings
- SCC Social Care recruitment
- PCC Mark Shelford personal invitation councillor forum
- Dementia community building event
- Marie Curie Somerset leaflet

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- Somerset Heritage Centre Book of Condolence update
- SDSC Environmental portfolio holder update
- SCC volunteer drivers
- NHS Somerset stroke services public consultation
- SCC Domestic Abuse Services
- Local Planning Policy Consultation Notification
- SCC HIV test week
- Update threshold for Contract Finder
- St Margaret's Hospice update
- SCC new recycling regulations update

22/231 Items for the next agenda

There was nothing identified at this time.

22/232 To agree all meeting dates for 2023

- 6 March 23
- 3 April 23
- 3 May 23
- 5 June 23
- 3 July 23
- 4 Sept 23
- 2 Oct 23
- 6 Nov 23
- 4 Dec 23
- 8 Jan 24

22/233 Date of next meeting – 6th March 2023

20:50 - Meeting closed

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