

Minutes of a Meeting of Ash Parish Council held on Monday 1st July 2024 at 19.00hrs

Present: Cllr Caz Halfhide (Acting Chair), Cllrs Antoinette Groves, Zak England, Tim Groves, Lesley Andrew.

In Attendance: SCLlr Emily Pearlstone

19.00 hrs: Meeting Opened

24/58 To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1)).
APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FROM CLLR STEVE DAVEY (CHAIR), CLLR ALAN BRITTEN & SCLLR JOHN BAILEY

24/59 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 RECEIVED

24/60 To APPROVE and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous regular meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)).

RESOLVED: To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2024

24/61 To APPROVE and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous extra-ordinary meeting (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)).

RESOLVED: To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2024

24/62 Matters to report from a previous meeting

The application for a free, Royal portrait needs following up. It has been sent

The advert for Parish Clerk, drawn up by Cllr England has attracted 3 applications so far. Thanks were offered to Cllr England.

Thanks were offered to SCLlr Pearlstone for arranging for a replacement Dog Poo Bin.

An updated planning application for the stairway to the church bell tower has been made by Holy Trinity. SCLlr Pearlman asked to be kept updated.

24/63 Planning decisions report

NONE

24/64 Planning applications – 24/01449/PAMB. Land At Stone Farm Main Street Ash Martock Somerset. Change of use of an agricultural building and associated building operations to provide two semi-detached dwelling houses.

THIS IS A CHANGE OF USE APPLICATION AND THERE IS NOTHING TO OBJECT TO AT THIS STAGE

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24/65 To DISCUSS applying for a Police Community Fund for the purchase of Speed Indicator Device (SID).

SCLlr Pearlstone advised that there were small pick-ups of such grants

RESOLVED: To apply for the grant

Proposed: Cllr Halfhide, Seconded: Cllr T Groves

All in favour & Cllr A Groves to apply

24/66 To ACKNOWLEDGE and DISCUSS the results of the LNR consultation

The consultation with Parishioners showed that a significant majority support the designation of Ash Millennium Wood as a Local Nature Reserve. Natural England has asked that we consider identifying other adjacent areas for nature conservation and that we look for common themes identified by those objecting.

- Adjacent areas: Ash Biodiversity Working Group will explore options and report to the PC.
- Objections: The biggest points raised in objection are changes in ownership/management arrangements and new restrictions on access. In both these there is a misunderstanding on the part of objectors because no such changes are proposed as a result of designation.

The process is now with Somerset Council to take forward.

24/67 Finance – To APPROVE the payment schedule for July 2024

01/06/24	S Davey	Virtual Landline	£5.95	SO Report
01/06/24	Eavis RA	Ground Maintenance May 24	£458.33	SO Report
01/06/24	KL Bungay	Pavilion cleaning May 24 SO	£102.00	SO Report
	British Telecom	Pavilion	£34.46	TBA
	Tim Groves	Printing of Newsletter	£60.00	TBA
	KL Bungay	Extra week cleaning of Pavilion	£25.50	TBA
	Caz Halfhide	New first aid kit for Pavilion	£8.29	TBA

24/68 Finance – To APPROVE fee for consecration of New Cemetery extension £900 + VAT.

RESOLVED: Approved

Proposed: Cllr Halfhide, Seconded Cllr Andrew

All in favour

24/69 Finance – To APPROVE fee to register Pavilion as a proper address with a postcode with Somerset Council £110.

RESOLVED: An update was provided advising that there would no longer be a charge as Somerset Council are aware of the issue.

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24/70 Finance – To **APPROVE** authorising direct debit to British Telecom for payment of Pavilion Broadband.

RESOLVED: Approved. All in favour

24/71 Finance – To **APPROVE** authorising direct debit to Water2Business for payment of Pavilion water bill.

RESOLVED: Approved. All in favour

24/72 Finance – To **APPROVE** authorising direct debit to Water2Business for payment of unmetered cemetery water bill.

RESOLVED: Approved. All in favour

24/73 Reports – To receive reports from:

- a. Parish Councillors
- b. Working Groups

Cllr Andrew reported on the 'surgery' held at the Coffee and Chat group in the Pavillion. She felt that it had been very worthwhile and that she had been requested to visit in a month.

Several issues were raised – some of the street lighting in the village was either on all day or not on at all. People were advised to report it to the address shown on the back of the newsletter. LA has also reported it. It is best to report using the number on the light or using What3Words to identify location. Cllr A Groves will add the information on how to report this in the next newsletter.

There was 1 enquiry of and interment of ashes which is being dealt with.

An offer of assistance to inspect playground equipment was passed to Cllr A Groves. This led to a discussion regarding dogs in the play area, and it was confirmed that no dogs were permitted in the play area.

Several people mentioned speeding and Cllr A Groves suggested they might like to help with the local speed watch scheme which would identify speeding vehicles.

Cllr A Groves said she had received a complaint regarding the state of the pathway from Durnfield to Ash. The pathway is very overgrown. Cllr Groves has acknowledged the complaint and has sent a report to Somerset Council as this path gives a safe route for walkers and cyclists wishing to avoid the A303. She will keep us informed on this matter; Cllr England offered to go and look at the situation and report back.

24/74 Clerks report and correspondence

NONE

24/75 Items for the next or future agenda

NONE

24/76 Date of next meeting – (tbc)

End of Agenda