

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Ash Parish Council held on Monday 2nd September 2024@ 19.00hrs at Ash Pavillion.

Present: Cllr S Davey, Chairman, Cllrs Antoinette Groves, Lesley Andrews, Caz Halfhide, Alan Britten.

In attendance:

Four members of the public.

Public Comments: General concern was expressed regarding the apparent loss of social housing providing within the Village. Concern was also expressed regarding dog owners using Millennium Wood not exercising proper control over their animals. Cllr Davey will contact the manager and note concerns.

Meeting opened @ 19.15hrs

Outside reports from representatives: Somerset representative: Note recently issued Highways Maintenance Pilot Scheme, papers circulated prior to meeting. No comment, APC will continue to monitor developments.

Conifer trees at Montacute end of Ham Hill access, these are being removed and native species will be replanted.

Keir, the newly appointed SC contractor will endeavour to notify APC of upcoming road closures.

The Speed Indicator Device(SID) currently located in Martock will be re-sited in Ash, subject to confirmation from Martock Parish Council, that ownership of the SID will pass to Ash Parish Council..

The Right of Way/Bridle path adjoining the school perimeter is impassable due to overgrown hedging and general plants. Cllr Andrews will contact SC to ascertain if it is a Right of Wayor bridlepath and request clearance.

24/96 Apologies: Cllrs Zak England & Tim Groves.

24/97 Declarations of Interest. Council members to declare any interests, including and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with 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.**

24/98 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 12th August 2024. Approved and signed by Chairman.

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24/99 Matters to report from previous meeting:

- **Bins:** Cllr Davey noted that following SC's request for bin location, he had been unable to find any evidence that Ash PC had purchased the bins, therefore they are the property of SC. This has been accepted by SC.
- **The erection of new steps to the bell-tower (alternative design for approval 23/00293/FUL)** Noted that full planning permission was granted on 10th July 2024.
- **Parish Insurance:** It was agreed to renew the current policy under a long term agreement subject to confirmation of items covered and current value. Cllr Davey will reply to Insurers and review the Schedule.
- **Lloyds Debit card:** It was agreed that a debit card should be requested from Lloyds to facilitate easier payments.

24/100 **Planning decisions report:** None to report.

24/101 **Planning Applications:**

All decisions report all four refused 3 phases at Witcombe Farm and one on Matlock Lane

Refused: APPLICATION NO 20/02/02128/FUL.

APPLICANT Mr M Rodford

PARISH ASH:

DESCRIPTION: Change of use of land and the erection of a detached dwelling with double garage, driveway, parking and gardens. Widening of existing site access to allow for access to new house and separate adjoining access into the field

LOCATION: Land off Martock Lane, Ash, Martock, Somerset: (GR@347381/120321)

AND

There were three applications, this is the third phase.

Application no 21/00891/Ful

APPLICANT. Mr Matthew Cobden:

PARISH: ASH

DESCRIPTION: Extension to dry cow and calving facility (Phase 1 of 3) - Land At Lower Witcombe Farm Thornhill Drove Ash Martock Somerset(GR:348373/121860)

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Ref. No: 21/00889/FUL | Status: Application Refused | Case Type: Planning Application

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- It was raised at the meeting that some works have commenced, Clerk to email SC Planning to confirm that APC have noted the commencement of works prior to full planning permission.

24/102 To approve the payment schedule for September 2024: Approved for submission for payment, Proposed Cllr S Davey, seconded Cllr Groves. Signed by Cllr Davey.

24/103 To discuss planning and budget for Christmas celebrations. It was agreed that Cllr Halfhide will source the Christmas Tree. Budget set at £250.00 to include tree, mince pies, sausage rolls, mulled wine, children's squash & sweets. Agreed to ask Cllr England re installing external power points to enable external Christmas lights at Ash Pavilion. Proposed Cllr Davey, Seconded Cllr Groves.

24/104 Reports: To receive reports from:

- Parish Councillors. N/A
- Working Groups N/A

24/105 Clerks report and correspondence: N/A

24/106 Items for next or future agenda: 2024/Budget. It was agreed that Cllr Halfhide & Clerk will liaise prior to dedicated Budget meeting.

24/107 Date of next meeting: 7th October 2024.

24/108 Exemption session – exclusion of Press & Public.

24/109 To approve contract of employment for Clerk. Proposed Cllr Davey seconded Cllr Halfhide: Agreed.

24/110 Councillors expressed their appreciation to Cllrs Davey & Halfhide for covering the Clerk's duties whilst APC was between Clerks.

Meeting closed at 20.30hrs.

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Schedule of payments.

01 /09 /24	S Davey	Virtual Landline	£6.50	SO Report
01/09/24	Evis RA	Ground Maintenance August 2024	458.33	SO Report
01/09/24	KL Bungay	Pavilion cleaning August 2024	£102.00	SO Report
	Evis RA	Lengthsman Services August 2024	235.00	TBA
	A Groves	Watering can	£6.49	TBA

Other payments – amounts authorised and minuted at previous meetings, or regular and contracted.

	S Davey	Hard drive for Clerk	£28.04	TBA
	SALC	SALC Affiliation fee	£199.99	TBA
	British Gas Lite	Electricity in Pavilion	£32.24	DD Report
	PG Alarm	Alarm in Pavilion	£199.99	TBA
	A Groves	Water Butt	£79.99	TBA
	A Groves	Hand rail	£99.99	TBA
	A Groves	Hose & Sprayer	£69.98	TBA