

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHCURCH RURAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Cllrs J Hargreaves JH; T Davies TD; G Shurmer GS; D Street DS

C. Cllr V Smith VS

B. Cllr Gore MG

Pauline Clarke - Parish Clerk

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Webmaster Ian White IW

Volunteer Assistant to the Council – Jo McAuley JM

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

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		<u>ACTION</u>
01.02.20	<b>WELCOME</b> The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting	
02.02.20	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Councillors Cooke and Brown	
03.02.20	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None	
04.02.20	<b>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020</b> Minutes were agreed and signed, proposed TD seconded DS	
05.02.20	<b>TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR</b> <b>Last in attendance – 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020</b> VS reported: Flood: Predicted level to peak at 4.8 later in week compares to 5.5 in 2007, some roads may flood but will be passable Gold command has worked well, 68 properties have flooded in the Borough, these are the usual properties that flood, GCC working with the vulnerable, and will deliver bags if residents are registered. DS: Why can't road by the culvert by Morrisons be lifted? VS: Not feasible but they can usually pump from road into flood plain, but this time pump was allocated to other areas, hopefully next time we can use one. It may be possible to put in an extra lane. Highways England have an input and they also want to include other measures, as situation is not straight forward  Will be discussing Toucan crossing with Highways England, he noted the MP is appalled at response from GCC  Shannon Way is almost completed but hampered by storms, so will be finished off later in the year  Drop-in session on Saturday 10-12.30 to include MG, Police, the MP, Highways Officer and representatives from GCC	

06.02.20	<p><b>TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR</b>  <b>Last in attendance – 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020</b></p> <p>MG reported: will attend Garden Town meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March with Annette Roberts and Councillors, this is concerned with governance including parish involvement.  TD added Andrea Pellegram has raised several queries which need to be addressed. Need to establish where and when parish and TBC are involved, and when the consultation will begin, there is very little information on website and expressed concern on the details shown  MG: Keen to allay fears, there are 8 Garden town principals – not yet on website</p> <p>NDP’s need update every two years, or if a new policy comes in, TBC will contact everyone with an NDP to ensure policies are up to date  DG: If NDP is reviewed does it make it not current?  MG: not knows as it’s the first-time policies have been reviewed, but assume won’t affect CIL</p> <p>JCS – Have opted for light option up to 2041, and will go to consultation  DS: Expressed concerned that land that is allocated to the Concept Plan regularly floods  MG: May be allocated as an open space</p> <p>Chicken farm deferred because of legal issue</p> <p>Budget approved - £5 increase on Band D – necessary increase and is the maximum allowed</p> <p>DG: Garden Town thinking group report is in the application - can we view it as promised at the time?  MG agreed to discuss with Annette Roberts  (GS arrived)</p>	
07.02.20	<p><b>TO NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THIS AGENDA</b></p> <p>TD, JH and DG have attended meeting with Hitchins and been given broad schedule for garden centre and houses, will circulate to information</p> <p>Lesa West LW has asked if PC is willing to take it on play areas - TD asked for view?  GS: Burden on tax payers, so why would we take this on as TBC would if we didn’t</p> <p>Councillors discussed any grants available, and whether TBC would pay us an annual fee for looking after them, it seems they are trying to offload a liability  TD will discuss with LW to find out what they are planning doing</p> <p>DS had emailed councillors highlighting that hedges that are being ripped up – Clerk and TD will raise with Hitchins</p>	<p><b>TD</b></p> <p><b>TD</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/TD</b></p>
08.02.20	<p><b>TO ADOPT COOKIES POLICY</b></p> <p>IW had compiled this and it was agreed</p>	
09.02.20	<p><b>TO ADOPT GRIEVANCE POLICY</b></p> <p>GDPR legislation needs updating  Agreed to include ‘Email as acceptable within the timing, and back up with hard copy’</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

10.02.20	<p><b>TO ADOPT PUBLIC FORUM POLICY</b></p> <p>Members approved Public Forum policy - Clerk will print off a few copies for distribution at the meetings so public are aware of criteria</p>	
11.02.20	<p><b>UPDATE - ADOPTION OF GENERAL POWER OF COMPETANCE AND LCAS AWARD SCHEME</b></p> <p><b>Update</b></p> <p>Clerk awaiting result of her module submission</p> <p>Clerk noted all the polices have now been adopted</p>	
12.02.20	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood Development Plan</b></li> </ul> <p>DS: Why are we bothering with NDP- what have we got out of it?</p> <p>TD will discuss with Andrea Pellegram, noted there is money attached, it is a powerful tool and TBC have to take note of it when it is adopted</p> <p>Each village within parish should retain its own identity, also noted examples of Garden Towns which have not happened, and added the application may be invalid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Defibrillator</b></li> </ul> <p>JH has forwarded monthly check to Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Website</b></li> </ul> <p>Updated as per list, and passed to Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Working Groups</b></li> </ul> <p>Members met with Hitchins to discuss development of garden centre and houses</p>	
13.02.20	<p><b>UPDATE – REFURBISHMENT OF PARISH NOTICE BOARDS AND THE SEAT IN PAMINGTON</b></p> <p>No update – TD to action</p> <p>JH suggested could get current ones refurbished DS will ask Jeremy Brookes</p>	<b>DS</b>
14.02.20	<p><b>DISTRIBUTION OF NDP QUESTIONNAIRES</b></p> <p>No update</p>	
15.02.20	<p><b>FINANCIAL REPORTS</b></p> <p>Bank reconciliation was agreed</p> <p>Clerk will forward budget comparison</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
16.02.20	<p><b>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</b></p> <p>Expenditure transactions - payments approval list was circulated as agreed</p> <p>£742.28          Payroll</p> <p>£ 48              Training</p> <p><b>Total                                  £790.28</b></p> <p>Chairman to sign payment list</p>	
17.02.20	<p><b>UPDATE - DEFIBRILLATOR IN ASTON ON CARRANT, AND CPR FIRST AID TRAINING</b></p> <p>Agreed to buy two as per quote - Clerk to ask for discount and to go ahead with order</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

18.02.20	<p><b>PLANNING –</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE - ASHCHURCH CONCEPT MASTERPLAN</b> Discussed</p> <p><b>FIDDINGTON - GARDEN CENTRE, RETAIL OUTLET CENTRE AND RESIDENTIAL</b> Discussed</p> <p><b>19/01197/FUL</b>   Erection of wall and gate (part retrospective).   The Elms Walton Cardiff Lane <b>Members had no objection</b></p> <p><b>20/00008/NMA</b>   Non material amendment for planning permission 15/01002/APP for amendments to the site layout and landscaping.   Land South Of A46 Pamington Lane Pamington Tewkesbury Gloucestershire <b>Not a material amendment but impossible to work out what it is from plans</b></p> <p><b>20/00011/NMA</b>   Non material amendment for planning permission 17/01184/APP for amendments to the site layout and landscaping.   Land South Of A46 Pamington Lane Pamington Tewkesbury Gloucestershire <b>Not a material amendment but impossible to work out what it is from plans</b></p> <p><b>18/01251/FUL</b>   Hybrid planning application; for the proposed erection of a new poultry site for up to 360,000 birds with solar panels, biomass boilers and associated buildings &amp; development. Outline planning application for one agricultural workers dwelling with all matters reserved apart from access   Starveall Farm <b>Noted deferred – legal counsel picked up issue as not previous adequate consultation</b></p>	
19.02.20	<p><b>HIGHWAY ISSUES</b></p> <p><b>Pamington Junction Alignment – update</b></p> <p>VS had reported he had met with MP to discuss toucan crossing as it in original planning, GS noted that MP doesn't think there is a case for it</p> <p><b>Temporary footpath closure - AAS/41 and AAS/43</b></p> <p>No update, have not yet been able to get any response on what is happening</p> <p><b>Village signs</b> Ongoing - BC is working on this</p> <p><b>Grass Cutting</b> TD to sort and sign agreements</p>	<p>BC</p> <p>TD</p>
20.02.20	<p><b>CHURCHYARD CAPACITY</b> Councillors will discuss with Annette Roberts at forthcoming Garden Town meeting</p>	

21.02.20	<p><b>CLIMATE EMERGENCY</b></p> <p>Following discussion, members agreed to be mindful of printing excess reports  Clerk will print off only necessary documents for file, to also print off one copy of the accounts for GS, Clerk to email out reports to members in advance of meeting.  From now on, Invoices that arrive after list has been produced will be deferred until the next meeting</p>	
22.02.20	<p><b>CLERK REPORT</b></p> <p>Clerk reported on criteria for increasing councillors that is based on electorate, we currently have the requisite amount</p>	
23.02.20	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b>  <i>(To include all correspondence received up to and including Parish Council Meeting date)</i></p> <p>Circulated</p>	
24.02.20	<p><b>TO NOTE ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>DS noted security man outside church farm - members had no knowledge of this</p> <p>GS informed members that Bloors have appointed all participants for extension at Wheat pieces community centre, this to be completed in 15 weeks</p> <p>Update on Village hall - IW reported there is an extension to the consultation, need to make improvements but running out of time. Consultants fee is £500 but need agreement from Chairman</p> <p>TD added in our interest that this goes ahead as we get s106 monies</p> <p>It was noted there is currently no pressure for us to move from Parish Hall for our meetings</p> <p>Clerk will send out taxi letter to residents and send amendment to IW for upload</p>	Clerk
25.02.20	<p><b>TO NOTE FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020</b></p>	