



Ashchurch Rural Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting held on 7 May 2022

Venue: Ashchurch Village Hall, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8LA

Present: Cllr. J. Hargreaves (Chairman), Cllrs. A. Brown, B. Cook, T. Davies, D. Garnett.

Attendees: Assistant Clerk L. Beech who took minutes of the meeting.
County Cllr. M. Gore, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Evans, Jon Bryan of Bloor Homes, Ashley Jones MBE and members of the public.

7.5.22.1 **Welcome by the Chairman of Ashchurch Rural Parish Council**

7.5.22.2 **To receive and consider apologies for absence and confirm the meeting is quorate**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs., D. Street, G. Shurmer and the Clerk Jules Owen.

Apologies also received from County Cllr. V. Smith.

7.5.22.3 **To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 April 2021** would be signed at the next Annual Parish Meeting

7.5.22.4 **To receive the following reports:**

4.1 Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor John Hargreaves who made the following points;

- Local Development:
 - Phase 2 of Linden Homes Barleyfields estate had commenced
 - New Dawn Ashchurch Fields was under construction
 - There was planning for further homes at Ashchurch and Fiddington
- Council had raised serious concerns regarding the current A46 pedestrian crossing at the Barleyfields junction with National Highways. The issue was also raised with the Police and Crime Commissioner who attended and raised the issue further
- Neighborhood Development Plan (NDP) update: Although started in 2015 it had to be restarted due to Ministry of Defence (MOD) land changes and again after Hitchins won planning for Garden Centre and Cotswold Shopping Outlet. The NDP was now approved and was due for referendum in coming months
- Alternative routes for A46: The M5 Junction 9 and A46 (Ashchurch) Transport Scheme plans to reroute cross country traffic away from the A46 / Junction 9 via an alternative route. Public consultation was pushed back numerous times over two years however the options were due to be published late Summer 2022

4.2 Ashchurch Primary School – Not Present and no report provided

4.3 Ashchurch Playgroup – Not Present and no report provided

4.4 St. Nicholas Church – Report attached

4.5 Ashchurch Village Hall – Report attached

4.6 Save Our Lanes – Report attached

4.7 Pamington Residents Association – Report attached

4.8 Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner made the following points;

- Outlined the Police and Crime Prevention Plan to increase the number of police in both neighbourhoods and the police force. This includes plans to:
 - Bring 'Solice' project to rural areas to reduce high threat and risk of anti-social disorder including infrastructure such as ANPR camera's to stop crime
 - Tackle crime against women and girls
 - Provide more voluntary officers to support local councils
 - Tackle the causes of crime
 - Provide Victim Support
 - Empower communities so that issues that matter to them are raised and supported by the police.
- A letter of recommendation had been sent to the National Highways regarding a new crossing at Barleyfields
- A new community speed watch initiative which includes a low cost camera option, could be suitable to tackle the issue of speeding on A46
- Answered a question from the public regarding fly tipping in rural areas stating that although such issues are Tewkesbury County Council responsibility, Safer Gloucestershire is also there to assist local parish councils manage regular fly tipping hotspots including use of temporary CCTV camera's

4.9 Local Police Community Support Officer – Report attached

4.10 Tewkesbury Borough Council - Councillor Mel Gore who made the following points;

- Over the past 12 months Tewkesbury Borough Council has successfully;
 - Launched a shop front scheme
 - Delivered business support via Growth Hub
 - Worked with Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) on M5 Junction 10 and A46 solution
 - Hosted Tewkesbury Festival of Light
 - Implemented Housing Strategy
 - Created the Joint Strategic Plan – due for public consultation at the end of 2022 with adoption due early 2024
 - Supported 300 community groups
 - Implemented 'have your say'
 - Committed to service improvements including development management
 - Started producing a Sustainability Strategy and Carbon Reduction Plan
 - Implemented a kerb side electronic recycling collection
 - Secured a £700,000 grant for a solar canopy

Gloucestershire County Council - Councillor Vernon Smith – Report attached

7.5.22.5 **Ashley Jones MBE, a short presentation on Fraud Prevention**

7.5.22.6 **To receive questions from members of the public**

Meeting closed at 4.00pm

Signed **Date**
Chairman, J. Hargreaves

The draft minutes will be approved at the next Annual Parish Meeting.